

24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

24.1 For members' information a schedule of the Discretionary funds distributed for the 2000/01 financial year is attached.

24.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

24.3 SUBMISSION ON REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

The Chairperson, Chrissie Williams, attended the Environment Canterbury Hearing on 7 November 2000 and supporter Jenny Ridgen and Environment Policy and Planning Unit in their presentation of the Council's submission on the variations to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan. Part of the Board's submission on the Plan were included in the Council submission.

24.4 NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE, 10-13 MAY 2001

The Conference is being hosted by the Southland District Council and the Invercargill City Council in Invercargill. The current programme envisages a duration of three and a half days. The Board may wish to consider its representation at the Conference. A total budget provision of \$3,000 was made for attendance of conferences by Board members in 2000/01.

24.5 POWER TO ACT

As the Board will not meet again until January 2001, it is appropriate for the Board to consider matters of urgency that may need consideration prior to the Board's next meeting in January. The Board may wish to give the power to act on its behalf to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

24.6 BOARD MEMBERSHIP - COUNCIL APPOINTEES

At its inauguration meeting the Council decided to rotate its appointees to the Board over the three year term. As a consequence, David Close concludes his membership of the Board this year and Alister James will rejoin the Board as a Council Appointee at the first meeting of the new year.

David Close is a member of the Board's North New Brighton Community Centre Working Party and the Lower Avon River Working Party. It is suggested that Alister James replace David Close on these Working Parties.

24.7 NEW BRIGHTON LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

The New Brighton Library will be operating on summer hours from 4 December 2000 until the end of February 2001. It will be open an extra hour on weekdays: from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm Monday to Friday and 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be given Power to Act in the period 21 November 2000 to 28 January 2001.
 2. That David Close be replaced by Alister James on the North New Brighton Community Centre Working Party and the Lower Avon River Working Party from 1 January 2001.