



Christchurch City Council

SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 1998

AT 4.00 PM

**IN THE BOARD ROOM, PAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE,
CNR LANGDONS ROAD AND RESTELL STREET**

Community Board: Mrs Yvonne Palmer (Chairperson), Mrs Judith Bruce, Mrs Anne Carroll, Mr Graham Condon, Mr Newton Dodge, Mr Gordon Freeman, Mr Garry Moore, Sue Wells, Mr Steve Wright.

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORTS

The reports of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board ordinary meeting of 4 March 1998 and the special meeting of 3 March 1998 have been previously circulated.

Amendment

On the circulated copy of the report of 4 March the title of clause 12 should read:

**PROPOSED LIMITED ACCESS:
MARSHLAND ROAD
QUEEN ELIZABETH II DRIVE TO MAIN NORTH ROAD**

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board ordinary meeting of 4 March 1998 (with amendment) and the special meeting of 3 March 1998, as circulated, be confirmed.

3. GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD

Presentation of the monthly Good Neighbour Awards.

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Any residents wishing to speak will be heard at 5.30 pm

5. PROJECT FUNDS 1997/98

RR 7368

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Bruce Meder, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities	

The purpose of this report is to update Board members on some of the projects for which funding was allocated from 1997/98 Project Funds, which has not been spent and which could be reallocated for other projects.

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BALANCE OF FUNDS

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Funding which will not be used for the identified projects within the current financial year is:

<i>Shirley Kohanga Reo</i>	\$6,000
<i>Clash of the Schools</i>	2,448
Balance	<u>\$8,448</u>

SUGGESTED PROJECTS

The following projects are put forward as substitute activities which could be implemented before the end of this financial year:

After School Activities in Shirley

Funding to help set up a weekly after-school activity in the Shirley area. The Recreation Coordinator has identified a programme (Gym-Jam) which could be set up in the area. A promotion of this programme at the McFarlane Park Community Day was extremely well received by children and parents. It is to be promoted at the St Albans Gala Day as well.

*Approximately
\$1,200 — \$1,500.*

Community Forums

A small project fund to pay for the expenses of Community Forums in each Ward. \$1,000

Youth Activities

Youth Activities. The St Albans Youth Activities Programme over summer was very successful and there has been a call to extend this throughout the year. Funding to pay for a coordinator is being sought. A fund to assist with activities would be useful. \$2,000

A similar initiative in the Mairehau/Innesmay area. \$1,000

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Youth Networking in Papanui

A number of agencies and organisations have been *Approximately*

discussing a Youth Strategy for Papanui. A fund to assist these groups meet together to discuss this concept and formulate responses would be desirable. \$1,000

TOTAL: \$5,500

Recommendation: That part of the balance of 1997/98 Project Funding be allocated as follows:

<i>After School Activities, Shirley</i>	1,500
<i>Community Forums</i>	1,000
<i>Youth Activities</i>	2,000
<i>Youth Networking in Papanui</i>	1,000

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

6. SOLO WOMEN AS PARENTS

RR 7367

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Bruce Meder, Community Activities Officer
Corporate Plan Output: Community Services	

The purpose of this report is to seek support from the Board for assistance to the group Solo Women As Parents (SWAP) for rental of its premises in the Shirley Ward area.

BACKGROUND

SWAP has been operating for 24 years and presently operates from a house in Springfield Road. The centre is open from 9.00 am— 3.00 pm, Monday to Friday and provides a number of support groups. It also acts as advocate and support for women in relation to various agencies.

The centre employs two full-time trained staff, a part-time administration worker and also provides approximately 50-70 hours per week voluntary input.

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FUNDING ISSUES

Over the past year the group has experienced a severe down-turn in the funding that they have previously received from funding agencies (eg COGS funding dropped from around \$5,000 to only \$700 last year).

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Funding for their rental costs has been the most difficult to obtain. Rental costs are \$180 per week (\$9,360 per year).

The group has applied (or intends to apply) to the following funding sources for rental costs:

	<i>Application</i>	<i>Expected</i>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$5,000	Possibly \$2,000 - \$3,000
JR MCKENZIE TRUST	\$3,000	\$1,000 (based on previous year)
TODD FOUNDATION	\$3,000	First time applied

- Recommendation:**
1. That a grant of \$2,000 be allocated from the Community Services Fund to the group Solo Women As Parents, as a interim measure.
 2. That the Community Activities Officer liaise with the Leisure and Community Services Unit to investigate alternative funding mechanisms for Solo Women As Parents.

- Chairperson's Recommendation:**
1. That the Board support an application from Solo Women as Parents to the Metropolitan Community Development Fund.
 2. That the Community Activities Officer liaise with the Leisure and Community Services Unit to investigate alternative funding mechanisms for Solo Women As Parents.

7. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME (CASEBROOK/NORTHCOTE)

RR 6391

<p>Officer responsible Community Manager</p>	<p>Author Bruce Meder, Community Activities Officer</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Community Services</p>	

The purpose of this report is to inform members of recent discussions relating to after-school activities in the Casebrook/Northcote areas and to seek funding to allow for an investigation as to the particular requirements for after-school care in the area.

BACKGROUND

Over the past year, Service Centre staff and staff at the OSCAR Network have noticed that a large proportion of enquiries about after-school programmes have come from the Casebrook/Northcote areas of the city.

RESPONSES

Recently representatives of the OSCAR Network, Papanui Baptist Church and Northcote School met with the Community Activities Officer to explore options. All four agencies recognised that there was a need for after-school activities/programmes in the area, but were unable to ascertain the particular requirements of potential users of any such service.

PRESENT ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMMES

KidzBus is an initiative of Christian Outreach Centre (based in Bishopdale). This is a bus which has been converted into a kids “clubhouse” with a “time out zone” and a “learning activity zone”. The programmes run from the bus aim to promote civic pride and responsibility. It also operates as a distribution point for positive parenting and family resources. At present they are operating one afternoon a week in Morrison Avenue.

The Papanui Baptist Church has offered to start an after-school programme in the area and is presently negotiating with Northcote School about a venue. This also will be a one-day a week programme.

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INVESTIGATION

The particular requirement of families in regard to after-school programmes in the area is unknown. An investigation of these requirements is warranted so that we can initiate an appropriate response in the area.

Recommendation: That \$7,000 be allocated from unspent Project Funds to investigate the requirements of families for after-school activities/programmes in the Casebrook/Northcote areas.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and an interim report be made to the July meeting, with a start to be made as soon as possible.

8. **ENCOURAGING BETTER NEIGHBOURHOODS**

RR 6816

<p>Officer responsible Community Manager</p>	<p>Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities</p>	

Report of meeting of the Committee held on 16 March is attached.

A media release has been dispatched on the success of Neighbourhood Week and letters of appreciation forwarded to media outlets for the coverage given to the associated events.

Recommendation: That the information be received and the Committee's recommendations be confirmed.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

9. CHARGING FOR OCCUPATION OF RESERVE LAND

RR 7325

<p>Officer responsible Parks Manager</p>	<p>Author John Allen, Area Parks Officer/Team Leader Consents</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Consents - Sub Output: Leases Vol 3/9.4.8</p>	

The purpose of this report is to inform Board members of a paper that has been sent to all sports clubs and community groups who occupy reserve land to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation. This is a metropolitan issue which is being addressed by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Council resolved at its meeting on 26 November that the draft discussion paper presented to it be circulated to the affected sports clubs and community groups for comment.

THE NEED FOR THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The need for this paper arises primarily because of inequity between existing sports clubs and community groups (SCCG). The inequity is largely as a result of the varied policies of the different territorial authorities prior to Local Government amalgamation in 1989. It exists in two forms:

1. Between SCCG on reserve land and private land. Those on private land pay rates (subject to remission) while those on reserve land do not pay rates.
2. Between existing SCCG leasing reserve land, there is a wide disparity in current annual rent levels. A comparison between two rugby clubs reveals one paying 10c while another pays \$300.00 for one seventh of the area.

In addition to existing charging inequity from 1 July 1998 the Local Government Amendment Act No 3, 1996, will come into force. This Act requires, among other financial management responsibilities, that the Council conduct prudent management of its assets and expenses.

Reserves are Council assets and fall within the ambit of the Act, and therefore charging for occupation must be developed in line with the requirements of the Act. Other factors to be considered are: maintenance of public participation in these SCCG and consistency with the requirements of the Proposed City Plan.

ESTABLISH A FAIR AND EQUITABLE CHARGING POLICY

The goal, which is set out, in the discussion paper is to establish a fair and equitable charging policy by firstly establishing equity through a level playing field for all SCCG.

The proposal is that:

- All SCCG, whether on reserve or freehold land pay rates (subject to remission).
- All SCCG on reserves have rent calculated at a standard per square metre rate.

Secondly, establishing fairness by balancing prudent management of the asset and expenses with promotion of community development.

- Prudent management is achieved through recovery of costs and expenses whilst at the same time setting rents that take into account the value of the reserve itself.
- Promotion of community development is achieved firstly by ensuring that the proposed total charges (ie rent plus rates) will not create an unreasonable financial burden on SCCG. Rate remission and low rent levels ensure this. Secondly by phasing in the proposed charges to provide a sufficient adjustment period.

THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO CHARGING

The proposed charging policy applies to preferential use of reserve land under one hectare. This is the building footprint and may include a green space area around or attached to the building which used in association with it. The proposed method is a rate levy and rent charge.

