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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD  
27 JUNE 2007**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board  
was held on Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 9.30am**

**PRESENT:** Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Bryan Morgan,  
Rod Naish, Bob Parker and Eric Ryder

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence was received and approved for Bob Parker.

An apology for lateness was received and approved for  
Steve Lowndes who attended the meeting from 9.40am and was  
absent for clauses 2, 11 and 12.

The Board reports that:

**PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA WARD**

The Board considered a report by Sue Grimwood (Community Development Adviser) and Simon Battrick (Sports Liaison Adviser) on applications for SPARC Rural Travel Funding for 2006/07.

As this report was also considered by the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board, the Chairmen of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board have submitted a separate report containing the Boards' recommendations regarding the allocation of this funding.

**2. ORAL DECLARATION BY MEMBER ATTESTED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE COUNCIL  
SECRETARY REPRESENTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**

Mr Naish made his oral declaration as a Community Board member, in the presence of the Council Secretary, and then signed the written copy of the declaration.

**3. PETITIONS**

Nil

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**5.1 Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism - Frank Ash**

Mr Ash introduced himself as the Banks Peninsula Tourism Manager and gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail.

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Mr Ash pointed out that he had no conflict of interest over the rail trail and that his interest was purely professional as a promoter of Banks Peninsula. The theme of his presentation was cyclists crossing State Highway 75 at the Little River Hotel and the means by which the Board could petition Transit New Zealand for the speed restriction in that locality to be lowered. He pointed out that requests could be made to the Director of Land Transport for a review of a speed restriction where there were changed circumstances adjacent to the road. The community would be consulted on the issue as part of the review.

The Board asked that a copy of the presentation given by Mr Ash be forwarded to staff who were investigating options for the final stage of the rail trail.

**5.2 Police Deputation**

Inspector Dave Lawry, Senior Sergeant Stu Munro and Senior Constable Steve Ditmer were in attendance at the meeting.

Inspector Lawry introduced himself as the new Southern Area Commander, an area that encompassed Selwyn and Banks Peninsula. He said he believed Community Boards were an ideal group for the police to communicate with the community and that Boards and the police needed to use that relationship. He also addressed the Board regarding consultation on the Police Act review, outlining the main themes of the review.

Board members then posed some specific questions relating to liquor bans and population based funding for police services. Inspector Lawry noted that one, two and three-man police stations were not factored into calculations for population based cover so with Akaroa being a two-man station it was excluded from the population criteria.

It was suggested that Inspector Lawry should attend Community Board meetings quarterly as a means of keeping in touch with the Board.

Senior Sergeant Munro reported on further appointments that had been made to his staff which would allow for more cover of the Akaroa-Wairewa area when the local policemen were on leave etc. In reply to a question, he noted that the boundaries for cover from the Akaroa station had been pulled back to Prices Valley in recognition of the travelling time involved in attending incidents any further afield than that, so localities closer to Lincoln were now covered from that station.

**5.3 Stock Control – Animal Control Team Leader, Mark Vincent**

The Animal Control Team Leader updated the Board on the steps being taken to address stock control issues in the Akaroa/Wairewa area. He reported that staff were developing a network of local farmers to assist in identifying the owner(s) of stock which was on the road, as well as talking to the previous Stock Control Officer who had a fundamental knowledge of the area.

Mr Vincent said he did not believe that the police had a role to play in stock control and he would be speaking with Police Communications to request that calls concerning stock on roads were forwarded to Council officers rather than to the local police.

He also reported that Christchurch City Council staff would soon have delegated authority to enforce the Banks Peninsula Stock Control Bylaw and that he would then be addressing the continuing issue of dairy cows using Pigeon Bay Road. He noted that where there was sufficient evidence of breaches of the bylaw, staff would take prosecution action.

Mr Vincent also noted that the main highway to Akaroa was a Transit road and therefore currently Council staff did not technically have any legal authority to deal with stock on the road. He would be contacting Transit to arrange for staff to get that authority.

He also briefly reported on dog control which he said was not considered a problem in the Akaroa-Wairewa area. He noted that Council was currently reviewing its dog control policy.

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Senior Constable Ditmer, who was still present at the meeting, commented that Council officers seemed to be on the right track in regard to stock control. He requested a copy of the database of local farming contacts once it was finalised, so that police could also use it for stock control issues.

