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**AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
11 FEBRUARY 2009**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board
held on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at 9.30am in the Board Room,
Little River Service Centre, State Highway 75, Little River**

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

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Pam Richardson. An apology for early departure was received and accepted from Bryan Morgan who retired at 10:30am and was absent for clauses 4.3, 4.4 and 5.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT



1.1 Mr Murray Thacker

Mr Thacker addressed the Board regarding his request to have the formed road in Okains Bay currently named Back Road but referred to as *Coffins Lane*, officially named Coffins Lane. He advised members that the lane had been referred to locally as Coffins Lane for many years. Mr Thacker also advised that a portion of this road was grazed, at which time a gate was placed at one end and it was fenced off at the other. He said he felt the road should not be closed as it was an access road in case of emergencies. It was also used for recreational purposes and for stock droving. Mr Thacker asked that it remain permanently open.

The Board supported the formal naming of the lane to Coffins Lane provided there was local support for that name. Members felt that the grazing of the road had its benefits and suggested that gates could be installed at either end for easy access, instead of it being fenced. The Board agreed that limited grazing should be permitted because this would help retain a roadway and reduce the fire risk from long grass.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Mr Murray Thacker

Mr Thacker's letter requesting that the formed road in Okains Bay referred to as Coffins Lane, be formally re-named and that it remain permanently open, was dealt with under deputations.

The Board **received** the correspondence and asked that it, along with the remarks of the Board, be referred to staff for comment.

3. DUVAUCHELLE RESERVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 DECEMBER 2008

The Board **received** the minutes of the Duvauchelle Reserve Management Committee meeting held on 8 December 2008.

4. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

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

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4.1 Current Consultations

Statement of Proposal for Funding Council's Social Housing Portfolio

The Board **decided** to make a brief submission to the proposal, based on the following comments:

- that the Government should assist with funding of social housing as had occurred in other cities in New Zealand such as Wellington and Auckland.
- that the Board did not support the funding of social housing from rates.
- that the proposed increase to social housing rentals should assist with maintenance of these assets.

Proposed Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2009

Members were informed that the lower part of Stanley Park had been added to the Akaroa New Years Eve restricted area, as included in the proposed bylaw. The Board was also informed that the New Year's Eve liquor ban would not require advertising as it would now be covered under this Bylaw.

The Board supported the Bylaw as proposed and **decided** to make a submission in that respect.

Draft Water Supply Strategy

Members were advised that this document highlighted the value of water. The Board noted that Banks Peninsula did not have an over abundance of water and that all options for the retention and conservation of water should be pursued. The Board commented on the following:

- water holding tanks should be part of the building consent process in Banks Peninsula
- water supplies should all be restricted
- rainwater storage should be encouraged or even mandatory, especially for new buildings.

Members **decided** that a submission from the Board be made to the Draft Water Supply Strategy, incorporating the comments made.

4.2 Board Funding Balances

It was flagged by a Board member that a community group would probably be seeking funding for a concept plan for landscaping the Okana riverbank from Pa Road to the Little River Hotel.

4.3 Strengthening Community Fund

The Board requested that staff submit an application for the cost of ANZAC Day Services.

4.4 Le Race - Road Closure

A map showing the proposed road closure for Le Race and a draft copy of the advertisement for the road closure were tabled for members comments. It was noted that there were anomalies between the words in the advertisement and the map.

The Board had concerns about how emergency services and heavy traffic would be accommodated under the plan and asked that staff arrange a meeting of interested parties – e.g. police, medical services, fire services and previous objectors to be held on Thursday 26 February 2009.

5. ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members shared information on current issues and activities, including:

- Rue Jolie Cottage - members were advised that staff were dealing with this issue.
- Walnut Lane – Staff were requested to follow up on the request for maintenance of the lane.
- Church Street - Resealing - The Board asked for staff comment as to why the resealing of Church Street was causing problems. Staff were also asked to speak to the contractor regarding the time of day the gritting of the road was being carried out.
- Council Use of Local Contractors - The Board felt that this issue should be addressed under the LTCCP process and the expected level of service clearly indicated.
- Capital Programme - The Board was informed that following the finalising of the capital programme a list of the projects will be given to the Board.
- Community Services Awards - Nominations to be considered at an ordinary meeting of the Board. Staff were asked to obtain a timetable for these awards from the Community Engagement Adviser.
- Okains Bay Water Supply - An analysis report on the Okains Bay water supply was tabled for members' information. Staff had indicated that further background information could be provided to the Board if required.
- Rural Fire Parties - It was questioned whether the rural fire parties on Banks Peninsula were receiving the support needed from the Council, particularly because of the current extremely dry conditions.
- Garden of Tane - Staff were asked to provide the Friends of the Akaroa Museum a copy of the Management Plan for the Garden of Tane.

PART C - DELEGATED DECISIONS

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Thursday 18 December 2008 be confirmed.

7. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 DECEMBER 2008

The Board considered the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee. Members were informed that a report on the draft Terms of Reference would be presented to the Board at its March meeting

The Board **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 December 2008.

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8. APPLICATION TO DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND

The Board considered a report for financial assistance from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund to enable Project Lyttelton to undertake a *Vegetable Growing Throughout the Year* project to be held in Little River. The funds would be used towards tutor costs for an adult education class in growing organic vegetables.

The Board asked that staff investigate the possibility of Council land being available that could be utilised as a community garden to be used in conjunction with this programme.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$520.00 from its Discretionary Response Fund towards tutor costs in providing a *Vegetable Gardening Throughout the Year* course in Little River.

The meeting concluded at 11:50am.

CONFIRMED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2009

**STEWART MILLER
CHAIRMAN**