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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD  
2 AUGUST 2011**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board  
held on Tuesday 2 August 2011 at 5.05pm in the Boardroom,  
Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Christchurch.**

**PRESENT:** Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Paul McMahon, Karolin Potter, Tim Scandrett and Mike Thorley.

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for lateness was received and accepted for Mike Thorley who arrived at 5.10pm during clause 4 and was absent for clause 8.  
An apology for early departure was received and accepted from Barry Corbett who departed at 7.04pm, during clause 6, and was absent for clause 7.  
An apology was received and accepted from Sue Wells for absence.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm and recommenced at 6.07pm and adjourned at 6.30pm and recommenced at 6.34pm.

The Board reports that:

**PART B – REPORTS FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

**1. DEPUTATIONS**

- 1.1 Nathan Durkin, representing the White Elephant Trust, did not attend the meeting.
- 1.2 Sara Epperson, representing the Problem Gambling Foundation, outlined the Foundation's concern regarding the use of the pokie machines in Christchurch since the earthquake.
- 1.3 Martin Cheer, Chief Executive Officer of Pub Charity, outlined the industry's perspective in relation to the use of pokie machines in Christchurch since the earthquake.

The Chairperson thanked both deputations for their presentations and the Board considered these matter in relation to the Notice of Motion (Part C - clause 5).

**2. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**4. BRIEFINGS**

Staff updated the Board on the Colombo Street/Ashgrove Terrace Bridge safety improvement project, whereby the wooden structure on the west side of the bridge will be replaced with a wider shared cycle/pedestrian wooden footbridge. Work is expected to begin in the current financial year, pending the outcome of a structural report on the roadbridge.

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**5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE**

The Board received an update from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activities.

**6. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Matters that were mentioned included:

- Ongoing matters within the Sydenham Regeneration Plan.
- Three Key Local Projects were accepted for Council Metropolitan funding.
- Potential bus routes within the ward, particularly catering for the influx of office workers in the Addington and Birmingham Drive areas.
- Possible establishment of a ward design and capability panel/committee in relation to the suburban centres rebuild projects in the ward.
- Crematorium in the Sydenham area.

**7. MEMBERS QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**PART C – REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD**

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT**

The Board **resolved** that the minutes (both public and public excluded) of the ordinary meeting of the Board held on 19 July 2011 be confirmed.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Paul McMahon.

“Due to the earthquakes, many pubs, clubs and restaurants have had their venues and/or their pokie machines damaged. While the desire to replace what has been damaged in full and to replicate activities on new sites is understandable, it is in contravention to the Council's sinking lid policy.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board asks that the Christchurch City Council strictly enforce the sinking lid policy with regard to 'pokies', specifically by:

1. Forbidding the relocation of pokies from premises unable to be opened due to earthquake damage to new premises (for instance by refusing to grant new or replacement Class 4 Gambling Licenses).
2. Forbidding the replacement of pokies where the premises have been earthquake-damaged.
3. Asking the Department of Internal Affairs for assistance in enforcing the above.

Some people may object that it is unfair for the Council to use the earthquake as an opportunity to push the sinking lid down and that it would be placing further pressure on businesses that are already struggling. However, under the Gambling Act (2003) it is illegal for a business to rely on pokie funds to maintain a profit (DIA information sheet attached), and so it cannot be a consideration in the Council's enforcement of the sinking lid.

Problem Gambling Foundation New Zealand says that pokie spending is up \$4M this quarter (The Press, 27/07/2011 and 13/11/2010) compared to the same time last year. It is an increasing problem since the earthquake and can only be impacting negatively on families. This also serves to undermine the argument that asserts community groups will miss out on funding if the sinking lid is enforced - they clearly will not.

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The sinking lid policy is in place because there is broad political and social consensus in Christchurch that pokies cause social harm and need to be drastically reduced (with the overwhelming majority of submissions on the review of the sinking lid policy in favour of the policy); in light of this on 10/2/2011 Council sent a Notice of Motion to the Regulatory and Planning Committee, in favour of writing to Parliament in support of the Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Bill.”

**COMMENT**

The Notice of Motion submitted was withdrawn by Paul McMahon, pending further information.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

The Board **resolved** to request a Board workshop on the state of pokie machines across each ward in the city, in particular Spreydon/Heathcote ward, and the policy and legal implications of this Notice of Motion. The information to include Christchurch City Council options about how best to respond to earthquake damaged and/or relocated pokie premises. The Board further requested that the workshop be held prior to 8 September 2011 Council meeting.

The Board accepted the withdrawal of the Notice of Motion and on being put to the meeting the resolution was declared carried unanimously.

Barry Corbett declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the table, taking no part in the discussion or vote.

**10. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPREYDON/ HEATHCOTE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME 2011/12**

The Board received a report seeking approval to set aside \$7,500 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response fund for the purpose of establishing a Youth Achievement Scheme Fund.

The Board **resolved** to:

- (a) Establish a Youth Achievement Scheme for the 2011/12 year.
- (b) Approve the transfer of \$7,500 from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's Youth Achievement Scheme Fund.

**11. 75 KINGSLEY STREET – PROPOSED P5 LOADING ZONE – GOODS VEHICLES ONLY**

The Board received a report seeking approval that that a P5 Loading Zone–Goods Vehicles Only be installed on the north side of Kingsley Street.

The Board **resolved** to:

Revoke the following on Kingsley Street:

- (a) That any parking restriction installed on the northern side Kingsley Street commencing at a point 76 metres east of its intersection with Gasson Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 17 metres be revoked.

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Approve the following on Kingsley Street:

- (b) That a P5 Loading Zone (Restricted to Goods Vehicles Only) be installed on the northern side Kingsley Street commencing at a point 76 metres east of its intersection with Gasson Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 17 metres.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2011**

**PHIL CLEARWATER  
CHAIRPERSON**