

**AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
26 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**A meeting of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board
was held on Wednesday 26 September 2007 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Steve Lowndes, Bryan Morgan, Rod Naish, Eric Ryder and Bob Parker

APOLOGIES: Nil

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. TAKAPUNEKE/GREENS POINT, AKAROA - ENDOWMENT ISSUES

The Board considered a report which was seeking the Council's approval for Council staff to formally apply on behalf of the Council under section 140 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002 to the Minister of Local Government for his approval to alter the endowment purposes for which the land at Takapuneke/ Greens Point, Akaroa was held by the Council.

The report and accompanying recommendation was submitted to the Council meeting on 11 October 2007 as a Chairmans Report.

Board members commented that the Takapuneke /Greens Point site was considered to be of national historical significance. Members felt that this should not be lost sight of, in respect of central government contributing funding for any possible expenses associated with the land.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Mount Herbert Parish

A letter regarding the ashes berm at St. Andrews Church, Little River had been received from the Rev. Indrea Alexander, Vicar of the Mt. Herbert Parish.

The Board **received** the letter and asked that it be passed to staff for comment.

2.2 Akaroa District Promotions

A letter had been received from Akaroa District Promotions, requesting assistance for the funding of wages for Mr S. LeLievre as the Akaroa Town Crier.

The Board indicated it would be prepared to give some funding support on a one-off basis, and that the Akaroa District Promotions Committee should make an official application for funding. Members also asked that staff investigate alternative ways of funding this endeavour, as the Board would not want to be contributing funding annually.

The Board **received** the letter and invited the Akaroa District Promotions Committee to formally apply for a grant from the Board's Discretionary Funding Budget.

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2.3 Little River Pony Club

A letter had been received from the Little River Pony Club requesting a lease for the Morice Reserve in Cooptown.

The Board noted that the Morice Reserve was one of the reserves under the management of the Awa-iti Reserve Management Committee, which should be consulted on any lease proposal.

The Board **received** the letter and agreed that the Chairman should work with staff and the Awa-iti Reserve Management Committee in the first instance, to progress this matter, before a report came back to the Board.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 Transit New Zealand, Mr Barry Stratton – State Highway 75 Issues

Barry Stratton was in attendance at the meeting to discuss issues relating to State Highway 75. He reported that Transit had approached Council staff regarding the proposal to reduce the speed limit through the Little River township. Council staff had indicated that all of the speed restrictions on Banks Peninsula were being reviewed in the near future, as part of the bylaws review process. Staff preferred that the restriction for the Little River township be re-examined as part of that process.

Mr Stratton also answered members' questions on reviewing where the speed restriction for the Little River township actually began. He said this would be a decision made by Transit and that changes to the road environment could prompt a review of starting points for speed restrictions. In the specific circumstance of Little River and the effect of the Railtrail, he agreed that this was a change in the road environment but would probably not be considered to be significant.

Members also raised the issue of removal of dead animals (possums, rabbits etc) from SH75. Mr Stratton said that there was a specific response time under the maintenance contract for this to be carried out, however if members still had concerns about it he was happy to follow up with the contractors.

3.2 Noeline Allan – Wairewa Elderly Care Issues

Ms Allan addressed the Board on a proposal for Meals on Wheels in Little River. She reported that as part of her surveying in the local community, a need had been identified for a Meals on Wheels service. The Canterbury Primary Health Organisation (PHO), which had the contract for this service, did not have any funding to extend to Little River, but it would welcome an application from the community for the service to be extended to cover Little River. The PHO had indicated it would look favourably at such an application if the Community Board was to support it. Ms Allan was therefore seeking support from the Board to seek health funding for this service.

The Board **decided** to support this proposal and asked that a letter be written to the PHO, indicating the Board's support.

Ms Allan also briefly updated members on other factors which had been identified as issues for the elderly in the Wairewa community, including:

- Need for an "On Your Feet" programme
- Need for a drivers' service, due to the lack of public transport
- Suggestion that Board could sponsor a book on older person services – similar to ones produced by city community boards.
- Optimum would be to have an older persons' care group to deal with these issues, particularly as there are two distinct urban communities in Wairewa.

