

AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 10 AUGUST 2009

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009.

The meeting was attended by Committee members Stewart Miller, Victoria Andrews, Peter Beaven, John Davey and Lynda Wallace.

Also in attendance was Rod Armstrong and Kent Wilson (Planners) and Dave Margetts (Historic Places Trust).

1. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 June 2009, subject to the following alteration:

Item 5, second bullet point - add paragraph:

Members agreed that the people carrying out the Character Study should also meet with committee member John Davey.

2. PLANS TO CONSIDER

2.1 A. and A. Fairweather Ltd, 37 Rue Lavaud, Akaroa - New Dwelling

The proposal is to refit an existing apartment over an existing ground floor café. The proposal will result in work being carried out to the external fabric of the building, with a staircase being situated on Rue Brittan. Members had no concerns regarding the alterations.

It was **resolved** to confirm the advice given on this proposal.

2.2 St. Patrick's Church, Akaroa - Extension to Sacristy

The Committee was informed that the proposed alterations would serve to accommodate larger numbers of people at busy times and also provide the parish with an area that could serve as a function room for parish activities. The existing Church currently has a Category 1 registration with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

Members were informed that discussions had taken place with the Historic Places Trust since the previous plan had been presented to the committee, and amendments have been made to the plan as a result. The new addition would be a flat roof and would be re-clad in a similar material, and have the same appearance, as the bell tower. The flower room lean-to was also to be extended for storage purposes. The existing gable would be extended by 3 metres.

Mr Margetts informed the Committee that the Historic Places Trust is willing to support the amended plan as presented. He said there was concern previously about the length of the addition, however he said the new proposal conformed to the committee's previous comments.

Members discussed the options of whether the addition should have a flat or gable roof, as it was pointed out that a flat roof may draw attention to the addition. It was pointed out that the addition will not be viewed from the street and that a flat roof would reduce the bulk of the building.

The Committee asked that if a car park was to be established at the rear of the Church that landscaping be taken into consideration and that an extensive hard surface not be

formed. It was suggested that more trees could also be planted adjacent to the road frontage.

It was **resolved** to confirm the advice given on this proposal.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

Nil.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- Black Cat Signage - The Planner was asked to report back to the Committee on this matter.
- BNZ signage - Members were informed that the illuminated sign was a breach of the resource consent conditions and was now in the hands of the enforcement staff.
- Whale Pot Shelter and Bus Shelter - Members were advised that a report would shortly be presented to the Community Board regarding the whale pot and other similar items throughout the town and a recommendation through that report would be forthcoming.
- Character Study – staff were asked to invite Council Planner Keri Davis-Miller to attend a seminar with the Committee and the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board to update members on the Character Study project, specifically:
 - would the project be peer reviewed?
 - what methodology was applied when preparing the brief (i.e. did it relate to directly to Akaroa)?
 - explanation of the brief that was prepared for the project
 - will the draft report(s) be available for comment and input from the Committee?
 - a preliminary report on how the project is proceeding
 - will there be a community consultation phase for the report(s)?

Members were concerned that the basis of the study may have been developed from a “one size fits all” approach, which was not suitable for Akaroa.

The meeting closed at 11am