

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 3.1 Donation Washbourne/Brockworth House

The following letter has been received from Bryan Lintott, Director Ferrymead Heritage Park who writes as follows:

*“When Washbourne House was faced with demolition in 1999 local businesses, members of the community and the Christchurch City Council worked hard to raise the funds necessary to save the house by relocating it to Ferrymead. The developer had agreed to the house being removed when he was ready to build on the site – an event that was expected to occur swiftly.*

*This year Ferrymead has vigorously pursued this project by asking for access to the house for relocation planning, attempting to get a firm relocation date and drafting of transfer documents.*

*The good news is that Washbourne House, for the foreseeable future, will remain in its original location. This is a loss for Ferrymead but it is good to see an important piece of Canterbury history remaining in situ. Your support of the project is greatly appreciated. It helped focus attention on our Colonial buildings and showed how Christchurch rises to the challenge when its heritage is threatened.*

*Should you wish to assist with the final stages of our General Store – currently complete but awaiting shelves, and other important features – we will happily transfer your donation to this project. Your donation would be acknowledged on the donor’s plaque. You also have the option of leaving the donation in a general house fund, or we will happily return your donation.*

*Thank you for your support.”*

**The Community Advocate comments:** In 1999 the Board granted \$3,000 to Heritage Youth for this project. Heritage Youth retired from the project in May 2000 returning \$2,945 to the Board. On 3 May 2000 the Board decided to grant \$2,945 to Ferrymead Heritage Park for the Project. If this project is not going ahead I recommend that the money be returned to the Board for reallocation.

#### Chairman’s

**Recommendation:** That the donation be returned to the Board.

#### 3.2 Mt Pleasant Community Centre & Ratepayers’ Assoc (Inc) – Sealed Driveways

The following letter has been received from the President of the Mt Pleasant Community Centre and Ratepayers’ Association who writes as follows:

*“In December 2000 we wrote to the City Streets Manager pointing out the anomalous situation created by Council policy towards the cost of sealing driveways to residential boundaries.*

*The letter follows:*

*“At a recent meeting of the Mt Pleasant Community Centre and Ratepayers’ Association, it was pointed out that an anomalous situation exists in the city in which neighbours in the same street are disadvantaged, because of a system apparently set up by the Council covering the costs of sealing driveways to residential boundaries.*

*It is our understanding that where a street has a footpath on only one side of a street, the Council will maintain at ratepayers’ cost the sealing of the driveway from the road to the boundary on that side, while neighbours across the road do not receive this benefit, and are required to cover the cost of such sealing themselves. This seems to us to be unfair.*

*If the residents on the side without a footpath receive a rates discount to cover this, then I suppose the situation is tenable. But if not, then we would suggest that the Council should examine this, and make an adjustment to procedures to ensure that all citizens are treated on a fair and equitable basis.*

*We would appreciate your comments.”*

*“The policy provides for the Council to bear the cost where there is a footpath but will not do so where there is no footpath.*

*We note that our request for a review has been denied and we are concerned as this inequitable situation is really a hill problem.*

*We would appreciate the Hagley/Ferrymead Board considering this and hopefully taking the matter up with Council as we see it as policy rather than a decision for Council staff."*

**The Area Engineer comments:** The Association has received a reply to an earlier letter advising that their request was denied. The same policy applies across the city.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

**3.3 Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand Inc - Intersection Hargood Street and Linwood Avenue**

The following letter has been received from Gloria Weeks, Secretary/Treasurer, Association of Blind Citizens of NZ Inc who writes as follows:

*"At a meeting of our Canterbury Branch Committee held last week concerns were raised regarding the intersection of Hargood and Linwood Avenue. Buzzers are in place to cross Hargood Street, but there is no mechanism in place to cross Linwood Avenue, there is no walk through space even cut in the medium strip. A new bus shelter has been placed by this intersection but there is no safe pedestrian access across Linwood Avenue. We would like to point out here that there are several blind and sight impaired people in this vicinity who would have to walk all the way back to Linwood School to cross the road. No doubt some take their chance and cross Linwood Avenue at this point, but for obvious reasons people using wheelchair or walkers and canes are unable to cross with the medium strip and no pedestrian crossing facility in place.*

*A motion was moved by our Committee:*

*That we contact Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board with our concerns regarding this intersection, with a view to the installation of a pedestrian operated crossing.*

*Our chairman, Kevin Murray, would be willing to meet with a representative of your Board on site to discuss this matter further if required.*

*I look forward to your comments."*

**The Area Engineer comments:** There is crossing facilities on all legs except the west side of Linwood Avenue from Hargood to Keighleys Road on the Smith Street side (west).

