

AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 AUGUST 2012

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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 Thursday 2 August 2012. The meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

The meeting was attended by Committee members Stewart Miller, Victoria Andrews, John Davey, William Fulton, Pam Richardson and Lynda Wallace (2.37pm).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Lynda Wallace.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee Minutes – 31 May 2012
- 2.2 Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee Minutes – 7 June 2012

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meetings held on Thursday 31 May 2012 and Thursday 7 June 2012.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

4. PLANS TO CONSIDER

4.1 Akaroa Temporary Visitor Centre – Akaroa Wharf

Samantha Tomlinson (Christchurch Canterbury Tourism (CCT) and Akaroa Visitor Centre) attended the meeting to support the temporary erection of a Visitor Centre adjacent to the Akaroa Wharf during the 2012/2013 cruise ship season.

Members were informed that it was proposed a smaller moveable cabin 4.8 metres x 2.4 metres (compared to the 5 metres x 3 metres cabin originally proposed) would now be utilised. The colour and signage would remain the same as stated in the original application.

The Committee discussed the location of the cabin and where it would best fit into the streetscape. The Committee considered the idea of the building being located on the northern side of the road, adjacent to the Weighbridge in order to give a cluster affect with the buildings in that area, however it was considered that this could pose a safety threat to members of the public because of the proximity to the seawall.

The Committee suggested that the building be camouflaged by using a removable transfer of a native flora pattern or similar.

The Committee **agreed** that the cabin should be located adjacent to the Britomart Reserve in order to keep the open vista of the sea when exiting the wharf and that if possible a transfer be placed on the building to make it more attractive and to help it blend in with the surrounding environment.

5. COMMUNITY ADVISER'S UPDATE

5.1 Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines

Members were informed that the process for having the Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines finalised had come to a halt prior to the earthquakes, but that it was timely for them to now be progressed.

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The Committee **decided** to recommend to the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board that a process be initiated for the Draft Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines to be redefined and put forward for formal adoption and that they then be appended to the Council's Infrastructure Design Standards.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Committee **decided** to seek the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board's opinion on the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee being restructured so that it operated in a similar way to the Council's Urban Design Panel.

The meeting concluded at 3.35pm.