



5. **CANTERBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Messrs Pat Creasey and John Riley, from NZ Police, Christchurch were in attendance seeking Board support to the employment of a fulltime co-ordinator for the Christchurch Neighbourhood Support network.

Continued ownership of Neighbourhood Support network was being impeded by constraints on Police resources hence the request for a wider funding base. This activity is not now a major Police priority and they are seeking to obtain more neighbourhood empowerment to continue the programme.

Concerns were expressed in relation to continuing funding of the co-ordinator and the need for this to be addressed by the Council as it is of metropolitan significance.

The Board **decided**, by resolution, to make a seeding grant of \$5,000 for the full-time employment of a co-ordinator for the current financial year from Board discretionary funds, and, that they support an application from the Police for metropolitan funding.