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**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
28 MARCH 2007**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 28 March 2007 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Winston McKean,
Bryan Morgan and Eric Ryder

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Bob Parker for
absence and Bryan Morgan for lateness.

Mr Morgan was absent from the meeting for clauses 1, 2, 8 and part
of clause 3.1.

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. PETITIONS

Nil.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Akaroa Fire Brigade

A letter had been received from the Akaroa Fire Brigade, expressing concern regarding the entrance to the fire station being blocked by private vehicles. The Brigade requested that the Council erect additional signage to resolve this problem.

The Board **decided** to agree in principle to the additional sign requested, and asked that the letter be referred to staff to be actioned through the appropriate channels. Members suggested that staff consider the creation of a "tow away" area for this location as it may be more of a deterrent to offenders.

2.2 Top of the Harbour Group

A letter had been received from the Top of the Harbour Group, seeking approval to erect two bird watching facilities in Barrys Bay.

A reply has been sent to the group advising that one of the sites they were wanting to use was actually on private property and the other site was on foreshore adjacent to State Highway 75. The group was advised that it would need to contact the property owner and Transit New Zealand to obtain approval to erect these facilities.

The Board **decided** to agree in principle to the erection of these facilities.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 Mr Geoff Ettrick

Mr Ettrick addressed the Board on the difficulties of establishing sewer connections at Birdlings Flat and the question of Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury investigations and conclusions regarding septic tanks at Birdlings Flat.

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Mr Ettrick explained the background to this issue which had resulted in property owners having to go through a costly resource consent process to try and obtain approval to install a septic tank system. He said there were currently ten people involved in such a process and that the applications were now being treated on a "limited notified" basis by Environment Canterbury. This was because the Wairewa Runanga would not give its consent to the applications because of concern over contamination to Lake Forsyth.

Mr Ettrick asked whether there was anything the Council could do to improve this situation and it was suggested that perhaps some mediation was needed to get all the interested parties to meet, so that discussions could be held on possible solutions.

Board members also questioned whether funding for the investigation into development at Birdlings Flat could be brought forward in the Annual Plan, so that some research could be carried out into the feasibility of a reticulated sewerage system for the area.

3.2 Mr Nigel Hampton - Okains Bay Museum Trust

Mr Hampton addressed the Board on behalf of the Museum Trust, regarding an application for additional funding from the Council.

Mr Hampton highlighted a submission from the Museum Trust to the Council's Annual Plan, in which the Trust was requesting an additional \$70,000 as part of its annual grant from the Council. He explained that the Trust was endeavouring to put the management of the Museum on to a more professional footing and funding was required to support day-to-day operating expenses. He said the Museum Trust was seeking the endorsement of the Community Board on its submission.

3.3 Mr David Carter - Member of Parliament

Mr Carter attended the meeting and discussed the following issues with Board members:

- Toll Free Dialling – Banks Peninsula to Christchurch. This issue appeared to have resolved itself due to competition in the telecommunications field.
- Representation based on population. There is a need to take into account rural areas and communities of interest. Parliamentary boundaries are soon to be changed.
- Rural Health Services. Population based funding had resulted in rural communities being disadvantaged. Need to ensure that people who choose to live in rural areas are not penalised for doing so. Noted not just medical services but dental etc is also affected in rural areas.
- Elected Members Remuneration. Formula again based on population. Need for Local Government Commission and Remuneration Authority to set clear rules for when a smaller local authority merges with a large one. Mr Carter reported that Central Government had noted the success of the merger of Banks Peninsula into Christchurch City Council, which had occurred by the wishes of the people, rather than through legislation.
- Resource Management Act. Concern regarding process and cost of implementation. Need to be able to streamline the process otherwise the Act is seen as an impediment to growth.
- Petrol Stations. Concern over demise of petrol stations in rural areas, which resulted in people storing large amounts of fuel on private property. Need to put pressure on oil companies to maintain services.

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3.4 Mr Mike Herlihy – Little River Rail Trail

Mr Herlihy addressed the Board to outline concerns held by local residents regarding the final portion of the Little River Rail Trail. He said the proposal at present would mean a loss of some pedestrian access on Morrisons Road because the plan was for bikes to share part of the footpath. He said there appeared to be a lack of funding to provide a suitable solution to the need to safely bring the cycle trail into the Little River township.

Mr Herlihy tabled an alternative plan to this problem, which had been developed by the residents in the affected area. He asked that the Council consider this plan which he said the residents felt was a safer alternative to the Council's proposal.

The Board **decided** to pass the residents plan to staff for comment.

4. AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board **received** the report of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 March 2007.

Mention was made of some concerns raised through the report regarding the discontinuation of using local contractors and the removal of the historic buildings at the Museum from the direct care of the Museum Director.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

6. QUESTIONS

Nil.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

7.1 Le Race

Members noted that the Traffic Management Plan for Le Race had not been referred back to the Board as requested. The Board asked that a meeting be arranged with the race organisers and interested parties as soon after the race as possible, to analyse this year's event.

7.2 Reserve Management Committee's

It was reported that Board members had met with representatives from the Akaroa and Wairewa Reserve Management Committees. The meeting had been extremely positive and had provided good feedback to members on how the Reserve Project Funding could be allocated. The large amount of voluntary work these groups contributed was acknowledged by the Board.

7.3 Crown Public Health – Lake Forsyth Warning Notices

Members requested that a representative from Crown Public Health be asked to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the signage system for warning the public about any contamination in Lake Forsyth.

7.4 Wairewa Heritage Park

It was reported that the Heritage Park Committee was now going through a winding up process and would be having a final function at the park.

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7.5 Akaroa Primary School Site

A letter was tabled from Mr Rodney Wilson who was interested in establishing a Children's Book Centre on the Akaroa Primary School site. Members asked that staff comment on the possibility of a partnership between the Council and a private group in trying to further this proposal. It was suggested that a meeting could be facilitated between Ngai Tahu and interested parties.

7.6 Annual Plan & Budget Submission

It was noted that the Board would need to meet informally to discuss its submission to the Council's Annual Plan.

7.7 Board Member Resignation

Mr McKean announced that he would be resigning from the Board at the end of April 2007. Mr McKean explained that his intention to leave New Zealand and reside in Australia had precipitated his resignation.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

8. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2007 be confirmed.

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

9.1 MISTY PEAKS LAND PURCHASE

The Board **resolved** that the resolution to exclude the public, as set out in the agenda, be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm

CONSIDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2007

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**