Rates would be levied as per the existing rating policy on freehold land which includes a standard policy of partial remission.

Rent is calculated by use of a standard formula. This sets a rate per square metre which varies dependent on the type of land use (ie building or green space), and the area of land taken. The rent payable will be the greater of either; a minimum rent to cover essential administrative costs or application of the formula.

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- The effect of the proposed charges is that over 75% of rents go down but when rent is added to rates then nearly all SCCG incur an

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increase in total charges. Despite this overall increase the proposed charges compare favourably with other Local Authorities.

- A phase-in period for the proposed charges is proposed to ensure the avoidance of significant adjustment difficulties for SCCG.
- The proposed rate charges would not be applied until twelve months after formal adoption of the policy, ie no sooner than 1 July 1999.
- The proposed rent would take effect after formal Council adoption of the policy, ie not before 1 August 1998, when existing leases expire or rent reviews fall due.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council is presently seeking the input of SCCG who occupy reserve land. A paper in which the important issues and options are outlined has been prepared to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation.

A choice of the options has been made by Council staff and developed into a proposed policy.

The Council is now seeking the input of SCCG to consider firstly whether all the important issues and possible options have been covered. Secondly whether the choice of options is appropriate. An assessment of charges that would be applied using the proposed policy has been provided to the SCCG so they can determine the effect on their organisation.

The Council consider that it is important SCCG consider the issues. All affected SCCG have therefore been supplied with a copy of the discussion paper. If any SCCG are uncertain as to how or why the proposed charges are set, they have been asked to direct their enquiries to Felix Dawson 371-1966, Lewis Burn 371-1522 or John Allen 371-1699.

A questionnaire has been sent to the SCCG concerned, requesting them to complete and return it as soon as possible, but before 29 May 1998 to The Property Unit, PO Box 237, Christchurch. C/- Felix Dawson.

A hearings committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee has been established to consider all written and oral submissions. A final charging policy will not be developed until after completion of this process. A

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period of nearly three months has been allowed to ensure that SCCG have sufficient time to undertake full discussion, and prepare any written and/or oral submissions. Those SCCG wishing to make submissions will be given

adequate notice of the hearing date, which is expected to be in mid to late June 1998.

A copy of the information pack supplied to all SCCG is available at the Service Centres or the Parks Unit.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: The information be received.

10. COMMUNITY PRIDE GARDEN AWARDS

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member Advice	

Christchurch City Council staff and members of the Christchurch Beautifying Association have recently been involved in judging for the 'Best Street' awards throughout the city. As a result of this process, a number of properties in each Ward area were identified that the judges feel make a significant contribution to the 'Garden City' image of Christchurch, a total of 194 properties in Shirley and Papanui.

Congratulatory letters and certificates are to be posted to the property owners this year because of the large numbers involved, in place of the usual presentation. This practice has also been adopted by some other Community Boards.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and the letters and certificates be delivered by hand by Community Board members in each ward.

11. GRIMSEYS ROAD - TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

RR 7368

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Lindsay Eagle, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Traffic Management	

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Community Board and residents, from the studies requested concerning traffic and other matters in the Grimseys Road area.

INTRODUCTION

Resulting from a petition received by the Community Board, a meeting was held with residents of Grimseys Road and surrounding streets on Wednesday, 22 October 1997. The main concern of residents was the speed and volume of traffic travelling through from Queen Elizabeth II Drive. The situation was to be investigated in some depth by the Council officers and the resultant information made available at another public meeting.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Grimseys Road has a designation as an Urban Collector Road within the city roading hierarchy. Its function in the network is to distribute and collect local traffic within and between neighbourhoods, link with the arterial network and to act as a local spine road and bus route. The expected level of traffic service of collector roads is 1000 to 6000 vehicles per day and is balanced against the significant property access function which it provides.

The Council has recently obtained a new system for recording traffic volumes and vehicle speeds. Over the week 3 to 9 March 1998, the following data was collected from Grimseys Road at a recording station to the north of Q E II Drive. The volume of traffic is currently 4300 to 5600 vpd. (Generally about 5000). The average speed of vehicles was 55 kph. This is the average of both directions (62% of road users are exceeding the 50kph speed limit). The 85% speed was 64 kph and the highest speed recorded was 116 kph.

The greatest volumes of traffic occurred between 8.00 am - 9.00 am and 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm on week days and 11.00 am - 3.00 pm at week ends. The data collected showed that excessive speed most frequently occurred between 7.00 am - 8.00 am, 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm and after 10.00 pm. These results suggest that the majority of drivers do not observe the legal limit

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and travel at a speed at which they feel competent and comfortable. There is a proportion who travel at a speed far in excess of the limit. These drivers can only be discouraged by targeting them and substantially penalising them through enforcement measures.

