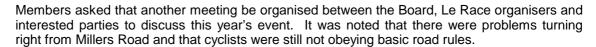
8. BOARD MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

8.1 LE RACE



8.2 BANKS PENINSULA TOURISM

It was reported that at a meeting held in Little River, Banks Peninsula Tourism had presented an innovative new way of getting information to travellers, by using a bar code system through a mobile telephone and employing GPS technology. The system was still in its formative stages.

8.3 AKAROA WHARF EXTENSIONS

A meeting had been held with Board members, users of the Akaroa Wharf and a representative from the Akaroa Civic Trust to discuss a proposal to attach two floating pontoon landings to the wharf. There had been general support for the proposal which would provide much safer access for people embarking/disembarking at the wharf and would also provide disabled access, which was currently unavailable.

8.4 BIRDLINGS FLAT SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Members discussed this issue which had been raised at the March Board meeting. It was suggested that the solution to sewage disposal at Birdlings Flat may need to be through a community response to the current problems. Members said this highlighted the need for the Board to make a request through its Annual Plan submission to have investigative funding for development at Birdlings Flat brought forward in the LTCCP.

8.5 AKAROA HEALTH CENTRE

A request had been made to Board members by Dr Wilson of the Akaroa Health Centre, regarding the issue of expansion of the current premises and the rental paid to the Council for the lease. Staff were asked to inform Dr Wilson of which department within Council he should be dealing with on these issues.

8.6 LITTLE RIVER YOUTH GROUP

It was reported that through a community initiative, a project had begun to set up a Trust to provide activities for the youth of the Little River area. A well attended and very positive public meeting had been held which had endorsed this project. The Little River Fire Brigade was considering a cadet scheme which could work in well with a youth group. Members noted that there were several under utilised Council buildings in Little River which could be useful for youth activities.