

## 6. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Karolin Potter.

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board requests the Christchurch City Council to establish a portal (a small group of council staff) specialising in the concerns and interests of not for profit agencies in engaging with the DEE (Detailed Engineering Evaluation) and consent processes (Facilities Rebuild, Temporary Accommodation Approvals, Building Consents etc) of the Council.

There is evidence in the literature to show that Non Government Organisations (NGO) and Not For Profits (NFP) collapse following catastrophic events not because they are no longer deemed to be useful to the community but because of their vulnerability in terms of infrastructure and funding. Once an NFP has lost its infrastructure it loses its ability to serve the community and immediately, ipso facto loses its funding. Their month by month funding means they lack the resources and in particular business and facilities insurance (many do not own their own building) that enable business organisations to continue to ride out a storm. Further they often lack the kind of business skills that would enable them to navigate and fund government and local government consent processes in a rebuild situation. And finally most agencies may at most have one or two paid employees and are dependent on volunteers from the community who themselves have demands placed on them for their families and themselves in surviving the same crisis. Many of the small community services are an emotional home for people in the community that is within walking distance and on the same route as the supermarket, the hairdresser and the bank. Without these facilities people are left bereft, vulnerable and lonely.