'Speeding vehicles' is the most common complaint received by officers of the City Streets Unit. For the purpose of comparison, other vehicle speed surveys recently undertaken in the city on similar streets produced the following results:

	Speed Limit	Average	85%	Maximum
<i>Philpotts Road</i>	50	51	58	90
<i>Dyers Pass Road(hill)</i>	50	57	65	
<i>Sawyers Arms Road</i>	50	58.6	69	

The neighbourhood speed watch exercise has not been initiated at this stage so that a realistic assessments of the existing traffic environment could be obtained.

The Land Transport Safety Authority listing for the past five years records 19 crashes for Grimseys Road, thirteen of which occurred within the intersections. Of the remaining six, five were collisions with parked vehicles. This listing covers nearly a kilometre of road and the rate compares with the average crash incident on similar roads throughout the city. The most common event is failure to give way. Speed is not listed as a factor in any of the recorded crashes.

Observations have shown that during the peak traffic times about 20% of the traffic using Grimseys Road is 'short cutting.' In particular vehicles heading south in the morning are entering Prestons Road from the Main North Road and travelling through to head east on Q E II Drive. As the volume of traffic on this route increases there will be a balancing effect and there will be no advantage for this short cutting manoeuvre. An increase in traffic density above the current level is also likely to lower the average speed, because faster drivers are restrained and unable to overtake slower vehicles.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

There are proposals from land owners to develop new areas for residential housing to the north of Grimseys Road. One of these developments could comprise 250 units for which it has been calculated; an additional traffic volume of at least 280 vehicles per day could use this street. Other building and infill housing will have similar effects.

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Currently a model is being reviewed which will assist in designing a traffic system of alternative roading patterns which may provide for a similar

traffic volume as the previously planned northern outlet. Until this review is completed and some decisions are made, little work is being done on improving access along the network roads or on installing further traffic calming measures.

NOISE

An Environmental Health Officer from the Council has taken readings in an attempt to determine the level of noise which could be associated with the road surface. At the set-up location which was generally the same distance back as the house frontages, he was unable to distinguish this noise factor from other background noise levels. Further tests are to be carried out.

SUMMARY

In the foreseeable future, indications suggest that the volume of traffic on Grimseys Road will continue to grow and increase substantially with further residential development to the north about Farquhars Road. While the average and 85% speed of vehicles is consistent with or lower than similar streets in the city area, there is an element of drivers who take advantage of the wide straight carriageway and speed excessively. Serious injury is likely to result with any crash in which this element is involved. In these situations the problem can best be solved by driver education and strict enforcement.

Attached for information are reports of the two meetings held with residents on 22 October 1997 and 18 March 1998.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That a report be forwarded to the Papanui Police.
 2. That the Police be requested to carry out monitoring and enforcement, especially during the hours when high numbers of speeding traffic have been noted.
 3. That speaking rights be requested at the City Services Committee to put a case for the installation of a speed camera in Grimseys Road.

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4. That a letter of thanks be sent to those residents who have volunteered to instigate Speed Watch in Grimseys Road.

5. That a report be made to the Board in 6 months time with a review of the traffic problems in Grimseys Road and incorporating park improvements, including an access path.

12. HALLIWELL AVENUE: PARKING

RR 7369

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Lindsay Eagle, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Parking Management	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board’s approval for the installation of 120-minute time restricted parking throughout Halliwell Avenue and Tulloch Place.

Residents of Halliwell Avenue presented a petition to the Community Board requesting action to prevent a few Northlands Mall staff from using the street for long term kerbside parking. Their contentions were that these vehicles narrowed the street to one way traffic, prevented visitor parking and was unsightly. The growth of the Mall is putting more pressure on surrounding roads.

Council staff have carried out surveys of this area over the past year to ascertain the level of parking occurring in this street and have also determined that it is the same people from the Mall who consistently park in Halliwell Avenue. The Mall management and the 10 owners of the regular cars have been contacted by council staff with requests for staff to use the parking provided by the Mall. However, for reasons of convenience and vehicle safety, the owners prefer to park on the street. The cars are parked in the length of Halliwell Avenue between the Main North Road and the entrance to Tulloch Place. The Council has no powers to stop Mall staff from parking in these streets.

The carriageway for traffic is narrowed to one lane, but observations indicated that this did not really cause a problem as there are two sections with double driveways where cars can easily pass. As there is usually a delay for drivers in accessing the Main North Road, there may be some benefits provided by the calming ‘slow area’ on this approach to the intersection. Removal of the parked cars may be followed by complaints

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concerning excessive speed and requests for road humps in this section of street. Broken yellow ‘No Stopping’ lines have been installed for twenty metres back from the Main North Road intersection and there is no obstruction from parked vehicles in this area.

