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**AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
9 DECEMBER 2009**

**Report of a meeting of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board
held on Wednesday 9 December 2009 at 9.30am in the Board Room,
Little River Service Centre, State Highway 75, Little River.**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Jane Chetwynd, Bryan Morgan,
Pam Richardson, Claudia Reid and Eric Ryder.

APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Eric
Ryder who arrived at 9.40am and was absent for Clause 13.

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. LITTLE RIVER RAIL TRAIL - DEVELOPMENT PLAN



General Manager responsible:	General Manager, City Environment Group, DDI: 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Transport and Greenspace
Authors:	Michael Ferigo, Transport Planner, Cycling and Pedestrians Lorraine Correia, Consultation Leader

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the community consultation on the options for the final stage of the rail trail and recommend the Little River Rail Trail Development Plan preferred Option 3 (refer **Attachment 1**) to the Council for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council recommended that staff be requested to progress consultation with the community on both long term options for the completion of the Little River section of the Rail Trail, leading to a recommendation to inform the 2009-19 LTCCP (now 2012-22), noting that the Community Board's preferred option at its 10 April 2008 meeting was Long Term Option 1.
3. Consultation has recently been completed on the long term options, with the process and outcome of the consultation being included in this report.
4. During consultation it became apparent that the Option 1 would not be able to be achieved on the alignment described in the public information leaflet, as several property owners had not been contacted and were in fact against agreeing to an easement.
5. The feedback gave a preference for Option 1, however, with the impasse on the trail's alignment over the private properties, staff subsequently identified an additional option (Option 3) that is substantially the same as the Community Board and the community's preferred option, but removes the need to use private property.
6. The additional trail variation titled 'Option 3' was presented to a seminar of the Community Board on 7 October 2009 where it received favourable consideration. It is this option that is now being presented to the Community Board for its recommendation to the Council and its inclusion into the 2012-2022 LTCCP.
7. All submitters to the community consultation have been advised of the suggested additional Option 3.
8. Surveying, detailed alignment, drainage costings and other trail costs for Option 3, along with potential financial contributions from stakeholders, will be determined prior to application to the 2012-2022 LTCCP assuming Council's adoption of the indicative Option 3 trail as its preferred option.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The capital funding for a long term option for the Little River township section of the Rail Trail is not currently included in the 2009-19 LTCCP. The project will need to be submitted as part of the 2012-22 LTCCP review for inclusion in a future capital programme.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with the 2009-19 LTCCP ?

10. The funding for the completion of the Little River Rail Trail is not included in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. There are no direct legal considerations relating to the recommendations in this report.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 2009-19 LTCCP – Volume 1 (Community Outcomes, pages 52 – 54)

Community Outcomes:

- (a) Security – creating safe access for pedestrians and cyclists
- (b) Community – a city of inclusive and diverse communities
- (c) Governance – active participation in public decision-making
- (d) Healthy – an opportunity for people to live healthy lifestyles
- (e) Recreation – allowing people to participate in leisure activities
- (f) Development – an attractive and well-designed city to meet current needs and future challenges.

13. Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

14. Yes, as per above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The project aligns with the Council's Walking and Cycling Strategies.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Yes, as per above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

Consultation Process & Outcome

17. In July 2009 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 524 properties in Little River and a number of other interest groups and key stakeholders. This pamphlet included a summary of the concept, initial concept plans and a feedback form providing an opportunity for the community to indicate whether they supported the proposal along with any additional comments or feedback.

