

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 MS NOELENE ALLAN – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Ms Allan addressed the Board regarding a project she was working on for the Department of Social Welfare. Wairewa was part of the project area. She had carried out some scoping for the report and expected to release it in February 2007.

Some of the social issues which she had already identified, as part of the scoping exercise, were:

- Birdlings Flat – need for its own rural fire party and means of raising alarm for fire and other emergencies.
- Birdlings Flat – has limited facilities for the large number of children who live there – eg no park to kick a ball around.
- Birdlings Flat – number of families without transport so trying to raise funds for a trip to Christchurch. Cost of shuttle is out of reach for many families.
- Little River – needs better access to pre-school services.
- Little River – some issues are preventing the fire brigade delivering the service they would like to.
- Little River area – provision of primary health care.

Ms Allan said the last issue was the biggest of them all and was a concern throughout the community. It appeared as though a contract for provision of health services in the community was not being honoured, due to a system failure. The problem seemed to be compounded because of an anomaly in the health sector boundaries which meant that the Little River area fell between two health authorities. Ms Allan felt that the Community Board could act as a facilitator between the health authorities and the community to address this important issue.

The Board **decided** to write to the Rural Canterbury Primary Health Organisation, the Canterbury Primary Health Organisation and the District Health Board, requesting a meeting to discuss the provision of primary health services for the Little River area.

3.2 MRS SUE GRIMWOOD – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISER

The Community Development Adviser addressed the Board regarding the Council funding that was available for the Akaroa and Wairewa areas. However she was unclear on some aspects of that funding.

The Board **decided** to ask staff to provide some clarity on the level of funding available for the Board to allocate, and the source of that funding.

3.3 BI-MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Senior Constable Lyle Pryor was in attendance at the meeting and reported to the Board on the following issues:

- Theft of outboard motors from boatsheds in Duvauchelle and French Farm.
- Recovery of a boat in Picton which had been stolen from Little Akaloa. Offender caught.
- Burglaries were continuing at about the same level as previously. One property in Akaroa had been burgled three times.
- Extra staff allocated to Akaroa area over Christmas and holiday season.
- Petty vandalism appeared to have reduced since a youth programme had been introduced.

3.4 MS VICTORIA ANDREWS – URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Ms Andrews raised concerns about the Urban Development Strategy. Although the strategy did not encompass Banks Peninsula, she had concerns that there would be repercussions for the local area. Cr Parker, as the Chairman of the Urban Development Strategy Committee, was able to address Ms Andrews' concerns. He explained the intention of the strategy and also noted that anyone was able to make a submission on the strategy.

3.3 MR STEVE CARSWELL – HEMPLEMAN DRIVE

Mr Carswell raised a concern with the Board regarding the state of the top portion of Hempleman Drive, which he said needed some routine maintenance. It was agreed that this should be processed as a Request for Service.