Normally the installation of 120-minute time restricted parking would be legally effective between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. This would allow the Mall staff to be able to park on these streets on Sundays, unless the signs were suffixed with Mon-Sun. As there is currently no enforcement available on Sundays, inclusion of this day could lead to flouting of the restrictions and further hassles for the residents. The introduction of parking restrictions will merely shift the problem to an adjoining street. Experience from other similar situations has shown that some staff will still park in the street and merely move their cars the necessary 2-3 times to avoid infringement, which would defeat the objectives of the petitioners.

There are about sixty house units in Halliwell Avenue and Tulloch Place, and generally 4-6 residents have vehicles parked kerbside long term. One of the consequences of blanket installation of time limit parking would be the prevention of these residents from using their property frontages in this manner. There are also a few residents of Halliwell Avenue who have not signed the petition and the petitioners have not declared the standing of these residents. In any residential street it is inappropriate to impose a time limit parking restriction against their wishes and interests.

In the overall interests of the residents the option of time restricted parking on one side only of the streets should be seriously considered. This would have the effect of meeting all the expressed concerns of residents except the visual pollution. The residents would have to decide on which side of each street the limited parking should be applied.

Report of the meeting with residents held on 23 March is attached for information.

The Parking Unit will add these streets to their enforcement patrols of the Mall area.

Recommendation: That, as requested by the residents, the Board resolved to install the following parking restrictions in Halliwell Avenue and Tulloch Place:

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1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited on the north-eastern side of Halliwell Avenue commencing at its intersection with Main North Road and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 38 metres.
2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited on the south-western side of Halliwell Avenue commencing at its intersection with Main North Road and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 38 metres.
3. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 120 minutes on both sides of Halliwell Street commencing at a point 38 metres from its intersection with Main North Road and extending southward throughout its length.
4. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 120 minutes on both sides of Tulloch Place commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Halliwell Avenue and extending westward throughout its length.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

That the changes to parking be made in accordance with the residents' requests and a report reviewing the situation be made to the Board after 6 months of their installation.

13. PROPOSED ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY NAMES

RR 7298

Officer responsible Environmental Services Manager	Author Bob Pritchard
Corporate Plan Output: Subdivisions	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval of new road and right of way names for three new subdivisions.

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**1. PAP/97/836 FULTON HOGAN & DANNEMORA HOLDINGS LTD —
292 SAWYERS ARMS RD**

This subdivision creates one hundred and thirty new sections, one new drive, six new cul de sacs and one new crescent. The main access road or drive was approved as Glasnevin Drive at the Board's meeting on 29 October 1997. Glasnevin is a suburb of Dublin. The applicants have now proposed a further nine names for approval, all being suburbs, localities or features in the vicinity of Dublin. Seven names are required. The names proposed are:

BALLYBRACK; BLARNEY; DUNMURRY; BALLINDALLOCH.
GLENCULLEN; BALDOYLE; DINGLEBAY; TULLAMORE; KILLINEY;

**2. PAP/97/810 — BRENCHLEY DEVELOPMENTS —
44 BLAIR AVENUE**

Five new sections are created to be served by a mutual right of way that will be required to be constructed to roading standards. A name was required as a condition of approval of the subdivision, as insufficient Blair Avenue property numbers were available. The applicant has submitted the name ST BATHANS LANE for approval.

3. PAP/97/1108 M FREEMAN 45 TUCKERS ROAD

This subdivision creates fourteen new sections with thirteen being served by a new formed and sealed Right of Way. Two names are submitted for approval, both after prominent Canterbury Rugby players. The first preference is ROBBIES LANE after Robbie Deans, a well known player and now the Canterbury coach. The second is FERGIES LANE after Fergie McCormack, our well known fullback of thirty years ago.

Recommendation: That the names in clause 1 and 2, and Robbies Lane be approved for use by the Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: 1. That the road names for the subdivision off 292 Sawyers Arms Road be approved with the exception of Ballindalloch (being too long and too difficult for emergency services) and Killiney (which might be confused with Kilkenny Place.)

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2. That the road names proposed off 44 Blair Avenue and 45 Tuckers Road be approved.

14. SABINA STREET STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND CANAL RESERVE DRAIN

RR 7304

<p>Officer responsible Water Services Manager</p>	<p>Author Paul Dickson</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Asset Improvements - Land Drainage Utilities</p>	

The purpose of this report is to clarify information supplied to Shirley residents in regard to two investigations: Sabina Street stormwater improvements and Canal Reserve Drain enhancement.

BACKGROUND

Alan Cutler’s report with details of the community consultation and design process for improvements to Canal Reserve Drain was considered by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board at its meeting on 4 March 1998. A representative of the Shirley Residents’ Association, Mr Ralph Ross, spoke at the meeting and said that conflicting information had been supplied in a letter to Mr Ross Ferguson (Shirley Residents' Association); advising that the course of the stream may be reversed and that it is to be piped. He said also that no information had been circulated since the guided tour.

