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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
24 MAY 2006**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 24 May 2006 at 9.30 am.**

- PRESENT:** Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Winston McKean,
Bryan Morgan, Bob Parker, Eric Ryder
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Parker left the meeting at 11.55 am and was absent for clauses
4.2 to 4.7.

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 AKAROA CIVIC TRUST - SIMWORX MOTION SIMULATOR

The Akaroa Civic Trust had written to the Board outlining its issues on the proposal by Mr Shayne Black to install a Simworx LLC Motion Simulator in the area of the Akaroa Wharf.

The Board **received** the letter.

1.2 T HARRIS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MANAGER – SIMWORX MOTION SIMULATOR

A copy of a letter to Mr Shayne Black from Council's Resource Management Manager regarding Mr Black's proposal to install a Simworx LLC Motion Simulator in Akaroa, had been circulated for members information.

The Board **received** the letter and agreed that any requested change to Council's Stalls Policy would need to be referred by staff to the Board for consideration.

1.3 TOP O' THE HARBOUR GROUP – CAMPERVANS ON BANKS PENINSULA

This group had written to the Board expressing its concern regarding the activities of a small number of the campervan users who visit Banks Peninsula, including, waste disposal from the vans, overnight stopping areas and driver road behaviour.

The Board agreed that because of the increase in campervans visiting the area, it was timely that this issue be re-examined by both Banks Peninsula Community Boards. Members suggested that staff initiate the process for the Board's to review the restrictions on campervans contained in the current bylaw.

It was noted that national restrictions applied in the case of waste disposal from campervans and that matter was a case of monitoring and enforcement through Environment Canterbury.

The Board **agreed** that staff be asked to report back with their comments on this issue and any appropriate recommendations.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 DON PATERSON – SCULPTURE PROPOSAL

Mr Paterson requested that the Board consent to a plaque, naming him as sculptor, be erected in the vicinity of the Charles Méryon Sculpture, which was sited in Place de la Poste in Akaroa. Mr Paterson displayed the type of plaque which he wished to be erected.

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The Board **agreed** to support in principle the erection of a plaque in the vicinity of the sculpture, provided that this was consistent with the criteria in the Banks Peninsula *Art in Public Places Policy* and it could be sited in a position, as agreed to by staff, and that would not compromise public safety.

Mr Paterson also suggested that, due to the popularity of the Charles Méryon Sculpture, the Board may be interested in commissioning another sculpture for Akaroa. He suggested a French soldier, in period uniform, to be sited in the vicinity of the Britomart Cannon, or a photographer, again in period dress, to be sited somewhere along the Beach Road development. The cost of such a sculpture would be approximately \$30,000.

It was pointed out that the cannon was in fact from a British ship and it would therefore not be appropriate to site a French soldier in that area. Members acknowledged the success of the Charles Méryon Sculpture and were generally supportive of Mr Paterson's proposal, and gave it cautious encouragement. They suggested to him that he may like to explore some funding options as the Board did not have any specific budget for such a project, and to also refer to the *Art in Public Places Policy* and to become familiar with the guidelines relevant to the Akaroa Historic Area.

2.2 PAUL BINGHAM – BLACK CAT GROUP – BUILDING ON AKAROA WHARF

Mr Bingham spoke to the Board regarding his company's proposal to extend its building on the Akaroa Wharf. He explained that previously the Black Cat Group had applied for a resource consent to extend its building eastwards. Banks Peninsula District Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) had been two of the submitters against the consent. The company now had plans to extend the building westwards over the site currently occupied by a chiller. He tabled plans of the proposal and explained that the company had endeavoured to answer the concerns of the Council and DOC when preparing these plans, including the commercial use of public space and the historic importance of the area.

Mr Bingham said the Historic Places Trust had approved the plans and he also intended to take the plans to the Akaroa Design & Appearance Advisory Committee. Members agreed that the new plans addressed a lot of the previous concerns held by Council. There was some discussion regarding the footprint of the building, as defined in the current lease, however members agreed that this was a matter to be worked through by staff.

