

## 12. SUMNER COMMUNITY PROJECT

The following letter was received from Erin Baker.

*"The purpose of this report is to seek funding for Sumner Community project.*

*Following the October storm of 2000, an area along Wakefield Avenue, Sumner, was identified as needing 'tidying up' and landscaping. The area had previously been used as a CCC works yard, and had been boarded up for several years.*

*Last year the fence was removed and the area has since been left unplanted, although a little clearing work has been done by City Care.*

*Approximately two months ago, a group of residents approached me to see if they could work with the Council to create a small BMX track for the children of the community. For several years the same group of people have been unsuccessful in trying to obtain a skate boarding facility for Sumner/Redcliffs.*

*I have met with Paul Devlin (Parks Ranger), Nick Singleton (Mountain Bike co-ordinator) and Warwick Scadden to try and progress this project. This morning we met at the site with several other members of the community and now wish to progress this project. We have also talked with the Sumner Foundation about assisting.*

*I am now requesting \$3,500 from either the Community Development or the Discretionary Fund to assist towards this project. This will allow for the initial stage that will include:*

- *A pillar and cable fence*
- *Five truck loads of soil*
- *BBQ for the community following the event.*

*After the summer, we will then plant the area with assistance from Trees for Canterbury and CCC, and will work with the Sumner Foundation to provide picnic area, water, foundation and permanent BBQ facility.*

*This is an ideal community project and the area is already used for off road biking, this project can only enhance the area. The community to 'feel ownership' and the children of the area will help in the design and build of the facility. We are currently arranging a working fee for Sunday 16 December so that the kids will have this wonderful area for use of the summer holiday period."*

Erin Baker requested that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve funding of \$3,500 for the above project, and that the funds only be released on evidence of receipts.

**Recommendation:** That funding of \$3,500 be approved for the above project, and that the funds only be released on evidence of receipts; subject to the requirement that the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate be satisfied that all legal, health and safety and consultation requirements have been adequately addressed on the understanding that if these issues have not been adequately addressed the current timetable for the project will not proceed.