

9. WORKS TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 12 FEBRUARY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the following report and recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 12 February.

Report of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 12 February 2002 at 8.00am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mike Wall

Yiyi Ku and Sally Buck left the meeting at 9.22 am and 9.25 am respectively and were present for all clauses with the exception of clauses 2.2 and 3 (part only).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Barbara Stewart.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Telstra Clear - Update

Gavin Thomas of Telstra Clear and Sue Hunt from the Council's City Solutions Unit, provided the Committee with a report on the current status of the city-wide programme.

Members were advised that the company had recently made a decision to place a hold on the rollout of its Christchurch network in order to re-evaluate the project given the changes to the company and the implications of the new Telecommunications Act.

The net result of this pause in activity meant that the sector of the city located in the Board's area was unlikely to have the service provided by Telstra Clear at least for the foreseeable future.

The Committee (on behalf of the Board) was keen to receive further information on the economic implications for the Board's community based on this changed situation and the lack of service access when compared with the completed areas of Christchurch.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their information report.

2.2 Fendalton Park – Redevelopment Plan

Prior to hearing from the various speakers, officers provided the Committee with the background leading to the formulation of the plan including details of the consultation undertaken and of the feedback received. Aspects of the plan design were screened and elaborated on by the landscape architect.

The proposal for a new public toilet, the intended new children's playground and the retention of a vista from Fendalton Road were the key issues.

Trish Stephenson of 12 Willowbrook Place and Richard Armitage of 191 Fendalton Road presented oral submissions covering these key points. The need for a public toilet was queried especially in relation to its intended location as was the justification to provide a new children's playground in a location near to Fendalton Road and the resulting loss of view from Fendalton Road. These two speakers were also unhappy about the consultation process especially its timing immediately prior to Christmas.

Information was tabled listing a number of signatories opposed to the site chosen for the toilet building and indicating preferred alternative locations elsewhere on the park.

An alternative suggestion was for the toilets at BP Fendalton to be utilised and if necessary for the Council to contribute to any additional maintenance occasioned by greater public use of their facilities.

Other speakers being local residents and representatives from the Fendalton Plunket and the Fendalton Women's Bowling Club also addressed the Committee echoing similar concerns.

Identified during the submissions was the matter of enhancing the existing off-street car park by the Plunket building and of the need to provide some form of security barrier to the existing car park for control purposes especially during the late weekend hours.

Members asked a number of questions of the speakers who in turn were thanked for their input and feedback.

The general feeling of the Committee was to delete the toilet from the intended plan in favour of the other mentioned option and for further work to be done on enhancing the existing children's playground and for the results of this review to be conveyed back to the local community and to the Board in due course.

- Recommendations:**
1. That priority be given to refurbishing/renewing the existing playground equipment and further that the Board seek to have the funding for the public toilet re-allocated to improve the existing car park off Fendalton Road.
 2. That the outcome on these matters be conveyed back to the local community and the Board in due course.

3. INTRODUCTION TO THE SAFE CYCLING TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Cycle Planning Officer presented for the Committee's information details of the Safe Cycling to School project involving Christchurch Boys' and Christchurch Girls' High Schools and also St Andrews College and Heaton Intermediate.

The intended design of the facility at the Straven/Matai intersection was elaborated on and information was presented summarising the feedback received from students from completed questionnaires.

In relation to Heaton Intermediate, it was noted that there was an opportunity to explore the provision of a cycle linkage from Papanui Road along the southern boundary of St Andrews College.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Further to the discussion that occurred at the Board meeting on 29 January about enhancing maintenance standards across the city, members identified various areas for review including weed control, grass mowing, street sweeping, stream maintenance, overhanging trees etc.

The Committee **agreed** to hold two separate Seminars with one focusing on the Council's enforcement responsibilities and the other on contract maintenance arrangements for City Streets and Parks and Waterways.

5. GENERAL ISSUES

Members provided feedback on their priorities in relation to the list of general issues identified at the 6 December 2001 committee meeting for ongoing consideration over the next three years.

It was **agreed** that a programme and timeframe to address the key priorities be developed and reported back to the Committee for implementation.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 am

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.