LYTTELTON/MT HERBERT COMMUNITY BOARD 18 AUGUST 2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board held on Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 9.33am in the Meeting Room of the Lyttelton Service Centre, 33 London Street, Lyttelton.

PRESENT: Paula Smith (Chairperson), Jeremy Agar, Douglas Couch,

Ann Jolliffe, Dawn Kottier, and Claudia Reid.

APOLOGIES: An apology was received and accepted from Claudia Reid who

departed at 11.55am and was absent for Clauses 8, 10 and 11.

The Board reports that:

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 CHRISTINE DANN

Christine Dann addressed the Board regarding the possible purchase by the Council of the Purau headland adjacent to Ripapa Island, and its protection as a public reserve and park. Dr Dann outlined concerns expressed by Harbour residents regarding the prospect of further urban development of Lyttelton Harbour headlands and the loss of valuable heritage, geological, natural and recreation sites such as Purau headland and Ripapa Island. Dr Dann presented the Board with a petition containing 270 signatures. The petition stated:

"SAVE PURAU PENINSULA

We, the undersigned, ask Christchurch City Council to **purchase** the property at Camp Bay Road (Lot 1, DP81018) for the purpose of creating a **reserve** to protect the landscape, natural and cultural values of this significant headland, and secure public use and enjoyment of the land in perpetuity."

The petition was accompanied by a presentation highlighting the benefits of purchasing the land for public use, and an explanation of the values associated with the area. Letters of support were also attached.

(Clause 3 of these minutes refers.)

1.2 SERGEANT PHIL NEWTON

Sergeant Newton addressed the Board and provided statistics for the Lyttelton area. He reported that a ten per cent reduction in house burglaries had occurred over the previous year and a focus would now be made on thefts from motor vehicles, particularly those parked on back streets of Lyttelton. He reported on the recent search and rescue operation for a local missing person and expressed thanks from the family concerned for the considerable community effort put into finding their family member. Police staffing levels at Lyttelton are to remain the same and they would be endeavouring to provide a regular presence of staff at the Lyttelton Farmers' Market and the Youth Group.

Sergeant Newton also reported that there had been an improvement in local inter-agency work, with the Lyttelton Tunnel Control Authority, Police, Port Company Security and Customs all working well together.

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2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board **received** the following correspondence:

2.1 A letter from the Lyttelton Harbour Landscape Protection Association requesting the Board make a submission to buy the headland at Purau with a view to protecting it as a public reserve.

It was **decided** to refer the correspondence to staff for advice and comment.

2.2 A letter from the Uniquely Purau Society requesting the Board make a request to the Council to consider the purchase of the Purau Headland to be used as a reserve

It was **decided** to refer the correspondence to staff for advice and comment.

2.3 A letter from the Charteris Bay Residents' Association expressing concern over a number of road safety issues in the Charteris Bay area.

It was **decided** to refer the correspondence to staff with a request that they investigate the concerns, take action where necessary, and provide comment back to the Board on the outcome of their investigations.

3. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Item 1.1 refers.

The Board **received** the Petition presented during the Deputations section of the meeting, and Councillor Reid agreed to convey it to the Council.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

5. MINUTES OF LYTTELTON RESERVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board **received** the minutes of the Lyttelton Reserves Management Committee meeting held on 3 August 2009.

6. BRIEFINGS

6.1 LIBRARIES BANK PENINSULA CONSULTATION

Rosemary Nicholls (Community Libraries Manager) updated the Board on the recent Libraries consultation with Banks Peninsula residents. Members were informed that the consultation had been very successful and had identified initiatives that could be instigated now and for future reference. Documentation was tabled for members' information.

6.2 STEADFAST RESERVE GRAZING

Trevor Partridge (Botanist, Asset and Network Planning Unit) briefed the Board on the grazing regime for Steadfast Reserve. He advised that the cattle have now been removed and due to the damage and erosion caused, will no longer be grazed in the Reserve. It is proposed that sheep will be grazed at a low density as a method of controlling the weed and fire risk concerns.

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Mr Partridge also advised that separate development plans would be made for each of the Lyttelton Harbour Reserves, which would then be integrated into the overall Port Hills Strategy. The Port Hills Strategy document should be presented to the Board in October 2011 before going out to consultation and being signed off in July 2012.

6.3 LYTTELTON RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gary Broker, Chairman of the Lyttelton Reserve Management Committee, and Ms Kay Holder (Team Leader Regional Parks) attended the meeting to discuss management issues for the Whakaraupo and Urumau Reserves. Mr Broker expressed concern that there had been provision for cattle grazing on Whakaraupo Reserve, similar to Steadfast Reserve and advised the Board of the Committee's opinion that they could control weeds and fire risk without a grazing regime. He reported that this issue had been worked through with Council staff and a satisfactory conclusion had been reached. Ms Holder reiterated the Council's full support for the Committee and its work.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

7.1 The Board **received** information from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activities and projects. Specific mention was made of the following matters:

July Update on Local Capital projects

Board members noted that this update appeared to be out of date as the status of some of the projects was incorrect, with some projects having already been completed.

Replies to Board Requests – Lyttelton Cemeteries

Members were advised that only one year's space was available for burials at both Lyttelton cemeteries but spaces for ashes were available.

It was **decided** to request that staff brief the Board on the situation regarding available space in Lyttelton cemeteries.

Replies to Board Requests – Governors Bay Jetty

Members were advised that a new pile is scheduled to be installed during August, and the jetty is safe to use in the meantime.

8. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

8.1 **MEMBERS' INFORMATION**

Specific mention was made of the following matters:

Diamond Harbour Community Early Childhood Centre

The Board **requested** information regarding the timing of investigations looking at suitable sites for the Early Childhood Centre.

Disability Access for Diamond Harbour Ferry

The Board **requested** that staff investigate the provision of disabled access at the Diamond Harbour Wharf to allow wheelchair users to use the ferry service.

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• Green Waste Dumping

The Board was informed that there appeared to be a considerable increase in the amount of green waste being dumped around the harbour and in reserves.

It was **decided** to include an item on this problem in the next Board newsletter.

Roadside Weeds

The Board **requested** information on who was responsible for the eradication of roadside weeds.

9. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

10. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES - BOARD MEETING OF 14 JULY 2009

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of its ordinary meeting held on 14 July 2009 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment.

Page 3, Item 14 - Delete: "investigate" Insert: "arrange for the and of"

The Board **decided** to request that staff investigate **arrange for the** cutting back **of** vegetation causing visibility problems on the south eastern corner of Ticehurst Terrace to further improve traffic safety at this intersection.

11. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE - Continued

11.1 Community Facilities Network Vision Submission

The Board resolved to adopt the submission made to the Community Facilities Network Vision.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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

The meeting concluded at 12.28pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009.

PAULA SMITH CHAIRPERSON