

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 MR TED ROBINSON – WAINUI CEMETERY

Mr Robinson, speaking on behalf of the Wainui Residents' Association, addressed the Board regarding the state of the Wainui Cemetery, which he described as a disgrace. He stated that if the currently unused area of the cemetery was fenced it could be grazed which would keep the whole cemetery much tidier. Fencing was required along the western boundary of the cemetery.

The Board **decided** to ask staff to meet with Wainui residents regarding this issue to ascertain if it could be dealt with through operational budgets, and if not, to report this back to the Board.

3.2 BASTILLE DAY COMMITTEE

Mrs Dale Thomas and Mr Phil Hodkinson addressed the Board as representatives of the Bastille Day Committee to discuss their application for funding for the celebrations planned for Bastille Day 2007 (14 July).

They reported that Bastille Day celebrations had been held in Akaroa for the last six years and that as this year it fell on a Saturday, the Committee had planned an enlarged programme, including French food at local restaurants, a procession of floats, street entertainment, a fireworks display, fire dancers and bands, plus an evening cabaret. The Committee had obtained quotes amounting to \$17,000 and was asking for funding from the Community Board to assist with the planned celebrations.

Mrs Thomas explained that the Bastille Day celebrations attracted a number of visitors to the town. However, this was seen largely as a local community event. The programme for the day would end up being tailored to the amount of funding the Committee could raise. It was stressed that the Committee was not looking at staging a bigger event every year, but had planned more for this year because the day fell on a Saturday.

3.3 KATHRYN RUSSELL - COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH

Ms Russell had been asked to attend the meeting to discuss signage and media releases regarding the algal bloom in Lake Forsyth, however she had been unable to attend. A staff member from Environment Canterbury would attend the Board's May meeting to discuss this issue.

Board members considered that the response by Community & Public Health to members' repeated enquiries on this issue had been disappointing.

3.4 MS ESTHER PHILLIPS – BIRDLINGS FLAT PROPERTY

Ms Phillips addressed the Board on issues relating to the untidy state of a property on the corner of Clifton Street and Lake Terrace Road in Birdlings Flat. She presented a letter to the Board which had been signed by a number of Birdlings Flat residents who shared her concerns. As Mr Lowndes' partner had signed the letter, he declared an interest and did not take part in the ensuing discussion.

The Akaroa Service Centre Manager reported that this matter had been reported through the Customer Service Request system and was being addressed by the Environmental Monitoring Team. A letter had been sent to the property owner asking that certain steps be taken within a specific timeframe. Board members asked that a copy of the letter be circulated to the residents who had expressed concern.

Board members also noted that this particular property was not the only one at Birdlings Flat where there were non-complying activities occurring. There were several other properties where derelict cars and shipping containers were stored and some properties where businesses were being operated that were restricted activities for a Small Settlement Zone.

3.5 MS VICTORIA ANDREWS – VARIOUS MATTERS

Ms Andrews commented on a number of matters:

- Bastille Day – Ms Andrews supported the funding request by the Bastille Day Committee. She said the celebrations reached a broad spectrum of Banks Peninsula people.
- Toll Free Area – Ms Andrews said she believed pressure should be kept on Telecom to introduce free tolls between Banks Peninsula and Christchurch.
- Akaroa Dental Service – Ms Andrews noted that the current lack of a dental service in Akaroa was a concern and she questioned whether a private/public partnership arrangement would assist to have the service re-instated.
- Akaroa Junior School Site – Ms Andrews said she wanted to support a suggestion for the retention of the Junior School site as an educational facility.