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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
27 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 27 September 2006 at 9.30 a.m.**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Winston McKean and Bryan Morgan

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Bob Parker and Eric Ryder.

Winston McKean left the meeting at 12.15pm and was absent for clause 7.

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 AKAROA PLAYCENTRE

A letter had been circulated from the Akaroa Playcentre, expressing its concern regarding trespassers on the Playcentre grounds and the vandalism occurring within the Playcentre area which was causing a danger to the children.

The Board **received** the correspondence and referred the letter to staff to be actioned through the appropriate channels.

1.2 WAINUI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A letter had been received from the Wainui Residents' Association in reply to the Board's decision on the mowing of Stanbury Reserve.

The Board **received** the letter and referred it to the Contracts Manager with a request that he report back to the Board on the issues raised by the Association.

1.3 MRS JUNE BROWN

Mrs Brown had written to the Board requesting that a "No Campervans" sign be erected outside the Pompallier Village Units.

The Board **received** the letter and asked that it be referred to the appropriate staff for comment on the request from Mrs Brown.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 MS VICTORIA ANDREWS

The Chairman agreed to let Ms Andrews address the Board as a late deputation, as she was present at the meeting and wished to raise an issue with the Board.

Ms Andrews spoke to the Board on her concern that she had only received a standard letter in reply to her submission on the LTCCP and had not been informed of the individual decisions relating to her submission. She said she did not believe that Council was complying with its legislative obligations relating to submissions under the Local Government Act.

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2.2 MS JO BAIN – HISTORIC PLACES TRUST

Ms Bain raised concerns she had regarding ad hoc development in Akaroa and said she believed the Council needed to pull together all the existing studies relating to the town so that any future change was carried out in a co-ordinated fashion. She referred to the Akaroa Streetscape Report, the Banks Peninsula Parking & Traffic Strategy, the Walking & Cycling Report and the Issues & Options document.

2.3 MILES DALTON & ANN GINTY – MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Dalton and Ms Ginty gave a powerpoint presentation to the Board on the activities carried out by their branch of the Ministry, which provided funding for community groups mostly related to labour market outcomes.

2.4 MS KATHRYN RUSSELL – COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms Russell spoke to the Board regarding signage for algae bloom alerts on Lake Forsyth and sought Board advice on where it would be most appropriate to place such signage and what form it should take.

3. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 15 AUGUST 2006

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design & Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 August 2006.

4. LE RACE MEETING – 25 SEPTEMBER 2006

A report on a meeting of interested parties to discuss Le Race was tabled for members information.

Members noted their concerns over some aspects of the race and asked that these be referred to staff:

Race numbers – the Board was concerned that the limit on the number of contestants in the race was to be raised (from 2,000 up to 2,500) and felt that the organisers should have to show that they can run the race successfully within the existing limit, before more contestants were permitted to enter.

Advertising – this needs to be wider so that the whole community knows what is happening. Suggested a leaflet drop to households informing people of the effects on local roads and the expected times of traffic disruption.

Temporary Parking – allow sites such as BP Meats to be used for temporary parking on the day of Le Race.

Traffic Management Plan – the Board questioned at what stage it would be allowed input into the proposed Traffic Management Plan.

5. QUESTIONS

5.1 UNFORMED LEGAL ROADS

Board Member S Lowndes put the following question:

“What is the process and timeline for the introduction and adoption of a policy on unformed legal (paper) roads?”

The Board felt this question was timely in the light of what had recently occurred with the unformed section of Purple Peak Road, and asked that staff prepare a draft policy on the forming of unformed legal roads.

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6. BOARD MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

6.1 ROADING UPDATE

The Roading Engineer gave an update on roading works for members information. During the update concerns were raised again about the condition of the road leading into the Birdlings Flat Transfer Station.

6.2 GREENS POINT LAND

It was questioned what was happening regarding the gazetting as an Historic Reserve of the Council owned land at Greens Point, as had been resolved by the former Banks Peninsula District Council. Members felt this issue was relevant at this time because of the World Heritage Committee conference which was to be held in Christchurch in June 2007, at which time the Committee would visit Akaroa.

6.3 AKAROA HEALTH CENTRE

It was reported that the doctors at the Akaroa Health Centre had contacted members with concerns over the lack of space at the centre, which was leased from the Council.

The Board asked that staff liaise with Board members Lowndes and McKean regarding this matter.

6.4 URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

It was reported that the Draft Urban Development Strategy would be launched in mid October and the Board was being asked for input on the strategy.

6.5 GREATER TOWN PLAN – AKAROA

The Board noted that there was a need to initiate the process for the preparation of a Town Plan for Akaroa.

6.6 AKAROA MUSEUM – CUSTOM HOUSE PAINTING

It was reported that prior to the dissolution of the Banks Peninsula District Council a private benefactor had donated \$3,000 towards the painting of the Custom House in Akaroa. As it was now time to paint the Custom House, members questioned where that donation had been receipted so that it could now be accessed.

6.7 MATTERS ARISING

The Board expressed its frustration that reports requested from Council officers at previous meetings were still not forthcoming.

6.8 TELECOM FREE CALLING AREA

The Board noted that Telecom was to include Rangiora in the Christchurch free calling area and members questioned how they could approach Telecom to suggest that Akaroa also be included in the free calling area.

