

9. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 16 DECEMBER 2005

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 16 December 2005 meeting.

Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Friday 16 December 2005 at 8.00 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Cheryl Colley (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

Mike Wall retired at 8.27am.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Merivale Precinct Society re Milbrook Reserve

Anne Dingwall of the Merivale Precinct Society presented submissions outlining concerns held by the Society regarding the level of consultation and the process followed by the Council regarding the Millbrook Reserve enhancement project.

The Chairman thanked Anne Dingwall for her submission and the Committee received the information.

Clause 5 of this report also refers.

2.2 Gary Hunt, 15 Thoresby Mews

Mr Gary Hunt had been granted speaking rights to address the Committee in response to an earlier request he had made to the Council for the trees on Crosbie Park bordering his property to be pruned back.

Mr Hunt did not appear as he had earlier been circulated with a copy of a staff report to this meeting (clause 4 below refers) regarding a proposed tree removal and replacement planting programme at Crosbie Park which inter alia, proposed to take Mr Hunt's concerns into account.

3. CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY - REVIEW

Messrs Robert Woods (CCC) and Mathew Noon (ECan) briefed the Committee on the pending review of the strategy including details of the process and timelines for the review and invited the Board to provide any feedback at this early stage.

The Chairman thanked the staff for the information presented and indicated that the Committee would give further consideration to the matter early in the new year.

4. CROSBIE PARK – TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PLANTING PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report from the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate (Rod Whearty) and the Arborist (Tony Armstrong) providing a summary of a tree survey carried out for Crosbie Park by a consultant Arborist and the Board's approval was sought to the carrying out of a major tree removal and replacement planting programme in Crosbie Park to be staged over the next five years.

In addition to the report, the staff made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee.

In indicating its support for the intended programme, the Committee endorsed a suggestion that the same presentation also be made to the Council's Environmental Diversity Portfolio Group given the city-wide implications of what had been presented.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board approve the staged tree removal and replacement planting programme in Crosbie Park as proposed in the staff report.
2. That the PowerPoint presentation also be made to the Council's Environmental Diversity Portfolio Group.

5. MILLBROOK RESERVE – PROPOSED ENHANCEMENT PLAN

It was recalled that at the Board meeting on 29 November 2005, the recommendation from the Committee's meeting of 14 November 2005 ("that the proposed landscaping plan for Millbrook Reserve, as attached to the agenda, be approved") was not adopted. Instead the Board resolved to refer the matter back to this meeting of the Committee with power to act.

Subsequent to that decision having been made by the Board, it had been ascertained that owing to the premier parks status of Millbrook Reserve it would be necessary for the Council to approve the proposed enhancement plan for Millbrook Reserve upon any recommendation by the Board.

On this basis therefore the Committee, also having regard to the submission presented by the Merivale Precinct Society earlier in the meeting, proceeded to reconsider the matter. The Committee utilised the report and accompanying plan previously presented on 14 November as well as obtaining input from the Council's Landscape Design Leader (Dennis Preston) who was in attendance.

The Committee indicated support for the content of the proposed plan and extended its congratulations to the staff involved.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That it be recommended to the Council that the proposed landscape enhancement plan for Millbrook Reserve, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 am.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and that the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.