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3.3 Akaroa Civic Trust, Victoria Andrews – Takapuneke/Greens Point

Ms Andrews said the Akaroa Civic Trust wished to thank Council staff for their research and effort in producing the detailed report to this meeting, on Takapuneke/Greens Point endowment issues. She said the Civic Trust strongly supported the recommendations in the report, and that those recommendations were also supported by the Historic Places Trust and the Onuku Runanga.

4. AKAROA-WAIREWA FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Board **received** the report containing accountability details for the end of year outcomes for the funding allocations of \$35,000 made by the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board in 2006/07.

5. AKAROA HARBOUR ISSUES WORKING PARTY - 24 JULY 2007

The Board **received** the report of the Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party meeting held on 24 July 2007.

It was reported that at the September meeting of the Working Party, an indication had been given that funding may be sought from the Board to extend the trial for the temporary toilet which was to be installed in Sandy Bay.

6. BRIEFINGS

6.1 Local Roothing Projects Update – David McNaughton, Asset Engineer

Mr McNaughton tabled photographs of various roading projects and specifically mentioned the following:

- Camerons Track – slips and culvert replacements.
- Robinsons Bay bridges due for replacement.
- Other bridges on replacement programme – Little Akaloa, Pipers Valley, Kaituna Valley, Western Valley and Barrys Bay.
- Steel beams on bridges in Wairewa area were being painted.
- Some flood damage through the winter but not excessive.

Members thanked Mr McNaughton for the very informative briefings he had provided to the Board over the past 18 months.

6.2 Visitor Information and Interpretation Project

Malcolm Anderson of Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism gave a presentation to the Board on an innovative new way of dispensing information via cellphone links, which was soon to be introduced on Banks Peninsula. The information provided would relate to the immediate area and would contain verbal accounts of historical and cultural information. Funding for the system had been provided by the Council.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Community Board Adviser updated the Board on the following issues:

7.1 BP Meats Site – Update

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7.2 Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust

The Board **decided** that it should make a submission to this proposal, specifically relating to the following issues:

- support the basic concept, as proposed
- essential that Banks Peninsula is included in the name of the Trust
- area covered by the Trust should be the geographic Banks Peninsula, rather than the political one.
- there should be strong representation from the Banks Peninsula Community Boards on the Trust

Because submissions on this issue were to close in the next week, it was agreed that the Chairman and staff should formulate a submission and circulate to members for comment and approval.

7.3 Customer Service Requests – 14 July – 14 September 2007

7.4 Meeting with Akaroa Youth Group – Monday 8 October 2007

8. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members made specific mention of the following matters:

- Bylaws Review - Banks Peninsula Signs Bylaw provisions included in new bylaw. Bylaws now covered under other legislation will be allowed to lapse.
- Siene de Vries sculpture proposal – information requested through Premier Parks Unit.
- Board submission to Annual Plan & Budget – query result of submission on funding for a feasibility report on the Akaroa Health Centre.
- Mr Lou Walker – send a letter of appreciation from the Board for the many years he maintained the public garden on Rue Lavaud.
- Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board

Members noted that this was the last Board meeting for this triennial term. Acknowledgment was made that the Board had always taken on the challenges presented to it, due mainly to the dedication of staff and the quality of the elected representatives. Board members observed that the lead up to the merger with Christchurch City Council had not always been smooth, but that the merger had been successful and the Banks Peninsula communities were ultimately the beneficiaries.

- Community Engagement Adviser – Janet Luxton, the recently appointed Community Engagement Adviser for the Banks Peninsula Ward, introduced herself to the Board and briefly described her role.

9. CHRISTCHURCH- LITTLE RIVER RAIL TRAIL

The Board considered a report outlining the options for the final section of the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail; the route into the township.

