

### 38. DEPUTATIONS MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to discuss the holding of Deputations meetings.

Since early 1996 the Board has held one or two meetings each year to hear deputations that would otherwise extend the duration of the monthly Board meeting. At that time the Board passed a resolution that, where no funding was being sought, these speakers be invited to a “deputations meeting”.

One of the positive aspects of these meetings is that more time is allocated to each speaker so that they do not feel hurried and a more in-depth understanding of each topic is gained. The speakers may have requested speaking rights to address the Board or may be present by invitation for the purpose of informing the Board about what is going on in its communities.

A variety of subject matter has so far been covered; sometimes developing a ‘theme’ over the meeting. A list of speakers to date has been supplied to Board members under separate cover. Any suggestions for further speakers or requests for a repeat of a past speaker would be welcomed.

The Board needs to decide if it wishes to continue holding such meetings, perhaps once or twice a year, and if it does a date could be set for such a meeting, perhaps during the month of March. The meeting has, in the past, commenced at either 5.00 pm or 7.00 pm to assist the availability of speakers.

#### **Chairperson’s**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board continues to hold Deputations meetings at least twice a year, to be reviewed each year.
  2. That a date be set during March for such a meeting.