

16. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 10 DECEMBER 2002 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2002.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Paddy Austin, Ken Cummings, and Mike Mora.

An apology was received from Lesley Keast. Paddy Austin was present for clause 2 only.

1. BRIGADOON RESERVE, PINE TREE REMOVAL

Miss Alicia Harrison (whose parents property adjoin the reserve) spoke about falling branches off the pine tree, which is located near the boundary.

Staff were supportive of Alicia's request to remove the pine tree, on the grounds of health and safety.

Whilst members **agreed** to remove the tree, it was decided to undertake a site inspection of the reserve to look at this, and other issues.

2. YOUTH ENVIRONMENT AWARD SCHEMES

The Committee had been looking to advance this scheme through local schools.

Kerry Everingham and Faye Wilson-Hill were in attendance; the Council currently has a "Learning Through Action" environment education programme, which would be an appropriate (environment "award") scheme that the Committee might wish to promote through local schools.

It was **agreed** to pursue this, firstly, at officer level.

3. MAJOR POOL FACILITY PROGRAMME

Peter Walls (Senior Facilities Adviser) was in attendance to discuss the Council's capital works programme, specifically major facilities and the scheduling of a leisure centre for the southwest area.

Based on current budget allocations (to major facilities) any new pool (for Christchurch) is not scheduled for at least eight years; actual location has yet to be determined, even though three Boards are vying for the facility.

4. IN-STREAM ECOLOGY IN THE AVON

Suzanne Weld (Parks Planner) was in attendance to discuss the study being undertaken on in-stream ecology of the Avon, and this will complement the trout spawning survey carried out recently.

Parks and Waterways Unit needs to determine the river's "health", and then have data to enable comparisons to be made in the future as it is hoped to improve the "health" of this important city feature.

Other information that has been collected, as part of the base information, is a central city tree survey, a landscape character analysis, circulation study, and the mapping of all structures.

The current Weir structures, along various parts of the Avon, were seen to be detrimental to trout spawning; this issue would be followed up by staff, and reported back.

5. MONA VALE CARPARK, REDESIGN CONCEPT

Dennis Preston (Landscape Architect Team Leader) tabled a concept plan for the new carpark, to be sited on (ex Transrail) land between the rail line and the existing brick boundary wall. More carparks and a dedicated bus park were features; the current two carparks would probably be redeveloped back into open space.

The Committee **agreed**, in principle, to the new plan for it to be progressed and put out for community consultation.

6. PROJECTS REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE

- Corfe Reserve, will be subject of an inspection.
- Auburn Reserve, purchase of properties along Riccarton Road to open up the frontage: will be pursued with Parks and Waterways Unit.
- Broomfield Common, new toilet facility: will await Environment Court decision first.

7. PROJECTS REFERRED FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING

- Kirk Road Reserve, external courts: Possibility of surplus funds from the community centre construction project is to be investigated. **Agreed**, to support the construction of the courts.
- Kyle Park, teenage recreation facility; plan to be revisited by the Committee.
- Wycola Park, redevelopment and upgrade: **Agreed** to consider funding, at February 2003 meeting.
- Francis Reserve, half basketball/tennis volleyboard facility: noted, that Residents Association is willing to contribute \$3,000 (of the total \$20,000 cost) towards the project. **Agreed** to fund a share: refer clause 10 of this report.

8. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY: INVITATION TO DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO DRAFT NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN

Agreed, to place onto agenda for 11 February 2003 meeting, to discuss "soil conservation", "water quality", and "wetlands".

ECan representations will be invited.

9. INSPECTION SITES

Owaka, wetlands, Corfe Reserve, various tree removal works on reserves, etc. To be scheduled in February 2003.

10. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the allocation of \$12,000 from the Environment Committee Project Funds for the Francis Reserve half basketball /tennis volleyboard facility.

11. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 February 2003, 4.00 pm.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the Committee recommendation be adopted.