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18. An information session was also held at the Little River Community Hall on 22 July 2009.
19. Once the consultation period had closed, each submitter received an interim reply letter which acknowledged that their submission had been received and that their suggestions would be considered.
20. The consultation received a 16 per cent response rate (82 responses) and community feedback was generally in support of 'Option 1' from the two plans that were consulted on. (Please refer to the full schedule of community feedback and project team responses, circulated separately to Board members.)
 - (a) 47 submitters (57 per cent) responded "I support Option 1 of the concept plan".
 - (b) 14 submitters (17 per cent) responded "I support Option 2 of the concept plan".
 - (c) 10 submitters (12 per cent) responded that they did not prefer either Option 1 or Option 2.
 - (d) 8 submitters (9.8 per cent) responded "I have mixed views and have some concerns that would like to be considered".
 - (e) 4 submitters (4.9 per cent) did not indicate a preference.
21. During consultation the project team was made aware that not all the owners of private properties that it was proposed the trail would traverse for a public access link under Option 1, had been approached regarding the proposal. Since then staff have had conversations with some of the land owners and some are not agreeable to further negotiations.
22. A number of submitters indicated that they would prefer to see the trail align with the temporary trail currently being used by pedestrians and cyclists, ie a pathway to follow the eastern side of SH75, cross over at Wairewa Pa Road to continue tracking along road reserve, parallel to SH75 with a crossing point near the veterinary services and then continuing along the western side of SH75 to the historic rail station in the township.
23. On 7 October 2009 the project team had a seminar with the Akaroa/Wairewa Board outlining the feedback received from consultation and the preferred option.
24. The key stakeholder groups i.e. the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail Trust, Wairewa Runanga, New Zealand Transport Agency, Railway Station Trust and Historic Places Trust have all been informed of the preferred option and details of when the report would be submitted to the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board.
25. In November 2009 all respondents were sent a final letter advising them of the overall outcome of the consultation and the preferred option, a copy of the comments received from this consultation process together with staff comments and an indicative plan of the route for the Little River Rail Trail. Details of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board meeting (date, time and venue) were provided to enable key stakeholders and residents to make a deputation to the Board if they wished to do so, prior to a decision being made.
26. The final indicative plan is included as Option 3 on Attachment 1 and is recommended for approval by the Community Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt Option 3 (Attachment 1) for the final stage of the Little River Rail Trail – Development Plan.
- (b) That this project be submitted for consideration in future LTCCP years to provide the necessary funding to implement the proposed plan.

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BOARD CONSIDERATION

The Board had originally supported Option 1 for the final stage of the rail trail, but now that it was no longer viable, members agreed that Option 3 was an appropriate alternative. It was acknowledged that Option 3 was also closely aligned to Option 1, which had received the most community support.

The Board thanked staff for the work they had carried out on the consultation for this project, particularly in dealing with the strong feelings it had engendered in the community.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board **decided** unanimously that the staff recommendation be adopted.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 IAN MARTIN AND ROB WATSON

Mr Martin and Mr Watson updated the Board on progress with proposed land swap issues and a landscaping scheme for the public foreshore in Pigeon Bay. They tabled plans and outlined details relating to:

- A land swap between the Council and the owners of *Annandale* to enable better access to their property, in return for an addition to the recreational reserve on the eastern side of Pigeon Bay.
- A subdivision on the *Annandale* property so that the Council water tank could be relocated closer to Starvation Gully Road.
- Proposed landscaping of the Pigeon Bay foreshore as a joint project between the Council and the community. Part of the proposal was for a realignment of a portion of the Holmes Bay Road.

The Board **decided** to indicate its support in principle for these proposals to enable discussions to commence with Council staff.

The Board also asked Mr Martin to provide written information on what he had outlined to the Board during the deputation.

2.2 JAN COOK

Ms Cook spoke to the Board regarding campervans parking in areas along the foreshore at French Farm and in other areas of Banks Peninsula. She said following a change to the Public Places Bylaw in 2008 there had been a noticeable increase in roadside camping around the Akaroa Harbour as there was no longer an 'overnight' time restraint. She said on some occasions campervans have stayed for up to a week in one place. Ms Cook said that these areas were often designated picnic areas or dog exercise areas and she was concerned that the campervans were occupying public space.

Ms Cook said although she did not wish to discourage campers she felt that certain areas could be designated to accommodate them. She also felt that the number of campervans camped at any one time could be restricted, as often they travelled in convoy and as many as 10 were camping in the same vicinity, at the one time.

The Board **decided** to request that staff brief the Board on how best this problem could be solved and whether it was possible to identify areas throughout Banks Peninsula where restrictions could be introduced, and then enforced.

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2.3 REX GEBBIE - BANKS PENINSULA TRANSPORT - WEIGHBRIDGE, BARRYS BAY

Mr Gebbie informed the Board that a weighbridge had been installed at the Barrys Bay refuse station and that he had had discussions with staff regarding his company possibly utilising the weighbridge instead of travelling to Christchurch to weigh stock. Often times the stock that had to be weighed was being transported from one farm on Banks Peninsula to another within the Peninsula area.

It was pointed out that the weighbridge was owned by the contractors who operated the refuse station on the Council's behalf and therefore an agreement was necessary between Banks Peninsula Transport and the contractor.

The Board supported the idea and suggested that Mr Gebbie contact the Council Contracts Manager to discuss his proposal, and request that he could act as a facilitator between himself and the contractors, with a possibility that they may come to some arrangement to utilise the weighbridge.

3. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

6.1 AWA-ITI RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 5 NOVEMBER 2009

The Board **received** the minutes of the Awa-iti Reserve Management Committee meeting held on 5 November 2009.

6.2 DUVAUCHELLE RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 12 OCTOBER 2009

The Board **received** the minutes of the Duvauchelle Reserve Management Committee meeting held on 12 October 2009.