The Board asked staff of the Water Services Unit to meet with the Shirley Residents’ Association and report back to the April meeting.

COMMENTS

Paul Dickson has been liaising with Mr Ross Ferguson, as the local representative, over means of alleviating flooding in Sabina Street, which is very low-lying. The present Sabina Street outfall is to Number 1 Drain which also collects water from the Canal Reserve Drain and is affected by water levels in that drain.

The letter from the Water Services Unit explained that the investigation is taking some time because the system is quite complex. For example, flooding in Sabina Street may be influenced by the level of Horseshoe Lake and the amount of water flowing in the Canal Reserve Drain. The letter dated 9 February 1998 referred to by Mr Ralph Ross was an update on the Sabina Street investigation. It included a verbatim response from the Drainage Design Engineer, City Design, which referred to factors

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which the designers are taking into account. These factors include aspects of the Canal Reserve Drain enhancement investigation, potential flow

directions, etc: also mentioned was the initial request for piping from residents.

The Water Services Unit does not consider that information about progress with the Sabina Street stormwater investigation conflicts with the February report entitled "Canal Reserve Drain Improvements".

FURTHER LIAISON

Alan Cutler has met with Ralph Ross to discuss the distribution of information relating to Canal Reserve Drain. The Council's distribution includes extra copies to Service Centres for residents' associations. Residents' associations are not mailed directly, however, in the case of Canal Reserve Drain Mr Ross has now been placed on the distribution list of local residents. The residents and Mr Ross will soon receive a copy of the information pamphlet about the questionnaire on Canal Reserve Drain.

Paul Dickson has telephoned Mr Ralph Ross prior to the Board meeting and undertakes to keep the Shirley Residents' Group apprised of progress with the Sabina Street investigation through its President, Mr Ross. Paul will also offer to attend the next Shirley Residents' Group meeting to answer questions about both the Sabina Street and Canal Reserve Drain projects.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that Paul Dickson confer with the Shirley Resident's Association in order to attend their next meeting.

15. WATER EXPO

RR 7301

Officer responsible Water Services Manager	Author Christine Heremaia and Craig McGregor
Corporate Plan Output: Education Programme Volume 3 Page 9.3.5	

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Water Expo programme, an educational programme to increase children's environmental awareness of the city's water resource.

The Water Services Unit has a responsibility to encourage environmental awareness of this resource in accordance with Policy 2.9.1 in the City Plan. This policy states:

To encourage greater public awareness of important natural features and habitats within the city, particularly waterways, the coast and their margins, the Port Hills and indigenous grasslands.

The Council's Environmental Policy Statement also states that:

The Council will promote an awareness within the community of environmental matters as they affect the city.

In 1996 the Council adopted the recommendations of the Children's Strategy Research Report which included ensuring that policies were good for children and that children's views and perspectives were taken into account in planning. They are also the next generation who will be managing and using this important resource.

The Water Expo Programme focuses on children year 6 to year 10.

The focus of the programme will be on information technology such as the computer and web sites. This technology is being rapidly introduced into schools and will encourage interactive participatory learning by the children as well as providing a lot of information easily. It is important that the Council provide local information, in order that Christchurch children understand their local resource as well as the situation worldwide.

Last year Craig McGregor and the Water Services Unit jointly applied to the Royal Society of New Zealand for a Science and Technology Teacher Fellowship in order to develop this programme and to run a pilot Water Expo competition. Craig is the Deputy Principal of Wharenui School. The application was successful. Craig has now taken a year off school

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and his replacement is being funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The programme has three main components:

1. **Web Site**

The development of a children's web site on the Water Services Unit's home page. It will contain information on Christchurch's water resource, teacher and student work sheets, links to the school curriculum and information about the competition. Opportunities will be provided for students to e-mail their questions to the Water Services Unit and having their answers posted to the web.

2. **Audio conferencing**

Audio conferencing will involve linking several schools at the same time by telephone and enabling them to interview an expert on a particular aspect of the water resource.

3. **Competition**

The culmination of children's study will be their (optional) entry into one of the following competition categories: photographic, essay/poster, video presentation, computer multimedia presentation.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

16. **BELFAST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

RR 4830

<p>Officer responsible Community Manager</p>	<p>Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Liquid Waste</p>	

At the 29 October 1997 meeting a report was considered with regard to the proposed upgrade of the present wastewater treatment system in Belfast. A limited upgrade only was envisaged, pending more knowledge of the extent of residential growth in the area and future long-term plans of local industry. The Board asked for a public meeting to hear residents'

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comments on the proposal, following completion of the document "Assessment of Environmental Effects".

