

6. BOARD MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

6.1 BIRDLINGS FLAT RECYCLING DEPOT ROAD

Mr Lowndes reported that on 11 July he had placed a Request for Service regarding the road to the Birdlings Flat Recycling Depot which was extremely muddy and potholed. He had made further enquiries on 3 August but no action had yet been taken. The Administration Manager undertook to follow up on this matter.

6.2 BLACK CAT GROUP – RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

The Chairman reported that he had received a copy of the resource consent application to Environment Canterbury from the Black Cat Group for its proposed new building on the Akaroa Wharf, along with a request for the Board to sign its approval of the project, as an affected party. He had declined to do so as there was no clear delegation as yet for the Board to deal with matters relating to harbour structures.

The Administration Manager informed the Board that staff were currently dealing with the issues relating to this application in so far as the wharf was concerned, and would report to the Board with a recommendation regarding the proposal.

6.3 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman informed members that he had raised this issue at the recent Board Chairs Forum, as requested by the Board at its last meeting. Other Chairs were supportive of this Board's proposal to have a formal Matters Arising Report. However it appeared that most Boards already had an informal system in place. The Chairman said he had asked staff to provide a similar informal update for this Board.

6.4 LE RACE

Mr McKean said he understood that Le Race had been underwritten by the Council as a major Banks Peninsula event. He was concerned that this had happened whilst the meeting the Community Board had requested regarding the traffic congestion and associated problems on the day of the race, had not yet been convened by staff.

6.5 GARDEN OF TANE

Mr McKean said it had appeared from the recent Board seminar that any work on the Garden of Tane would not be occurring in the near future. He said there was some urgency needed in dealing with the wilding pines in the garden. It was suggested that this issue be channelled through the Request for Service system as it could be considered as a maintenance matter.

6.6 PANDEMIC PLANNING

Mr McKean noted that the Board, with the assistance of the Community Services Group was well placed to carry out consultation at a local level for pandemic planning. He reported that he had asked the Administration Manager to refer a message to the Community Services Group regarding the convening of a meeting.

6.7 RURAL – RESIDENTIAL RATING

Members noted that this matter was relatively urgent and asked that staff be asked to attend the September Board meeting to explain the relevant issues to the Board.

6.8 STREET LIGHTING

Mr Ryder questioned what system was now used for reporting street lighting faults, as some time ago he had reported that the streetlight on the Akaroa Croquet Pavilion was not working, but as yet it had not been fixed. The Administration Manager undertook to make enquiries on this matter.

6.9 BOSSU ROAD ACCIDENT

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the Coroner's findings on the army Unimog accident on Bossu Road. The Council had been allowed to make a formal response to those findings before an official decision was released on 28 August.

6.10 BANKS PENINSULA OPEN SPACE AND BIO-DIVERSITY POTENTIAL

Councillor Parker reported on a seminar which had been presented by staff which had identified areas on Banks Peninsula that have high natural values, some of a national and even international standing. It was suggested that a similar presentation be made to the Board.

6.11 LITTLE RIVER SERVICES

It was noted that investigations into development of water and wastewater services for Little River should involve an opportunity for the community to formulate a more comprehensive plan for development of the town. Members felt it was important to have discussions with the community on these issues and asked that staff be mindful of this in the planning phases.

6.12 FLAG FLYING AT GREENS POINT

Councillor Parker reported that further information had been obtained on costs for the flying of a flag at the Britomart Monument on Greens Point. It would cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 to replace the present flagpole if it was found unsuitable. He suggested that the Union Jack be flown and possibly the Royal Navy Ensign. He reported that a sponsor was prepared to meet all the costs involved for this suggestion to proceed.

It was noted that contact would need to be made with the Department of Internal Affairs regarding the protocol of flying a flag of another nation without the New Zealand flag also being flown. It was also suggested that the New Zealand Police be consulted because of their history with the monument and that the Historic Places Trust also be informed. It was noted that it may be necessary to make provision for an annual maintenance grant from the Board's discretionary funding.