It was **decided** that the Chairman and the Administration Manager should arrange a meeting with local Members of Parliament to discuss this and other issues affecting the Akaroa-Wairewa area.

6.9 ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Board sought advice on whether an Akaroa-Wairewa representative should stay on the Selwyn-Banks Peninsula Road Safety Committee, or whether it would now be more relevant to seek a position on the Christchurch Road Safety Committee.

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6.10 LANDSCAPE STUDY

It was reported that the District Plan Officer, Bert Hoffmans, would make a presentation to the next Board meeting on the Banks Peninsula Landscape Study.

6.11 RECLAMATION AREA – AKAROA

Concern was expressed regarding the number of boats and boat trailers illegally stored in the Reclamation Area at Akaroa (behind the Akaroa Croquet Club and Akaroa Mini Golf).

It was **decided** to ask staff to arrange for the removal of those vessels and vehicles.

6.12 AWA-IT RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Chairman of this committee was leaving the area and had suggested that staff from the Greenspace Unit speak to him regarding the future of the Committee. The Board felt that Council should not favour one of these Committees over the others and that staff should address all the Banks Peninsula committees over issues which related to them.

6.13 COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

A suggested format for an Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board newsletter was tabled.

6.14 IKORAKI ETCHINGS

It was suggested that a group of seven etchings of early Ikoraki should be purchased for the Wairewa community. It was reported that \$1,200 from a Little River Art Fund was available to go towards the purchase of the etchings which were priced at \$2,000 for the set.

The Board felt this was a good opportunity to purchase some publicly owned art work for the community and questioned whether it was appropriate to allocate some funding from its Discretionary Funding budget to meet the shortfall in the cost of the etchings.

6.15 WAIREWA RUNANGA

It was reported that the Wairewa Runanga was seeking a letter of support from the Board to be used in applications it was making for funding of projects at the Wairewa marae. The Board agreed to a letter of support being provided to the Runanga.

6.16 FOOTPATH - WESTERN VALLEY ROAD

It was questioned whether there had been any progress in the installation of a footpath on Western Valley Road, as had been requested by the former Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board prior to the dissolution of the Banks Peninsula District Council.

6.17 CHRISTCHURCH – LITTLE RIVER RAIL TRAIL

Board members expressed concern regarding the last portion of the Rail Trail, from the Little River Hotel to the township. This portion had not been finalised and there was concern for the safety of riders exiting the Rail Trail onto State Highway 75, to complete the final part of the journey into Little River.

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7. ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Administration Manager updated the Board on the following issues:

7.1 NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION HEARINGS

It was reported at the August meeting of the Board that Council did *"not have a formal policy in respect of other hearings"* (referring to hearings other than where there is a statutory requirement). This advice was inaccurate. The Council does in fact have a Consultation Policy, although it does not stipulate a minimum notification period for advising submitters of when their submission will be heard. The Council would, however, always endeavour to give sufficient notification to submitters on any issue.

This issue came to the Board's table in respect of the notification period for submissions to the LTCCP. Council received over 2,000 submissions to the LTCCP, of which approximately 420 submitters wished to be heard. The Council had to consider all submissions in a relatively short time period. There was a complaint to the Auditor Generals Office regarding the Councils processing of submissions and time allocated to hearings on the LTCCP. The Auditor General responded by saying "The Local Government Act 2002 requires a local authority to give submitters a reasonable opportunity to be heard should the submitter so request. The act does not specify matters such as the time that must be made available for submitters, and it is for each Council to determine that having regard to practical considerations noted above." The timing of the LTCCP is governed by the Local Government Act 2002.

7.2 ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS – AKAROA MUSEUM

7.3 SPEED RESTRICTIONS BYLAW – WESTERN VALLEY ROAD

The Board believed it had a mandate from the community for the 50 kph area on Western Valley Road to be extended to the intersection with Church Road and asked that staff address this issue with that mandate in mind.

7.4 LITTLE RIVER PLAYGROUND

The Board asked that staff look at the mowing of the area between the Railway Shed and the railway line when the reserves contract was next considered.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

8. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT – 23 AUGUST 2006

The Board **resolved** that the report of the Board meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2006, including the public excluded section, be confirmed.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

The Board resolved that the following late items be received and considered at the present meeting:

Deputation by Appointment – Kathryn Russell, Community & Public Health

Administration Manager's Update – 27 September 2006

10. PROPOSED GIVE-WAY SIGNS IN THE AKAROA AREA

The Board considered a report from Malcolm Taylor, Traffic Engineer, regarding give-way signage for intersections that had four or more approaching roadways.

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The Board **resolved**:

- (i) That a "Give Way" sign be placed against Old French Road at its intersection with Takamatua Bay Road, Takamatua.
- (ii) That a "Give Way" sign be placed against Rue Jolie at its intersection with Rue Balguerie, Akaroa.
- (iii) That a "Give Way" sign be placed against Hickory Bay Road at the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.
- (iv) That a "Give Way" sign be placed against Brocherie Road at the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.
- (v) That a "Straight Ahead Traffic, Give Way" sign be placed against the Long Bay Road west approach to the intersection with Long Bay Road/Summit Road, Akaroa.

The meeting concluded at 12. 35pm

CONSIDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2006

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**