The public meeting was held on 9 March 1998 and a copy of the report is attached. Since that meeting a letter has been circulated to those residents

who were present, giving them the opportunity to participate in a four-month odour monitoring exercise (copy attached).

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that the Board seek information from the Belfast Residents' Association as to whether the purpose of the meeting was clear to the residents.

17. OURUHIA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION — APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

RR 7374

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Barbara Ford
Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member Advice	

At its meeting on 4 March the Board received a request from the Ouruhia Residents' Association for a grant towards its appeal to the Environment Court.

The Board deferred making a decision and sought a report on whether it was legally able to make a grant for such an appeal.

Advice from the Legal Services Manager states:

- "1. Community Boards are legally able to make grants to residents' groups to fund appeals in the Environment Court. S.601 LGA.*
- 2. If members of the Board were part of the Hearings Panel that made the decision which is the subject of the request those members should not take part in the discussion or vote on the request for funds.*

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3. *There is no standard Council criteria for such applications. Each Board makes a decision based on its own view of the application and whether it has funds.*

Regarding the Ouruhia request:

- (a) *I understand a similar request is being made to the Burwood/Pegasus Board.*
- (b) *A decision is currently awaited from the Environment Court on Radio Network's application to strike out the resident appeal. Any Board grant should be conditional on that strike out application being disallowed by the Court."*

The decision for the Board is not whether it is legally allowed to make such a grant as clearly, as clearly it is, but whether the Board wishes to.

The dilemma as to whether the Board should make a grant appears to be in the concern with the number of such applications which could be received. The debate should not necessary be around what the appeal is over but rather whether requests for such funds can be accommodated given the limited amount of funds the Board has.

As members will note, in clause 18 of this Agenda there is an application from the Shirley Primary School for funds to appeal the siting of a Telecom cellphone tower.

The Board had previously declined all requests for funding from groups or organisations for funding, on the grounds that many applications would be received and the total funds needed by groups was substantial.

In developing a standard policy for considering such requests the Board would need to ensure that its policy was fair to all residents and that in making a grant the Board was not seen to be supporting one group of residents at the expense of another group.

Alternatively the Board could make a nominal grant of \$500 to community groups appealing consents, to meet administration expenses.

For discussion.

18. SHIRLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL — TELECOM TOWER

RR 7375

<p>Officer responsible Community Manager</p>	<p>Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: 3.1.15 Discretionary Funding</p>	

A letter has been received from the Board of Trustees and Principal of Shirley Primary School requesting financial assistance for their case against the installation of a Telecom cellphone tower adjacent to the school boundary.

Their letter states:

“I am writing to you on behalf of the children, staff, Board and school community of Shirley Primary School. As you will be aware Shirley Primary School is in the process of taking an appeal to the Environmental Court on the 4 May. We are preparing a case against the installation of a Telecom cellphone tower on the Masonic Lodge property 15 metres from the school boundary fence, only 30 metres from the nearest classroom.

The Board has over the last year been fundraising to raise the \$50,000 plus required to present this case in the Environmental Court. We have engaged the services of QC Hearn and will need to bring from overseas several key witnesses essential to our case. We are asking that your Board consider giving \$20,000 towards assisting us with court costs.

To date we have raised \$30,000 from the local community and other schools throughout New Zealand.

The Telecom cellphone tower issue is an important debate for the local community and for all schools throughout New Zealand. Unfortunately the associated problems that go with siting cellphone towers next to school and childcare facilities will not go away. If Shirley Primary School wins the appeal in the Environment Court we believe it will set a precedent for all other schools and child care facilities throughout New Zealand. We would hope that no other Board of Trustees would have to take on a multi-national company in the Environmental Court in order to fight for their school’s survival.

We have the backing of both our own school community and the Shirley Residents’ Group. It is also interesting to note that several local businesses (including The Palms) have refused Telecom permission to erect a cellphone tower on their properties. Hundreds of local residents (2,700 in three days) signed a petition against the siting of the tower.

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There is strong community opposition to the siting of this cellphone tower so close to our school boundary fence.

There is no doubt that if the cellphone tower is erected it will have a detrimental effect on the school, the local community and businesses. Many parents have indicated that they intend to remove their children from Shirley Primary School should the tower go ahead.

Calculations have been carried out and our school would not be in a viable financial position to continue operating with so many children moving to other schools. This of course would have a harmful affect on the local community and the existing staff and children at the school.

It may sound emotional, but the fact is that the Shirley Primary School Board of Trustees is fighting for its school's survival. We hope that you will support our application for financial assistance and we look forward to receiving a favourable reply from you shortly."

For discussion

19. SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE — SECURITY PATROLS RR 7376

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Barbara Ford
Corporate Plan Output: 3.1.15 Discretionary Funding	

The Shirley Community Centre Committee has requested \$500 to continue nightly patrols of the Community Centre by a Security firm.

