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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
26 JULY 2006**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 26 July 2006 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Winston McKean,
Bryan Morgan, Bob Parker and Eric Ryder.

APOLOGIES: Mr Parker left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and was absent for clauses
3, 4, 5, 8 and 9

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 APPLICATION TO USE WHARVES & JETTIES – D & I EVANS

A letter had been received from Dave and Iona Evans requesting permission to use the wharves and jetties in the Akaroa Harbour for a small commercial venture.

The Board **agreed** that this item of correspondence be received and then referred to staff to be actioned through the appropriate channels.

1.2 AKAROA WHARF PROPOSAL – PAUL BINGHAM, BLACK CAT GROUP

An item of correspondence had been received from Paul Bingham of the Black Cat Group, in which he outlined the progress his company had made in regard to the proposal for a new building on the Akaroa Wharf. Mr Bingham indicated that his company had carried out some initial consultation and would now submit their application for resource consent to Environment Canterbury.

The Board **agreed** to receive this correspondence.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 BI-MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

There was no policeman in attendance to present this report.

2.2 ANGUS DAVIS & VICTORIA ANDREWS – RESIDENTIAL RATING IN RURAL ZONE

Mr Davis and Ms Andrews addressed the Board regarding their concerns that the Council had changed their rating differential from rural to residential, in line with Council policy. They had previously circulated an email to Community Board members on this matter.

Ms Andrews said she felt there were several anomalies with this system of rating, including the lack of services in the rural area, and the fact that they were still being rated by Environment Canterbury on a rural basis. She noted that the underlying zoning of their property remained as rural.

Ms Andrews said she felt this system of rating should have been made clearer to Banks Peninsula residents at an earlier stage rather than them being sent a letter when the rates were levied.

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2.3 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE – R. WHEARTY, PARKS & WATERWAYS AREA ADVOCATE

Mr Whearty updated the Board on a number of capital works projects that staff were working on in the Akaroa-Wairewa area.

Akaroa Skatepark – a draft landscape plan was tabled and an undertaking given that consultation would be carried out on issues such as tree species, path surface and the future of the BMX track.

Akaroa Boat Compound Area – it was suggested that any future plans for relocation of the boat compound needed to be considered in conjunction with planning for the whole Akaroa township.

Children's Bay Walkway – a walkway could be constructed even with the Boat Compound in its current location, although an access to Children's Bay Road would be needed for use at high tide.

Birdlings Flat Public Toilets – Environment Canterbury staff had been consulted. A totally contained system was being looked at so that no discharge consent would be required. This would tie in with similar systems in Little River and Catons Bay (future). Question of toilet siting should be considered in conjunction with an overall plan for the Birdlings Flat urban area.

Reserves Signage – appropriate signage would be systematically erected on all Council reserves, walkways etc.

Garden of Tane – a redevelopment plan was needed for this reserve. Suggestion that Community Board take a particular interest in this reserve as it did not have a management committee.

Birdlings Flat Seats – look at appropriate siting as part of overall plan.

Walkway Strategy – details to be forwarded to appropriate staff.

2.4 ROADING UPDATE – D McNAUGHTON – ROADING ENGINEER

Mr McNaughton updated the Board on a number of roading works that were currently proceeding in the Akaroa-Wairewa area.

Frasers Road – new bridge superstructure refurbishment now 95% complete.

Okains Bay – bridge A56 design options and costings nearly complete. Report to August Board meeting.

Bossu Road Bridge – repairs carried out to stop decaying of timber beams and deck.

French Farm Bridges – similar work being carried out as to that on Bossu Road bridge. Load carrying capabilities also being increased.

Okuti Valley Road – next month work will commence on timber running planks plus painting steel beams.

Muter Street – scheme designs for stormwater alleviation and new kerb and channel for part of street are in hand.

Rue Lavaud – design works in hand for completing asphalt overlay from Rue Brittan to Woodhills Road.

Pigeon Bay Wharf – head redecking works completed mid June.

Vegetation Cutting - to take place mid June to mid July to remove overhanging trees and shrubs from roadsides.

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Summit Road – plan (in conjunction with Greenspace) to upgrade viewing bays and associated amenities along the Akaroa Harbour portion.

It was reported that a landowner on the Summit Road had offered to give a piece of land that would be suitable as a pull-in viewing area. It was suggested that staff follow up on this offer.

Grey Block Walls – parts of the wall at the end of Church Street have been removed, as directed.

3. ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Administration Manager reported on the following:

3.1 REQUEST FOR SERVICE – BANKS PENINSULA WARD

A printout showing the Requests for Service received for the month of June, broken down by ward, had been circulated for members information. Members noted that it would be beneficial to have the Banks Peninsula Ward further broken down into figures for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert area and the Akaroa/Wairewa area.

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

An explanation was given as to how matters arising from Board meetings were processed by Council staff.

Some members had concerns that the Board was not provided with a running summary of these matters and the Chairman was asked to raise this issue at the Community Board's Chairs Forum.

3.3 PANDEMIC PLANNING

The Board **agreed** that Mr McKean and Mr Lowndes should work with the Administration Manager to arrange a meeting of appropriate community groups to identify how plans could be formulated at a community level to be implemented in the event of a pandemic.

