

18. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

18.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2002/03 for the Discretionary Funds (following the allocation meeting on 20 February 2002) and the Community Response Assistance Fund.

18.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

18.3 NOTICE OF UPCOMING REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports are expected to be presented to the next monthly cycle of Board meetings:

- Update on planned work in Aranui - City Streets Unit.
- Horseshoe Lake Road roading/lighting issues - City Streets Unit (or March).
- Burwood Park traffic and parking issues - City Streets Unit (or March)
- Burwood/Pegasus Request for Service update - Advocacy Team.
- Skateboarding facilities review - Parks and Waterways Unit.
- Parklands Library - Library Unit.
- Progress report on implementation of Board Objectives 2002/03 - Advocacy Team.

18.4 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Given the rotation of Council appointees to the Board, the Board may wish to review its representation arrangements. Carole Evans held the following Board appointments:

- Alternate representative on Kingslea Residential Centre Community Liaison Committee.
- Liaison representative for Northshore Residents' Group.
- Liaison representative for Waitikiri Residents' Group.
- Member of North New Brighton Community Centre Working Party.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board appoint a replacement member(s) to the positions held by Carole Evans.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the Board appoint Gail Sheriff to undertake the positions listed in the agenda.
2. That a report be presented on the remuneration of the non-Board ward Councillor in relation to attendance at Board seminars.

18.5 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ANNUAL REPORT 2001/02

Environment Canterbury has forwarded its Annual Report for 2001/02. A copy will be available at the meeting.

18.6 COMMUNITY BOARDS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are currently being called for the positions of Zone representatives, and Deputy, for the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee. Nominations for either position require the endorsement of two community boards.

Christchurch Community Boards are in Zone 5 of Local Government New Zealand's areas of representation. Yvonne Palmer is currently the Zone 5 Representative, and is also the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee was established by previous Community Board conferences as an informal committee, but it now has the status of an advisory committee to Local Government New Zealand.

Further information covering the terms of reference, proposed meeting dates for 2003, and the rules covering the conduct of elections, is attached.

The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 26 February 2003.

Members may wish to consider the opportunity for nominations, from Zone 5 Boards, for the two positions.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider the opportunity for joining with another Board in nominating and seconding suitable Members for the positions of Zone 5 Representative and Deputy for the New Zealand Community Board's Executive Committee.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board nominate Yvonne Palmer for Zone 5 representative.

18.7 PURCHASING LIQUOR FOR MINORS

Board members have expressed concern about minors obtaining liquor from persons 18 years or over, who may be unaware that it is an offence to purchase liquor for minors and that they may face significant legal penalties.

In response, a notice has been produced highlighting that it is an offence to purchase liquor with the intention of supplying minors (Section 160 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989). A copy is attached.

The Chairperson and members of the Sale of Liquor Committee are distributing the notices to liquor outlets in the Burwood/Pegasus area with the request that they be displayed in prominent places.

18.8 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

With the passage of the Local Government Act 2002, a report is being prepared for the February round of Council committees on establishing a process for the development of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). The time period for preparation of the first statutory LTCCP has been relaxed from the original proposal. The Act allows until 1 July 2006 for Councils to adopt a LTCCP.

While the statutory deadline is not until 2006, consideration is still being given to preparing a version of a LTCCP for 1 July 2004 based on an abbreviated process. This is unlikely to involve the increased community engagement envisaged for the full process and any statement of community outcomes would be drawn from information already held by the Council.

Details of how community boards are to have input into the Council's LTCCP are still to be worked out. If the Board has any specific suggestions on its desired form of involvement these can be fed into the work being done.

If the Board wishes, Rex Harrison from the Information Directorate is available to provide a briefing on the Act in February. The briefing could not be specific about the Council's response to the LTCCP requirements because the approach will not be decided until the end of February at the earliest.

18.9 COMMUNITY PRIDE GARDEN AWARDS

The Community Pride Garden Award Scheme is a Council initiative to acknowledge the contribution made to the Garden City image of Christchurch by many private residential properties. The Scheme is run in partnership between the Council and the Christchurch Beautifying Association.

The Board has allocated \$800 from the 2002/03 Project funds for the annual Community Pride Garden Awards. This funding pays for the running of the Awards, including the production of certificates for the recipients.

