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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
24 JANUARY 2007**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 24 January 2007 at 9.30am**

- PRESENT:** Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Bryan Morgan and Eric Ryder
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Winston McKean and Bob Parker

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. PETITIONS

Nil.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 LITTLE RIVER BROWNIES

The Little River Brownies had written to the Board, following a survey undertaken by their members, proffering ideas to improve the Little River community and making observations about some of the current amenities

The Board **received** the letter and asked that it be referred to the appropriate staff to update the Board on the issues raised. Members also suggested that a reply termed in a positive manner be sent to the Brownies as they felt it was admirable to see young people getting out and about and looking at things in the district.

2.2 AKAROA DISTRICT PROMOTIONS

The Akaroa District Promotions group had written to the Board requesting that a representative of their group be appointed as a member of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee.

Staff advice was that a report on sub-committees such as the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee would be going to Council in the near future. It would be more appropriate for the Community Board to review the membership of this committee following the Council receiving that report.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 MR RON PETERSEN, BIRDLINGS FLAT – FIRES BYLAW

Mr Petersen addressed the Board regarding the Christchurch City Fires Bylaw 2006, the provisions of which now encompassed the Banks Peninsula area. Mr Petersen had concerns that this meant there could be no outdoor fires in residential areas and that this restriction had been imposed on Banks Peninsula residents without any apparent consultation. He explained that many Birdlings Flat residents historically burnt their garden rubbish and he sought clarification on whether Birdlings Flat was considered to be residential in terms of the bylaw.

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3.2 MR BRUCE DUNN, WESTERN VALLEY ROAD – FIRES BYLAW

Mr Dunn concurred with what Mr Petersen had said regarding the Fire Bylaw and said he had concerns about how the Council had introduced this restriction. He was also concerned that some people would proceed with burning of rubbish in defiance of the bylaw, and he questioned how it was going to be policed.

Mr Dunn suggested that the bylaw provide for an amnesty period(s) when people would be able to burn stockpiles of rubbish. He asked the Community Board to arrange a survey of residents to gauge support for the bylaw. He said he would also be interested in having the smoke output measured for a locality such as Western Valley Road, when there were fires there.

The Board felt that if there was to a significant change to a bylaw the appropriate Community Board(s) should be notified, which had not occurred in this case, with this Board.

The Board decided to ask staff what consultation had been carried out on the changes to the Fires Bylaw. It also suggested that the Principal Rural Fire Officer be asked to attend a Board meeting to update the Board on this issue, and to explain the process by which a permit could be granted for a fire in a restricted season.

4. AKAROA SERVICE CENTRE MANAGER'S UPDATE

4.1 COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING

The Akaroa Service Centre Manager updated members on what funding was available for the Board to allocate in the current financial year.

Board members expressed disappointment that the \$20,000 project funding seemed to be under some threat because of the Development Contributions Policy. They noted that this funding had been part of the final negotiations before Banks Peninsula District was merged with Christchurch City and found it hard to accept that it may now be withdrawn.

It was pointed out that if the Project Funding was deemed to be available to the Board, there was now limited time in which to distribute it before the end of the financial year. The Board therefore asked that staff provide a clear direction to its next meeting as to whether or not the \$20,000 project funding was available for the 2006/07 year.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

6. QUESTIONS

Nil.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

7.1 RECYCLING AT COASTAL CAMPING GROUNDS

Councillor Parker had indicated he wished to raise the issue of recycling facilities at Council coastal reserve camping grounds, as he had had concerns voiced to him by a member of the public that there was a large amount of rubbish being dumped through the transfer station system that could instead be recycled.

This matter was held over until the next meeting so that Councillor Parker could speak to it.

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7.2 BANKS PENINSULA AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SHOWS – COUNCIL STALL

The Chairman thanked the Board members who had taken turns to man the Council stall at the recent Banks Peninsula A&P Shows. It was generally felt that the stall was well received by ratepayers and residents. Members indicated that they would like to see the stall continued at future shows.

7.3 STATE HIGHWAY 75 – PULL OFF AREA

A request had been received for the Board to approach Transit New Zealand with a suggestion that a pull-off area be constructed on SH 75 at the bottom of the hill going from Barrys Bay to Cooptown. It was noted that many vehicles pulled off at that spot to change drivers etc.

The Akaroa Service Centre Manager reported that she had contacted Transit New Zealand to arrange for a staff member to be appointed to liaise with the Board on State Highway issues. As a result Mr Barry Stratton from Transit would attend the next Board meeting where issues such as this could be raised.

7.4 LITTLE RIVER TOWN CENTRE

It was noted that the roading plans for the Little River Town Centre had never been fully or properly implemented and it was agreed that this was another issue which could be discussed with Mr Stratton.

7.5 OKAINS BAY ROAD – ROAD CLOSURE – WAITANGI DAY

A request was tabled from the Okains Bay Museum for the Board to approve a road closure for Okains Bay Road on Waitangi Day.

The Akaroa Service Centre Manager explained that this was not the correct process for a road closure application and she was asked to follow up on this issue and advise the Museum of the correct channels for a road closure application.

7.6 BIRDLINGS FLAT PLAYGROUND

It was noted that the plan for consultation on the proposed upgrade of the Birdlings Flat toilets and surrounds, had been finalised and a report on this would come to the next Board meeting.

7.7 LITTLE RIVER SERVICE CENTRE

It was questioned whether the Board could spend some of its Discretionary Funding on improving the facade of the Little River Service Centre as it was currently difficult to tell that the building was actually a Council Service Centre.

The Board felt there should be more appropriate budgets within the Property Unit for such work and asked the Akaroa Service Centre Manager to follow up on this issue.

7.8 LAKE FORSYTH – POLLUTION NOTICES

It was questioned why Community Public Health was able to erect signs to alert the public to the toxicity of Lake Forsyth, when the lake was currently not polluted. Staff were asked to investigate this matter. Staff were asked to comment.

7.9 LAKE FORSYTH - OPENING

Members discussed the current opening process for Lake Forsyth and concern was expressed that there was a set protocol surrounding the lake opening and that on this occasion that protocol had not been followed.

7.10 TAKAMATUA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

The Board liaison person for this association reported on his attendance at a recent meeting. The main issue raised was regarding the new subdivision in Takamatua. However it was noted that any concerns could not be pursued until the subdivision was completed.