The reason for this is because there is no footpath on the west side of Keighleys Road. It does mean that some people would need to cross Hargood Street twice to come from the south side of Linwood Avenue to the north side by the cemetery. To alter this or provide a crossing facility on the west side will involve some investigation as to whether it can be marked on the road and additional signals added. This issue will require further investigation.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board seek a report on how the matter may be addressed and advise the Association accordingly.

**3.4 Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand Inc – Linwood Public Library**

The following letter has been received from Gloria Weeks, Secretary/Treasurer, Association of Blind Citizens of NZ Inc who writes as follows:

*"At a recent General Meeting of our members the problems of access to the Linwood Public Library were raised.*

*A member has tried as an individual to contact both the Council and Mall management with a view to the installation of a safe crossing access point outside the library in Cranley Street, with no success.*

*It is an extremely busy road, with traffic entering and exiting the Mall carpark directly opposite the Public Library, there is through traffic going to the other carpark entrance further along Cranley Street.*

*There is no regard for pedestrians crossing to the library, there is a chemist and the Linwood Medical Centre adjacently placed also.*

*Children from Linwood Intermediate School would be frequent users of this library, and many other groups in our local community need to have a safe crossing to access all three of the above venues.*

*In the interests of the blind and sight impaired, people with walkers, wheelchairs, elderly, mothers with push chairs and toddlers, in fact all of us in Linwood we request that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board support our request for a zebra crossing to be placed outside the entrance of the public library in Cranley Street.*

*Our Committee would like to thank you for considering this letter, and look forward to hearing from you."*

**The Area Engineer comments:** This issue should be considered in detail with the developers of the Mall and the plan proposals and then a report prepared for the Board.

#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

#### **3.5 Heathcote Valley Community Association Inc – Oak Trees on Bridle Path Road**

The following letter has been received from Jack Travis, Secretary of the Heathcote Valley Community Association Inc who writes as follows:

*"You will recall the Association wrote to the Board in August last year, very concerned over the continuing unsightly pruning of the Oak trees. I have included a copy with this letter for your information.*

*Warwick Scadden had done a great job in getting information together on the situation. Informing us of the need for continuing hard pruning as the power lines were high voltage and it was a safety requirement. There was also a considerable cost, that at first glance might be seen as prohibitive.*

*However, we now know there is to be considerable road works undertaken on Bridle Path Road as the new subdivision is put in at Truscotts and Bridle Path Roads. We would also reiterate our view that this road is and will become a very important tourist route. To date this year there have been 36 cruise ships visiting the Port and a lot travel this road. Obviously this is way the Tamaki Brothers are setting up their tourist attraction in Ferrymead.*

*We urge you as a Board, representing the desire of the residents of the ward, and the betterment of the city as a whole, to endeavour to get the funding from what ever source to get this important work done this year.*

The following is the extract from the previous letter to the Board.

*We have recently asked for input into the capital expenditure programme and ask that we respond by 13 August. This project is one that really now needs addressing with the potential increase in visitor numbers to the tourist attractions in our valley. Obviously, it would be nice to forward plan, but in this instance we have not been able to, as the new ventures have only come to light over the last few months.*

*As the Board is aware the Association have for a number of years, complained about the butchering of the oak trees along the footpath of Bridle Path Road. This work was done in the name of safety as we are told. Since the overhead power lines run directly over the trees. As the trees grow, more and more of the tree's natural growth is being chopped away until they being to look positively strange, with half the back of the trees missing. If you have any doubts about the state of the trees, I suggest you come and have a look. I doubt you'd see a worse effect in the rest of Christchurch.*

*We believe the Council now has the chance to address this situation and are seeking the Board's assistance. We are informed there is special funding available for the enhancement of tourist routes around the city. The Annual Plan has made provision for the upgrading of lighting in this specific area ie Main Road to Martindales Road in 2004/2005 year. Further more there are road works to be undertaken as part of road widening measures for the new subdivisions going in off Bridle Path Road. We believe it is time to put the wiring underground. The work in the main would be in paddocks and berms rather than hard sealed surfaces and would probably be easier to undertake, with no major road crossings.*

*We seek your help in advancing this work for the area of Bridle Path Road where the trees are. Being between the new road, Ferrymead Drive and where the houses start before Martindales Road. It is not a great distance and it would make an incredible difference to the visual appearance of the entrance way to the gondola, Ferrymead Park, the new Maori Village and the new golf driving range. A route that will be well frequented by many visitors to our city.*

*I thank you for your attention to this matter and hope to hear a positive response from you after your next meeting."*

**The Community Advocate comments:** The work in 2004/05 is for upgrading the lighting and does not include undergrounding. There is limited funding for undergrounding which at this point in time is approximately \$450 to \$500 per linear metre. The length requested is 1500 metres and with an annual budget of approximately \$2m this work would require over a quarter of the budget. However, the Heathcote Valley Project Team is aware of the request and will bear this in mind.