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There was considerable discussion on the options provided in the report and the outcomes that the Board wished to see in this situation. The following points were highlighted:

- Still a need for short term and long term options.
- The Council has not yet formally agreed to a long term option, but has resolved a short term option.
- Council management has not yet met officially with Transit NZ to consult on issues relating specifically to SH75
- Board members thanked staff for the quality of the report.
- Funding for long term option is not in the current LTCCP
- When considering options it should be remembered that Lake Forsyth is also undergoing considerable change.
- Speed environment for Little River needs to be considered in conjunction with this issue.
- Board's main objective is to have the safest option, whilst also protecting the amenity values of the residents in the Small Settlement zone leading into Little River.
- Resource consent process for western corridor options could delay the entire project.
- Concern that Board should be aware of Transit's opinion before making any decisions.
- Suggested that fiscally more sound to put costs for short term option towards forming the long term, option.

The Board was in general agreement that using the eastern option along the side of the highway and then around the river, would provide the safest option in both the short and long term. Even using that option, the Board was still concerned at the speed environment on the approach to Little River. Members requested that Transit be asked to consider, at least temporarily, lowering the speed limit over the summer period.

Mr Stratton, who was still in attendance at the meeting, said that Transit would probably consider the eastern option, however there would have to be some type of separation barrier erected between the cycleway and the highway. Transit would also have to look at how it was proposed to cross the highway in the township where there was traffic accessing the parking area. He acknowledged that Transit could consider lowering the speed limit, but said that this does not always slow the traffic if it is not the right speed environment.

The Board **decided:**

- (a) Having considered all of the options, to support a short and long term solution for the final section of the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail, along the eastern side of State Highway 75 (SH75):
 - (i) Short Term - the Railtrail pathway is constructed on the east side of SH75 following the highway from the existing end point of the Railtrail path to a point where the river veers east away from the highway, at which point the pathway would follow the riverside to intersect with Wairewa Pa Road, and that Transit New Zealand be requested to employ some traffic calming measures on State Highway 75, from the southern side of the Little River Hotel.
 - (ii) Long Term - the Railtrail pathway is constructed on the east side of SH75 following the highway from the existing end point of the Railtrail path to a point where the river veers east away from the highway, at which point the pathway would follow the riverside to intersect with Wairewa Pa Road. A corridor for public access to then be secured with land owners, and a Railtrail pathway constructed along a strip of land on the east side of SH75. This would extend south from a point near the Little River Historic Railway Station, parallel to SH75 to a midway point where it veers east to alongside the river and follows this to Wairewa Pa Road.
- (b) to request that the Chairman be granted permission to speak to the Council in support of this resolution.

The Board also supported the concept of an avenue approach to the township or some type of special landscaping, to delineate the Railtrail from the highway.

10. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 21 AUGUST 2007

The Board **received** the report of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 August 2007.

11. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2007

The Board **received** the report of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 September 2007.

12. AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2007

The Museum Director was in attendance at the meeting to speak to Board members regarding the plans for the proposed storage building for the Museum .

The Board **received** the report of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 September 2007.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

13. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 22 August 2007 be confirmed

14. AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD OBJECTIVES

The Board noted the following amendments to its objectives, as circulated:

- Objective 3 – Board Activity should refer to the Akaroa Harbour Basin Settlements Study
- Objective 3 – Board Activity - amend to read “and any similar future studies for Little River and Birdlings Flat”.
- Objective 1 – include reference to an annual meeting with local rūnanga
- Objective 2 – include rural conservation groups under Board Activity and Milestones
- Objective 8 – include Rural Fire Parties

The Board **resolved** to adopt its local objectives for the Akaroa-Wairewa area, as amended.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

15.1 Little River Rail Trail

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

The meeting concluded at 1.05pm

**SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE
COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 2.12.2**

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**

**LIZ CARTER
COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER**

DATED THIS DAY OF OCTOBER 2007

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16.1 LITTLE RIVER RAIL TRAIL

The Board **received** the financial information contained in this section of the report on the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail

The meeting concluded at 1.05pm

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