


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.

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.