#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

### **3.6 Ferrymead Heritage Park – The Ferrymead Guides**

The following letter has been received from Bryan Lintott, Director of Ferrymead Heritage Park requesting discretionary funding for the Ferrymead Guides Project as follows:

*"Please accept my apologies for the late delivery of the Ferrymead Heritage Park application for funding. I had just completed a 25 hour flight (returning from the United States, where I had completed by Churchill Fellowship research) and had to attend a meeting at the Council's Tuam Street offices regarding the land transfer agreement that will allow Tamaki Tours onto Wood Hill. By the time related matters were resolved the end of Monday was upon me. The funding request was delivered the next day.*

*I wish to apply to the Community Board for discretionary funds for our Ferrymead Guides Project. The Guides would greatly assist the Park as it continues to improve, and provide a rewarding activity for the members of the community who become guides.*

*Thank you for considering this request."*

#### *The Ferrymead Guides application*

*"This year, Ferrymead Heritage Park is founding the "Ferrymead Guides" to provide an opportunity to members of the community to show visitors our heritage highlights. This will greatly enhance the experience of our visitors – local, national and from overseas.*

*It will provide an opportunity for members of the community to become Guides and share their expertise and experience. In return, the volunteers will enjoy the companionship of their fellow guides, and be offered a range of experiences that include: special talks, behind the scenes tours and off-site visits.*

*The Guides will be given training and resources to allow them to provide a high quality service to our visitors. In addition to training, they will be provided with a new site map, explanatory diagrams and folders of photographs. We anticipate that there will be a core group of 20 Guides with an additional 'outer group', of over 30.*

*This year our Learning Outside the Classroom (LEOTC) staff moved to a new room above our General Store. This provided them with much needed space for their increasingly popular education programme. Their former building, the Kiosk in the town square, is ideal for the Guides to be housed in.*

We wish to apply for the following funding that would allow us to get the Kiosk up to an acceptable standard and provide resources for the guides. This would include the installation of a wheelchair ramp, repairs and repainting of the interior, and the production of maps and other material for the Guides.

**Funding request:**

Building ramp access	900
Building 'spruce up'	500
Maps and resource materials	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>

This year Ferrymead is undertaking a range of long-overdue maintenance projects and addressing a number of safety and compliance issues. The expenditure will result in a financial year loss of \$23,894.

The amount that we are applying for will provide core funding for the Ferrymead Guides project. With this in place, we can attract sponsorship for more resource materials, additional training sessions etc. Ferrymead Heritage Park is owned by the Ferrymead Trust, a charitable trust and operated by Ferrymead Park Ltd, a not-for-profit company.

Thank you for considering our request. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this project please contact me at your convenience."

**The Community Advocate comments:** This is considered to be a metropolitan asset and the Ferrymead Heritage Park should therefore apply to the Metropolitan Discretionary Fund.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Ferrymead Heritage Park should apply to the Metropolitan Discretionary Fund.

**3.7 Bromley Community Residents Inc –Carnival Day**

The following letter has been received from Karen East from the Bromley Community Residents Incorporated/Carnival Co-ordinator who writes as follows:

*"Thank you for your assistance in providing us with a grant for the Bromley Carnival day which was held on February 16, 2002 in the Bromley Domain.*

*This was a wonderful community day with an estimated total of around 3,500 people attending. There were many community groups who took up the opportunity to take part in this event and it is truly a day for all of Bromley to come and join in the fun. We were so grateful for your assistance which enabled us to ensure that all the local people especially the children had a day that they could remember. We were able to provide through the generosity of the board some wonderful prizes for the running races and also spot prizes as well as the prizes for the recycled art competition which proved to be a huge success, with several high quality entries being received. This event was won by a little lad named Rikki Bradley aged 3 with assistance from Donna Buckley and the voting was by crowd applause with Hannah Hemara the judge.*

*We would also like to give thanks to Delia Walker from the Linwood Service Centre for her wonderful help and assistance not only on the day but also with her assistance for the many tasks that needed to be completed prior to our event taking place. Without Delia's assistance my task would have been a lot more difficult. Hannah Hessels was wonderful as usual with photocopying and often at short notice.*

*Once again, many thanks from the Bromley Community Residents Incorporated."*

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the letter be received and congratulations sent to the Bromley Community Residents Inc for organising such a successful event.