The Board **agreed** to support this proposal in principle.

Mr Bingham also raised the issue of a proposal made by his company to replace the current landing on the Akaroa Wharf with a ramp. He said negotiations with Council, regarding this proposal, had been ongoing for several years. He noted that a ramp system was now used in most situations around New Zealand for passenger access and that if a ramp were installed on the Akaroa Wharf it could be utilised by all the wharf users.

The Board **agreed** to ask staff to report on this issue, outlining the feasibility of installing a ramp, its current status and any financial implications.

2.3 AKAROA POLICE – SENIOR CONSTABLE PRYOR

Senior Constable Lyle Pryor was in attendance at the meeting. He reported that it had been reasonably quiet, crime-wise, over recent weeks. He reported on a motorcycle accident on State Highway 75 the previous weekend, where it appeared that the road surface may have contributed to the accident. He confirmed that Transit New Zealand received copies of all accident reports and that in some instances the Police also spoke to the local roading contractor if there were concerns about the road.

Constable Pryor was asked for his thoughts on the concerns over traffic congestion on the day of Le Race. Although off duty on the day of the race, Constable Pryor said he had voiced concerns when the traffic management plan had initially been presented to the Board. He did not support a situation where there were large amounts of traffic being controlled through a "Stop/Go" system as this impeded traffic flow. He also noted that the relocation of the finish line effectively isolated the Police Station and affected access to an old persons village as well as several residential streets.

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The Chairman also asked Constable Pryor's opinion on the *Joshua Foundation* which the Board had been asked to financially support. Constable Pryor admitted that he had initially been sceptical of the benefit of the Foundation which was basically a mentoring programme aimed at helping youth in the community. However he reported that the results with local youth had been spectacular and that he and Constable Davidson had noticed a discernible fall in specific incidents in the community, which they attributed largely to the success of this programme.

3. QUESTIONS

Mr Lowndes had submitted the following question:

"When will the grey wall at the bottom of Church Street be reduced, as agreed?"

The Board **agreed** that staff be advised of this question and asked to arrange for the wall reduction to be carried out as had been agreed by the Community Board whilst under Banks Peninsula District Council.

4. BOARD MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

4.1 BRITOMART RESERVE, GREENS POINT – BRITISH FLAG

Mr Parker said he had been approached by a member of the public who was prepared to fund the purchase of a British flag (Union Jack) and New Zealand Ensign to be flown permanently at the Britomart Memorial site on Greens Point, in a similar way to the French Flag being flown at the French landing site.

The Board **agreed** that staff should be asked to investigate the feasibility of this offer.

4.2 CHRISTCHURCH/LITTLE RIVER RAILTRAIL

Opening to be held Sunday 28 May at 9:00 a.m.

4.3 REMUNERATION AUTHORITY

Members had discussed making a Board submission to the Remuneration Authority regarding elected representatives salaries, but had agreed this would be more appropriate once the authority had given its final ruling on the Christchurch City Council proposal.

4.4 JOSHUA FOUNDATION

The Chairman said he would circulate the information he had received from the Joshua Foundation to members, before any consideration was given to providing financial assistance to the Foundation, as they had requested.

4.5 AKAROA HISTORIC AREA MEETING

Mr Lowndes asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the organisation responsible for coordinating a meeting to explain the importance of the Akaroa Historic Area to new staff members from the City. It had been a very informative meeting and appreciated by all those present.

4.6 LITTLE RIVER RAILWAY STATION TRUST – INFORMATION CENTRE

Mr Morgan reported that a petition was underway to reinstate the funding for the Little River Information Centre, however it appeared that neither the Craft Co-operative of the Railway Station Trust were prepared to provide information services. He said there was enough funding to continue the status quo until some public consultation could be carried out on the issue.

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4.7 ROADING PROJECTS UPDATE

The Roading Manager presented a power point display to update members on roading projects taking place in the Akaroa and Wairewa areas.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

5. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the Board meeting held on Friday 21 April be confirmed.

6. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Chairperson sought the approval of the Board to introduce a supplementary report for the consideration of the Lake Forsyth/Te Wairewa Draft Public Charter.

The reasons why the items were not on the agenda and why the matters could not wait for the next meeting were explained to the Board. The Board **resolved** that the reports be received and considered at the present meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

D L HUNTER AND K L PEDEN – ROAD NAME – UPPER CHURCH ROAD

Mr Hunter and Ms Peden had written to the Board requesting that it support their request along with other residents of Upper Church Road, Little River for the road to continue to be officially known as "Upper Church Road" and not "Little River Cemetery Road" as had been implemented without due process.

The Administration Manager reported that Mr Bob Pritchard, Council's Subdivision Officer, had investigated this matter and discovered that the road name had been changed to Little River Cemetery Road in 2001, however this had been done without consultation with residents and without following the statutory process laid down in the Local Government Act. Mr Pritchard had recommended the action the Board would need to take to resolve the confusion concerning the correct name for this road.

Mr Hunter and Ms Peden were in attendance at the meeting and tabled confirmation that all property owners on this road had been canvassed regarding the road name and had agreed that it should remain as "Upper Church Road".

The Board **resolved** that staff be asked to initiate the statutory process to confirm the name of "Upper Church Road" in Little River, including informing Land Information New Zealand of the correct name and that a new nameplate should be erected on the road.

8. AKAROA FISH & CHIP SHOP – RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS

The Contracts Manager had reported on this issue and recommended that the Board support the removal of the Council owned rubbish and recycling bins situated on the forecourt of the Akaroa Fish and Chip Shop.

The Board **resolved** that staff negotiate with the owner of the Akaroa Fish & Chip Shop around the principles that the two Council owned rubbish bins will be removed from the facility and that a recycling facility will be retained on the forecourt of the business at 59 Beach Road, Akaroa.

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9. STANBURY RESERVE MAINTENANCE

The Board considered a report from the Contracts Manager regarding a request from the Wainui Residents Association to have Stanbury Reserve included on the reserves maintenance contract to be mown all year round, rather than grazed for the bulk of the year as was currently the case.

The Board **resolved** that Council should continue the current situation of mowing the Stanbury Reserve from 10 December to 31 January and graze the area the rest of the year, AND request the Wainui Residents Association to fence the planted areas, keep the plantings maintained and honour the agreement made in 2003/04.

10. AKAROA DESIGN & APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS

The Administration Manager had reported that an error had been made in the appointment of Board representatives to the Akaroa Design & Appearance Advisory Committee. Two members had been appointed to that committee when only one appointee was required.

The Board **resolved** that Mr McKean be appointed as the Board's representative to the Akaroa Design & Appearance Advisory Committee with Mr Ryder appointed as his deputy.

Members agreed that it was advantageous to have a deputy to attend meetings as a substitute for appointed representatives, especially in light of the difficulty committee's sometimes had in attaining a quorum.

11. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS FORUM – BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The Board **resolved** that approval be given for the attendance of Messrs Miller, Lowndes and Morgan at the New Zealand Community Board's Forum 2006 in Lower Hutt during the period 13 to 15 July 2006 AND request that a written report on the forum be provided to the Board by those attendees.

The attendees were asked to raise the issue of campervans with Board members from other tourist areas to gain feedback on any measures other local authorities may have taken in regard to campervans.

12. HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE – BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The Board **resolved** that approval be given for the attendance of Mr Lowndes at the Health Impact Assessment Conference in Wellington on 27 June 2006.

13. LAKE FORSYTH/TE WAIREWA DRAFT PUBLIC CHARTER

The Board **resolved** to agree in principle to the Lake Forsyth/Te Wairewa Draft Public Charter and delegated Messrs Morgan, Lowndes and Miller to provide the Board's viewpoint at the meeting planned to adopt the Charter.

The meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.

CONSIDERED THIS 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2006

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**