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**AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
22 MAY 2008**

**A meeting of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board
was held on Thursday 22 May 2008 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Stewart Miller (Chairman), Jane Chetwynd, Claudia Reid and Eric Ryder

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Pam Richardson and an apology for lateness was received from Jane Chetwynd who entered the meeting at 9.35am and was absent for clause seven. Claudia Reid apologised and left the meeting at 12.35pm and was absent for part of clause six.

An apology for the meeting of 19 June 2008 was tendered by Jane Chetwynd.

The Board reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION



1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Senior Constable Lyle Pryor – Bi-monthly Police Report

Senior Constable Pryor reported on police related issues in the Akaroa-Wairewa area in recent times:

- Series of burglaries, but resulting in property damage rather than loss of goods.
- Break-in resulting in the theft of firearms and other goods from a works depot.
- Break-in and theft of liquor from a local hotel.
- Quiet time for vehicle crashes and infringements.
- Several instances of theft of precious metals (copper, lead etc) which is in high demand. This is an issue affecting the whole Canterbury region.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Little River Wairewa Promotions Group

The Board **received** correspondence from the Little River Wairewa Promotions Group, regarding a number of issues and referred the matters to staff for comment and action, as follows:

- Request for a pony and dog hitching rail sited in the vicinity of the Little River Childrens Playground - refer to staff for action.
- Request for parking signs in the Little River Town Centre - refer to staff through Request for Service system. Ask staff to advise the Little River Gallery that it should signpost its parking area.
- Concern over suggestion of relocating the Little River recycling centre - refer to staff for comment.
- Pot holes outside the Little River Service Centre - refer to staff through Request for Service system.

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2.2 Pigeon Bay Road Users Group – Stock on Pigeon Bay Road

The Board considered a letter from this group, expressing its members concerns about dairy cows on the Pigeon Bay Road, particularly stock wandering unattended during darkness hours.

The Board noted that the problem with dairy cows on Pigeon Bay Road was one which had been brought to the Council's attention over a period of several years, without any resolution.

The Board **decided** to receive this correspondence and refer it to staff for comment and to also ask for urgent enforcement action to be taken in regard to the continual infringement of Council's bylaws.

2.3 Vince Burke – Streetlight, State Highway 75 / Bayleys Road

A letter was tabled from Mr Burke who was requesting that a streetlight be installed on the intersection of State Highway 75 and Bayleys Road, at Birdlings Flat.

The Board noted that the installation of a streetlight was already a suggestion that had been awarded a low priority by Transit New Zealand. Members considered that whilst a streetlight would contribute to road safety at the intersection, there was already adequate signage to indicate the turnoff. Instead it was felt that a dedicated right turning lane, coming from Christchurch, would provide a more significant contribution to safety concerns. The installation of a right turning lane had previously been agreed to by Transit New Zealand staff and was to have been constructed as part of the resealing programme for the highway.

The Board **received** this correspondence and asked that Council staff request Transit New Zealand staff to comment on the installation of a right turning lane on the State Highway 75 and Bayleys Road intersection.

3. AKAROA HARBOUR ISSUES WORKING PARTY

Members commented on the trial installation of a portable toilet at Sandy Bay over the holiday season and asked that staff provide feedback on the usage figures for that facility, so that the Board could have that information available when formulating its submission to the LTCCP.

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party meeting held on 26 February 2008.

4. BRIEFINGS

4.1 Akaroa Wastewater Consent and Water Strategy

Mike Bourke, Operations and Maintenance Manager, updated the Board on progress with the Akaroa Wastewater resource consent. He explained that a consent was being sought for a five year term, during which time the Council would have to investigate and identify long term options for disposal of the wastewater.

Mr Bourke reported that two public information sessions would be held, one in Akaroa and one in Christchurch, to look at wastewater issues and options. Following that a working party would be formed, consisting mainly of representatives from stakeholders groups and interested parties, to further this process.

Mr Bourke said there were a number of wastewater disposal options, but that the community had already indicated that disposal to the harbour was not a favoured option. He explained that the timeline necessitated that the Council have two favoured disposal options identified by February 2009.