The Board **decided** to ask staff to seek clarification from the reserve management committees that operated camping grounds, as to whether they had fire management and evacuation plans in place.

7. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 2 NOVEMBER 2009

Staff updated the Board on the lighting upgrade proposed for Rue Lavaud and Beach Road, Akaroa. The Board felt that it should have been consulted on this matter prior to a final decision being made based only on advice from the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee.

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 November 2009.

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8. AKAROA HARBOUR ISSUES WORKING PARTY MINUTES - 27 OCTOBER 2009

It was noted that Jenny Bond, a staff member with Environment Canterbury, had taken up a new position within that organisation and would therefore no longer be associated with the Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party. The Board expressed its appreciation for the work that she had carried out over a number of years and for her enthusiasm and commitment to the Working Party.

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party meeting held on 27 October 2009.

9. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

10. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board **received** information from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activities and projects.

- **Akaroa Area School**
The Board was informed that a meeting with representatives from the Akaroa Area School would be organised early in 2010 to discuss the parking concerns in the vicinity of the school.
- **Recess Committee**
The Board **decided** that the Recess Committee be convened early in 2010 to discuss an urgent funding application from the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee, for funding for an opening ceremony for the upcoming exhibition *Nga Roimata o Takapuneke*, to be held at the Akaroa Museum in early February.

11. ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Specific mention was made of the following matters:

- **Rural Fires**
The Board **decided** to ask staff to update the Rural Fire Parties on Banks Peninsula regarding the fire risk situation and the potential danger of a rural fire at the present time. Members were concerned that a severe fire situation could develop because of the abundant growth in recent weeks, and they noted that it was essential that roadside mowing was kept up to help mitigate the fire risk.
- **Akaroa Beach - Temporary Fencing**
The Board **decided** that staff be asked to ensure the temporary fence on the Akaroa beach grassed area be removed by Christmas.
- **Bus Shelter - Place de la Poste**
The Board was informed that the entrance to the Akaroa Service Centre and Information Centre was still being utilised as a shelter by the public when waiting for buses. Staff were asked to provide information on any progress on the proposed installation of a bus shelter adjacent to the service centre in Place de la Poste.
- **Environment Canterbury - Water Consent Monitoring**
The Board **agreed** that Board members Stewart Miller and Pam Richardson prepare a submission on behalf of the Board, to the Environment Canterbury report on the *State of the Environment - Cost Recovery*.

12. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

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PART C - DELEGATED DECISIONS

13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

Approval was sought to submit the following reports under supplementary items:

- Confirmation of Minutes 2 December 2009
- Reserve Management Committee Minutes
- Amendment to 2010 Meeting Dates.

The Board **resolved** to consider the supplementary reports, as detailed above.

14. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

14.1 Ordinary Meeting - 11 November 2009

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 November 2009 be confirmed.

**14.2 Akaroa/Wairewa and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board Joint Meeting
- 2 December 2009**

The Board resolved that the minutes of the Joint Boards' meeting held on 2 December 2009 be confirmed.

15. APPOINTMENT TO WAIREWA/LAKE FORSYTH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WORKING PARTY

The Board considered a report seeking an appointment of a Board representative on the Wairewa/Lake Forsyth MOU Working Party.

The Board **resolved** to appoint Board member Bryan Morgan as its representative on the Wairewa/Lake Forsyth Memorandum of Understanding Working Party.

16. APPLICATION TO DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - CHRISTMAS PACKS

The Board considered a report seeking funding for the Christmas packs the Board has historically given to elderly people in the community who are in housing units or residential care.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$300 from its Discretionary Response Fund for the purchase of Christmas packs for local elderly citizens.

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17. AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD - AMENDMENT TO 2010 MEETING DATES

The Board considered a report seeking an amendment by the Board of its schedule of ordinary meeting dates from February to September 2010, inclusive.

The Board **resolved**:

- (a) To adopt the amended schedule of ordinary meeting dates for 2010 to be held at 9.30am in the Board Room as specified, as follows:

Wednesday	10 February 2010	Akaroa Service Centre
Wednesday	10 March 2010	Little River Service Centre
Wednesday	7 April 2010	Akaroa Service Centre
Friday	14 May 2010	Little River Service Centre
Friday	11 June 2010	Akaroa Service Centre (followed by Board Workshop re 2010/11 Strengthening Communities Funding)
Wednesday	7 July 2010	Little River Service Centre (including allocation of 2010/11 Strengthening Communities Funding)
Wednesday	11 August 2010	Akaroa Service Centre
Wednesday	8 September 2010	Little River Service Centre

- (b) That the Akaroa/Wairewa Small Grants Fund Assessment Committee meeting be held on Monday 16 August 2010 at 2pm.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am.

CONFIRMED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**

