


### **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.

#### **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.