

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 3.1 Blue Light Ventures Incorporated – Funding Request

The following letter has been received from S Harris, Community Constable Linwood:

*“In the Linwood area there is a number of large blocks of low budget flats. Predominantly these are occupied by elderly persons or people who are disabled intellectually or mentally ill or simply down on their luck. These people are particularly vulnerable to the fear of crime and the debilitating effects of social isolation.*

*In an effort to help build a stronger sense of community within these places I will be visiting each of the six blocks during Neighbourhood Week to discuss Neighbourhood Support and Confident Living with residents. The plan is to take the police information caravan and set up the B.B.Q alongside to lure people out of their homes with a free sausage and cup of tea.*

*The estimated cost of this is \$300. If the Community Board is able to fund this please make a cheque out to “Blue Light Ventures”. (Blue Light Ventures is a registered Incorporated Society affiliated to the Police.)”*

**The Community Advocate comments:** At its meeting on 17 July 2002 the Community, Policy and Finance Committee formulated draft guidelines for distributing the Community Events and Special Days Fund. (See clause 5.2). These guidelines included allocating \$500 for Neighbourhood Celebrations/Activities. The Board may want to consider funding the Blue Light Ventures Neighbourhood Week Project out of this \$500 allocation.

#### Chairman’s

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$300 from the Neighbourhood Celebrations/Activities portion of the Community Events and Special Days Fund to Blue Light Ventures for its Neighbourhood Week Project.

#### 3.2 Keep Christchurch Beautiful – Conference Sponsorship

The following letter has been received from Carole Evans, Chairperson of Keep Christchurch Beautiful:

*“This is to advise you that Keep New Zealand Beautiful will be holding its Annual Conference in Christchurch on the 4th to 6th October 2002. Keep New Zealand Beautiful is the parent body of Keep Christchurch Beautiful.*

*As this conference is to be hosted by Christchurch this year it would be appreciated if the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board could sponsor Yani Johanson to attend the conference. As the executive will be acting as hosts to approximately 100 visitors it would be appreciated if one nights accommodation at the Centra Hotel could be included in the sponsorship. This will allow the executive members to be on hand to help with co-ordinating feedback from the workshops/delegate requests etc.*

*The Board appointed Yani Johanson to the executive in November 2001. We would also like the Board to consider additional sponsorships for interested Board members. They would benefit from networking and hearing how other towns and cities work to combat litter and generally improve their environment and work with other organisations to improve their community board areas.*

*Registrations close on 15 September 2002. We would appreciate knowing your Board’s recommendations as soon as possible.*

*For your information for one person (shared accommodation)*

<i>Registration costs (all meals included excluding breakfast)</i>	<i>\$120.00</i>
<i>Bed and Breakfast one night only</i>	<i><u>\$120.00</u></i>
<b><i>Total Sponsorship</i></b>	<b><i><u>\$240.00</u></i></b>

*Thank you in anticipation of a favourable reply.”*

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board sponsor Yani Johanson's attendance at the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Conference in October.

**3.3 Englefield Residents' Association – Avonside Drive Wall**

The following letter has been received from Barbara Stanton, on behalf of the Englefield Residents' Association:

*"The Englefield Residents' Association would like to see the large concrete wall on Avonside Drive near its junction with Fitzgerald Ave faced in rock.*

*This very dominant wall is often tagged and is a hotchpotch of mismatched paint over jobs.*

*With the road work finished, now would be a good time to launch this project. This committee feels that, by facing the wall in stone, the integrity of the landscape would be preserved. After all, the original walls along Avonside Drive were faced in stone. (Before the home owners' driveways were closed off and brought in from cul-de-sacs at the rear.)*

*Would you bring this matter to the attention of the Community Board?"*

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the City Streets Unit be asked to investigate this request and report back to the Board.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.

**3.4 W G Brixton, Secretary for Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee – Buy Local Policy**

The following letter has been received from W G Brixton, Committee Secretary, Christchurch City Council:

***"Buy Local Policy***

*I advise that your Board's recommendation to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, that the buy local policy be extended to cover the purchase of public artworks and be added to the Art in Public Places Policy, was referred to the Art in Public Places Subcommittee for a recommendation.*

*The Subcommittee has resolved:*

- 1. That because of the intrinsic nature of creating art, it is not something that can be pigeonholed to just one locality, but clearly local artists will be considered.*
- 2. That in line with art gallery policy, in any purchase of artworks, priority will be given to Canterbury artists, but where not appropriate New Zealand artists as the next step."*

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.