3.4 GREATER AKAROA, LITTLE RIVER & BIRDLINGS FLAT PLANS

Initial enquiries had been made by the Administration Manager regarding how the Board could commence the process for development of these plans.

3.5 BANKS PENINSULA BROCHURES

The Administration Manager reported that she had arranged for some brochures about Banks Peninsula to be placed in the foyer of the Civic Offices.

4. QUESTIONS

4.1 AKAROA MUSEUM ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Board Member S Lowndes, as Chairman of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee, raised the following question:

"What is the Akaroa Museum's Activity Management Plan status within Christchurch City Council, with special regard to the care of the heritage buildings under the management of the Museum?"

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Mr Lowndes explained that this matter had been raised at a meeting of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee. He said staff had prepared an Activity Management Plan containing ten year budgets and activity, prior to the merger with Christchurch City Council. The Museum Committee was uncertain of the current status of that Plan within Council.

The Board **agreed** that staff be asked to provide an update on the status of the Activity Management Plan for the Akaroa Museum, with special regard to the care of the heritage buildings under the management of the Museum.

4.2 GARDEN OF TANE

Board Member W. McKean raised the following question.

“As the Garden of Tane at Akaroa is now under the control of the Christchurch City Council, will there be:

- 1. A management plan for the gardens drawn up, and*
- 2. Will this include a progressive planting and replacement programme?”*

Mr McKean noted that the Garden of Tane is now the responsibility of Council's Parks and Reserves Unit, but unlike most other public reserves on Banks Peninsula, it has no supervising board or committee.

The Board **agreed** that staff be requested to formulate a management and/or development plan for the Garden of Tane and bring that plan back to the Community Board for consultation.

4.3 CHANGE IN RATING DIFFERENTIAL FROM RURAL TO RESIDENTIAL

Board Member W. McKean raised the following question.

“Could the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board be advised, at its July meeting, of the number of ratepayers in its area who have been notified by the Christchurch City Council that their rating category has been changed from rural to residential, despite no change in their underlying zoning classification?”

Mr McKean had been informed that there were 427 properties in the Banks Peninsula Ward which had been changed from rural to residential rating under this criteria.

Mr McKean said it appeared that a number of ratepayers living outside of, but adjacent to residential areas, had been so advised, without any prior advice and despite the Memorandum of Understanding between the Christchurch City Council and the Banks Peninsula District Council that levels of service would remain unchanged for a five year period.

The Board did have some concerns regarding this issue. Members felt that the way ratepayers had been notified of this change was unfortunate, although they did acknowledge that a second letter was being sent by staff to the affected property owners.

The Chairman offered to meet with the Funds & Financial Policy Manager to discuss this issue further, particularly the fact that these properties were still being rated by Environment Canterbury on a rural basis.

The Board **agreed** that a staff member from the Corporate Finance Unit should be asked to attend a Board meeting to explain the background of the Council policy which governed this rating differential and the criteria by which properties were identified as being residential in a rural zone.

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5. BOARD MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5.1 BANKS PENINSULA NEWS

Mr Lowndes again raised the issue of press releases regarding news relevant to the Banks Peninsula wards. He noted that this issue was to have been discussed at a joint seminar between the Akaroa-Wairewa Board and the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Board. However, that seminar had now been cancelled. He felt this matter was particularly significant as the *City Scene* was still not being delivered to every household on the Peninsula.

It was felt that some news items on Banks Peninsula should be published in the Akaroa Mail and Bay Harbour News. Items which may be of interest to people included the extension to the Akaroa Museum, the agreement reached regarding Birdlings Flat wastewater, the installation of new toilets at Birdlings Flat and the landscaping of the Akaroa Skatepark area.

The Administration Manager undertook to speak to the Communications Team regarding this issue.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

6. SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

The Board **resolved** that the following supplementary correspondence be received and considered at the present meeting:

Correspondence – Paul Bingham, Black Cat Group

7. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT – 28 JUNE 2006

The Board **resolved** that the report of the Board meeting (both open and public excluded) held on Wednesday 28 June 2006 be confirmed.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD'S DELEGATIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report was received for the Board to comment on the Delegations and Terms of Reference for Community Board's.

The Board **agreed** that some matters which were unique to the Banks Peninsula ward should be noted under the Terms of Reference and Delegations. Those items included wastewater and water issues because of the smaller more localised plants on Banks Peninsula that were fundamentally different to the metropolitan plants that serviced the whole city. In addition it was felt that issues relating to harbour structures should be referred to the Banks Peninsula Community Board's as they were considered to be local issues rather than metropolitan ones.

The Board asked that the definition of "city" be clarified so as to ensure that it applied to the whole Christchurch City Council area.

9. AKAROA DESIGN & APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board **agreed** to support the appointment of Mr McKean as the Acting Chairman of this Committee until a legal opinion had been received from staff regarding the elected representative component of the Committee.

The Board **received** the report from the 20 June 2006 meeting of the Committee.

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10. AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board **received** the report from the 12 July 2006 meeting of the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 12:55 p.m.

CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2006

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**