**5.4 Community and Public Health - Kathryn Russell**

Ms Russell was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the Lake Forsyth algal bloom issue. She showed members a copy of the warning sign which was to be used to notify the public on the dangers of the bloom. The sign would be permanently erected at eight sites around the lake to give a general warning, and altered during times when the algal toxin was present. She said this was considered a more conservative approach, as it was difficult to define how much toxin was present at any particular time, and that the reaction of individuals to the toxin also varied greatly.

Ms Russell noted that Community & Public Health were responsible for media releases on the toxin and she undertook to consult with the Board on the list of who should be notified when it was present.

**6. AKAROA HARBOUR ISSUES WORKING PARTY**

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party meeting held on 8 May 2007.

**7. AKAROA SERVICE CENTRE MANAGERS UPDATE**

The Akaroa Service Centre Manager updated the Board on the following issues:

- **Flagpole Thanks** – members agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the private benefactor who donated the funds to have a flagpole erected at the Britomart Memorial from which the Union Jack was now being flown.
- **Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board Action Memo Updates**
- **Akaroa Skatepark – Vandalism** - members were informed that an on-site meeting had been held with community representatives to investigate ways of trying to lessen the vandalism occurring in the area of the skatepark. As a result the lighting at the skatepark was now being turned off at 8.30pm rather than later in the evening. It had also been suggested that a liquor ban be imposed on the skatepark and the surrounding area.

The Board asked that staff investigate and report on the feasibility of imposing a liquor ban on the Akaroa Skatepark and surrounding area, pursuant to Clause 2.3 of the Banks Peninsula Public Places & Signs Bylaw.

- **Environmental Diversity Portfolio Group – 11 July 2007**

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9. QUESTIONS**

Nil

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**10. BOARD MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**10.1 NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN – OUTDOOR BURNING**

A letter had been received from a Mr Mike Day, asking if the Board had an interest in becoming a party to his appeal on outdoor burning in the Natural Resources Regional Plan. As the Board had not specifically consulted with the community on this issue members felt it was not appropriate for the Board to become involved in this process, although it was pointed out that Board members could do so as individuals.

**10.2 LITTLE RIVER RAILWAY STATION TRUST – TOURIST INFORMATION SIGN**

The Trust had written to the Community Board seeking support in its request to Transit New Zealand for a brown tourist information sign to be erected on State Highway 75 to indicate the Railway Station. Members agreed to support the application by the Trust and asked that it write an appropriate letter that the Chairman could sign on behalf of the Board.

**10.3 BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr Lowndes, as the Board's representative on this Committee, reported on a recent meeting regarding the Fire Bylaw.

**10.4 POTENTIAL CANDIDATES MEETING**

It was noted that a seminar was being held on 20 July to brief any potential candidates for the upcoming local body elections.

**10.5 LITTLE RIVER FIRE BRIGADE – FIRST RESPONSE STATUS**

A request was received for the Board to support the Little River Fire Brigade in its attempt to become the first response group for medical emergencies in the Little River area. It was reported that the brigade had several members trained to pre-hospital paramedic level and could respond much more quickly to medical emergencies in the Little River area, than an ambulance dispatched from Christchurch. The brigade proposed that its trained personnel could attend medical emergencies and offer treatment until the ambulance arrived. The Board agreed to support the brigade's request.

**PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**11. EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY**

The Board **resolved**, pursuant to Section 118(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to confirm the appointment of Mr George Rodney (Rod) Naish to fill the current extraordinary vacancy on the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board.

**12. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT**

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2007 be confirmed

**13. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The Board considered three reports relating to the allocation of the remaining monies in its Discretionary Fund. Staff noted that the funds remaining totalled \$9,719, as two of the earlier allocations relating to Board newsletters and advertising had not been expended.

The Board **resolved** that its remaining 2006/07 discretionary funding of \$9,719 be allocated as follows:

Akaroa Community Arts Council	\$3,220
Coronation Literary Institute Trust	\$1,124
Akaroa Cruising Club	\$5,375

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**14. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/ORGANISATIONS**

The Board **resolved** to appoint Mr Naish as the representative/liaison person to the following:

Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board Liquor Licensing Sub-Committee  
Akaroa Community Arts Council  
Akaroa Youth Initiative Steering Committee.

**15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**15.1 AKAROA PLUNKET ROOMS – WATERFRONT EATERIE**

The Board **resolved** that the resolution to exclude the public, as set out in the agenda, be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm

**CONSIDERED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2007**

**STEWART MILLER  
CHAIRMAN**