In previous years, Board members have delivered the Awards to the recipients. This year it is intended that the Board host a small function for the recipients in February 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$500 from the 2002/03 Discretionary funds for a function for recipients of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Pride Garden Awards to be held in February 2003.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.
2. That the function be held on Wednesday 12 February 2003 at 3.00 pm at the New Brighton Club or similar venue.

18.10 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

Environment Canterbury has recently established a Christchurch Area Committee as a means of achieving wider engagement and sharing of information with agencies and individuals in the City with an interest in its work. This Committee is intended to build on the present meeting relationship with the City Council and involve other stakeholders. Area Committees also exist for the Northern, Southern and Central areas of the region.

Members of the Committee are expected to be people who interface with Environment Canterbury's resource management work and have networks in relevant organisations/sectors of the Christchurch community.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached. The Committee will meet formally in February each year and in such other forums that the February meeting agrees to programme for the year's activities.

Each community board is invited to nominate a representative and an alternate for the Committee.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board appoint a member as a representative of the Board and an alternate on the Environment Canterbury Christchurch Area Committee.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.

18.11 MEETING WITH ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY REPRESENTATIVES 3 DECEMBER 2002

Board members met with Cr Valerie Campbell, Dr Ian Robertson and Cr Judy Waters on 3 December 2002. The topics of mutual interest discussed included:

- The Air Plan.
- Avon/Heathcote Estuary.
- Fish farming in Pegasus Bay.
- Bus services in the Eastern Suburbs.
- Sand dunes.
- New Brighton Pier.
- 4WD vehicles on coastal areas.
- Dust from the Waste Water Treatment Works site.

18.12 BOARD SEMINAR 4 DECEMBER 2002

The Board Seminar meeting on 4 December 2002 provided an opportunity for further liaison with the New Brighton Police.

Inspector Brian McGurk reported a reduced incidence of reported crime over the second half of the year. Under age drinking was an issue to be addressed and Board members suggested that more signage was required at liquor outlets. (A notice has been since prepared and distributed to local liquor retailers.) Alcohol related car crashes have dropped throughout the City.

Tom Baker, Keep Christchurch Beautiful Co-ordinator of the Litter Abatement Programme spoke about the programme. Education and follow-up enforcement were seen as essential to the success of the programme.

18.13 PUBLIC MEETING RE CLOSURE OF CARISBROOKE STREET

A public meeting was convened by the Board in response to concerns of residents about the closure of Carisbrooke Street in Bexley and the changes which will result to traffic movements. Approximately 30 persons, mainly residents of Warblington Street and Farnborough Street, attended the meeting.

Chris Astle advised the meeting that the key concern is that the volume of traffic in Farnborough Street will increase substantially with the closure of Carisbrooke Street and Eureka Street and the opening of the Woolston/Burwood expressway in February 2003. The speed of traffic in Farnborough Street is also an issue for residents.

The New Brighton Police gave an assurance that incidents involving speeding would be investigated. Details are to be forwarded to the Police.

The City Streets Traffic Engineer - Community, Barry Cook, noted that traffic patterns leading up to Christmas would not be typical of what may be expected at other times in the year. The Council had consulted over many years together with the Bexley Residents' Association over the proposed street closures and although there may be some persons disadvantaged, the majority of people living in the area would notice the advantages of the closures.

Possible closure of Winchfield Street or a left turn exit only was also raised.

It was agreed that Council staff would monitor traffic in the area after the opening of the expressway in February and that Police would follow up on the residents' concerns about speeding traffic in the area.

18.14 2003 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

At the meeting on 18 November 2002 the Board decided that the proposed schedule of the Board's ordinary meetings, special meetings and seminars be approved as a draft schedule, subject to the Council and Standing Committee timetable and an alternative date for the 19 February 2003 special meeting, with all meetings to commence at 4.00 pm. A copy of the draft schedule is attached.

The draft schedule of meetings is compatible with the adopted Council and Standing Committee timetable.

Consideration has been given to an alternative date for the special meeting on 19 February 2003 because a Board member is unavailable in that week. Staff consider that bringing the meeting forward to the previous week would not allow sufficient time for the preparation of the summary of the Project and Discretionary fund applications. The following week appears to be unsuitable because of the scheduled meetings of the Annual Plan Subcommittee and the Council. It is therefore suggested that the special meeting remain scheduled for 19 February.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the draft schedule of the Board's ordinary meetings, special meetings and seminars, with all meetings to commence at 4.00 pm.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.