

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Christchurch
on Wednesday 5 September 2007 at 1.30pm**

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council:

Councillor Pat Harrow (Chairperson),
Councillors Sally Buck, Barry Corbett, Bob Shearing and
Norm Withers.

Community Board:

Val Carter.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Gary Moore, Councillors Helen Broughton,
Graham Condon, Anna Crighton, Carole Evans,
Bob Parker and Gail Sheriff.

1. PARKS AND RESERVES, ESTUARY AND FORESHORE, AND MARINE FACILITIES BYLAW REVIEW

Richard Holland supported by John Allen provided a PowerPoint presentation of proposals for the revision of the current parks and reserves bylaws.

The new bylaw will replace an existing number of former City Council, Banks Peninsula, Borough Council and County Council bylaws of the pre-amalgamation era.

The purpose of the new bylaw was to control certain activities on parks and reserves for the safety of the park users. Some activities could be of a dangerous nature and cause harm to other users and therefore would be prohibited. The presentation included a schedule of the differences between the existing bylaws and those proposed.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- Why was it necessary for the Council to approve the appointment of Park Inspectors/Rangers?
- There is need for the Council to be aware of the changes being made before it is considered by the subcommittee. Such inclusions as the banning of balloons, riding horses in parks etc needed to be clarified.
- What was the meaning of open spaces in the bylaw context?

OUTCOME:

The feedback received from elected members needed to be incorporated in a second draft bylaw for the Councils consideration before it is forwarded to the subcommittee.

The seminar concluded at 2.15pm.

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1. PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL BYLAW REVIEW

John Filsell supported by Paul Clark and David Bailey provided a PowerPoint presentation on the process and purpose of the proposed public swimming pool bylaw review.

The presentation covered:

- The old way of administering bylaws.
- The use of the bylaws.
- The national approach using the New Zealand Standards.

There were several options that the council could follow that of:

1. Revoke
2. Revoke and replace
3. Let lapse
4. Give public notice and allow to automatically lapse.

He recommended that the public swimming pool bylaw for both Christchurch City Council and Banks Peninsula be revoked by letting the current bylaws lapse.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- Was the paddling pool in the Botanic Gardens a swimming pool?

OUTCOME:

There was general consensus for the recommendation for the existing bylaws to be allowed to lapse.

The seminar concluded at 2.45pm.