The Board also discussed water issues with Mr Bourke, including supply initiatives and the impact of the Drinking Water Standards in relation to water supplies on Banks Peninsula.

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4.2 Local Roothing Projects Update

David McNaughton, Asset Manager, Asset & Network Planning Unit updated the Board on roading issues. He also reported on the difficulties being encountered in gaining a subsidy from Land Transport New Zealand for some of the bridge replacements he had scheduled, seemingly due to the low number of vehicles using the roads concerned.

4.3 Libraries 2025 Plan

Carolyn Robertson, Libraries and Information Manager and Rosemary Nicholls, Community Library Manager briefed the Board on the points in the Libraries 2025 Plan that were relevant to the Akaroa-Wairewa area. They re-iterated that there were no plans to take library services away from Little River, but that they wished to investigate ways in which the service there could be developed and improved over time. They explained that the Libraries 2025 Plan is a future focused document and the Libraries Unit was therefore keen to know the aspirations of the local communities and the Community Board.

The Board **decided** to make a submission to the Draft Libraries 2025 plan on a number of points, including a proposal for the better use of technology in rural libraries. Board members noted that the better use of technology was to a large degree dependent on the technological services available to rural communities being improved, for example broadband being more widely available. Board members agreed to advocate to the Council to exert its influence to bring about improvements and extensions to those services.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Community Board Adviser updated the Board on a number of issues.

- Wainui Sewerage Scheme – members asked that they be included in the meeting that staff were planning with Lyn Baynes and Chris Broome regarding their concerns about the proposed scheme.

6. ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members made specific mention of the following matters:

- Cruise Ship Visits to Akaroa – members asked that staff facilitate a working party to examine the response required from the Council in preparation for the cruise ship visits over the coming season. The working party to include Board members Chetwynd, Reid and Richardson and representatives from stakeholder groups in the community.

The Board felt that Council needs to be aware of the planned visits and the possible effects on the infrastructure in the town particularly from the visits by the larger ship which carries 3,450 passengers and crew, of which some 1,400 are expected to disembark.

- Street Rubbish Bins – the Board asked that staff investigate the reported lack of rubbish bins on Rue Lavaud between Rue Brittan and Rue Balguerie.
- Public Toilets – The Board asked for feedback from the Contracts Manager for Urban Parks regarding the continuing lack of cleanliness in the public toilets in the Board area. Members are aware that there are still numerous complaints about the state of the toilets and that this is a situation which has existed for some considerable time.

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PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

7. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Thursday 17 April 2008 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

Page 9 Item 9, Row 3 of Table - Delete 5,000.00 Insert 5,900.00

Recipient	Amount	Project
Akaroa Health Centre	5,000.00 5,900.00	To contribute to a scoping exercise.

Page 9, Item 8 (c) - Delete "sealing" Insert "ceiling"

The Board resolved to allocate \$1,000 from the Discretionary Fund for a Small Grants Fund, with a ~~sealing~~ ceiling of \$200 per application.....

8. AKAROA-WAIREWA RESERVES DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 2007/08 – PROPOSALS FOR UNALLOCATED FUNDING

The Board considered a report seeking the allocation of the remaining \$17,500 of its 2007/08 Reserves Discretionary Funding.

The Board **resolved** that the following allocations be made from the Reserves Discretionary Funding for 2007/08:

Little Akaloa Cemetery – renovation of plaques	3,000
Garden of Tane – renovation of entrance	3,000
Stanbury Reserve & Wainui Foreshore – purchase new picnic tables	5,000
Okains Bay Reserve – purchase new picnic tables	3,000
Pigeon Bay foreshore – replacement seats	2,000
Takamatua Reserve – install stored picnic tables	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 17,500

9. BOARD REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Board considered a report seeking the appointment of a Board representative to the Orton Bradley Park Board.

The Board **resolved** that Dr John Rentoul be appointed to the Orton Bradley Park Board as the representative of the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board, and requested that an annual report be submitted for its consideration.

10. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE (CONT'D)

Akaroa Museum Advisory Meeting

The Board **resolved** that the Akaroa Museum Advisory meeting scheduled for Thursday 26 June 2008 be deferred until Thursday 3 July 2008, due to the unavailability of several Committee members.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2008

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**