The Board has funded this service over the past two years.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$500 be made from Discretionary Funds towards security patrols at the Shirley Community Centre.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

20. SURPLUS PROPERTY — 31 HARRIS CRESCENT

RR 7377

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Property Services 8.8 text.6	

The Property Unit is currently calling for registration of interest in the unimproved land at 31 Harris Crescent.

The property was set aside for road reserve and is zoned Living 1 in the Proposed City Plan, being situated in an established residential area. It is now surplus to roading requirements.

Members will recall that two years ago there was some discussion by the Board as to whether this could be used as a neighbourhood reserve. However, because of the reasonably close proximity, the Board may at some future date have to make a choice between it and any available land in Morrison Avenue.

For information, there is a new reserve close by in the Marblewood subdivision.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board confirm that it has no future interest in the property at 31 Harris Crescent and that continued efforts be made to secure a suitable property in Morrison Avenue.

21. 1997/98 OBJECTIVES

RR 7378

Officer responsible Community Manager	Author Barbara Ford
Corporate Plan Output: Public Accountability 3.1.text.10	

The purpose of this report is to review progress to 28 February on the Board's 1997/98 Objectives.

The Board's objectives are:

1. Effective consultation with the Shirley/Papanui community to identify issues and needs in the Shirley and Papanui Wards.

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2. To establish communication links with specific groups and organisations, eg schools, Police, business associations, residents' associations, youth groups.
3. To communicate with residents to keep them informed of issues and activities in the Shirley/Papanui areas, and encourage greater individual participation in Board activities and local issues.

Performance Indicators

1.1	Communication with the Shirley/Papanui Community.	Meeting to be held on 28 April.
	(a) Hold at least two general consultative meetings with representatives of all residents groups, schools and business associations.	Not held.
	(b) Meeting at least once per year with each of the School Principals' Clusters in Shirley and Papanui.	Meeting held with Christchurch North Cluster on 10 September: Representatives from Mairehau invited to meeting.
	(c) Consultative forum to seek input into the Annual Plan and Budget Process	Held on 20 August 1997.
	(d) Community Representatives to address the Board either at its monthly meetings or other special forums.	Community groups and individuals have addressed the Board at the 8 meetings, in the period July-March 1998.
1.2	To support and promote Agenda 21 principles in decision making	Support and funded waterway enhancement; Janet Stewart Planting programme. Submission on Canterbury Regional Council air pollution programme. Submission regarding public transport.
2.1	Invite representatives of appropriate groups to meet with Board to discuss specific issues.	Transit Connetics Foodstuffs

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2.2	To meet annually with the Business community.	Still to be held.
2.3	Consider the Childrens' Strategy in decision making on all issues.	Provision of play equipment; transport for Belfast youth to events; support cycle safety routes; Safety outside the School Gate by employment of Tim Ashton to identify safety issues, Support and act on Safer Parks Policy.
2.4	Consult Police on decisions relating to Safer City Policy.	Police representatives have attended Board meetings
3.1	Consult community on major transportation issues relating to the northern traffic outlet.	
3.2	Meet adjoining Community Boards to identify and discuss cross boundary issues of common interest.	Meetings held with Burwood/Pegasus over Shirley cycleway. Held with Fendalton/Waimairi over intersections: Greers/Harewood, Harewood/Gardiners Roads; Traffic signals — Right/Hand turns; Traffic island planting. Also meeting with Kaiapoi Community Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

22. 1997/98 BOARD DISCRETIONARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

Attached are schedules showing expenditure and the balances of the Board's 1997/98 Discretionary and Community Services Funds.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

23. PUBLIC TRANSPORT DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Following the Special Meeting of the Board on 3 March, members met to formulate a submission on the Public Transport Discussion Document, “Two Futures One Choice”. A copy of this submission is attached.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the Board’s submission on the Public Transport Discussion Document be confirmed.

24. DRAFT YOUTH POLICY AND STRATEGY

<p>Officer responsible Community Manager</p>	<p>Author Barbara Lindsay, Committee Secretary</p>
<p>Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member Advice</p>	

Over the past 12 months, the Youth Strategy Working Party of the Community Services Committee (comprising City Councillors, staff and community representatives) has developed a Draft Youth Policy and Strategy. The completed draft is about to be distributed for comment.

Community Board consideration and feedback is sought, in time for a report to the 8 June 1998 meeting of the Community Services Committee. This should be undertaken during the May Community Board round but advance notice is being given so that the Board can decide how it wishes to deal with the matter. The draft report will be available from Monday, 30 March 1998, and it is proposed that a small team led by the new Youth Advocate, Robyn Moore attend meetings of each of the Boards to explain the study and its outcomes.

Final responses are sought by no later than 26 May.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the information be received and a committee be established to meet following the May meeting.