

## 10. PAPANUI COMMUNITY WATCH

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to a request for funding from Papanui Community Watch. Papanui Community Watch is requesting between \$1,500 and \$2,000 for general expenses.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Papanui Community Watch has been in existence for 10 years. It is an entirely voluntary organisation, contributing to crime prevention in the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi areas.
3. The organisation's operating budget is small (approximately \$7,000 per year) although it does occasionally have large expenses (up to \$5,000). This year it is expecting some large expenses relating to needed maintenance of the vehicle fleet (six cars) and the need to replace some very old uniforms.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. Papanui Community Watch has an annual operating budget of approximately \$13,000. Its main expenses are overhead costs (postage, printing, stationery, computer expenses, and telephone) of almost \$3,000, equipment repair and replacement (\$1,680), vehicle maintenance and registration (\$560), training (\$800) and travel to conference (\$940). Computers, projector and screen and other sundry equipment were purchased in the 2004/05 financial year to the total of \$5,750. These equipment purchases are treated as a cost at the time of purchase and no asset values are carried forward, nor is depreciation claimed.
5. In 2004/05 Papanui Community Watch had a deficit of \$186 and a bank balance of \$560 as at 31 March 2005.
6. During the coming year Papanui Community Watch expect to have some major expenses relating to vehicles, plus the need to replace some old uniforms.
7. Papanui Community Watch receives most of its funding from donations from taxi companies and real estate companies (\$11,900 in 2004/05) plus small grants from the City Council and both the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards in past years.
8. Papanui Community Watch has not applied for funding to other funding agencies (e.g. pub charities) preferring to try and obtain their funding via sponsorship by local businesses. It has also received \$2,000 from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Development Scheme recently.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That a grant of \$1,500 be allocated to Papanui Community Watch from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That \$2,000 be granted from the Board's 2005/06 SCAP Fund and Community Watch representatives be invited to a future deputations/seminar meeting to update the Board on crime statistics, and the groups' activities in the local community.

## **BACKGROUND**

9. Papanui Community Watch has been operating for 10 years in an entirely voluntary capacity. It maintains regular vehicular patrols in the Shirley/Papanui and Fendalton/Waimairi communities. There are approximately 80 volunteers (putting in approximately 5,000 volunteer hours per year) and six cars available for use.
10. Working closely with NZ Police the aim of Community Watch is to reduce incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour within the communities that they patrol.

## **OPTIONS**

11. The Board has three options available:
  - (a) To allocate the full amount requested (\$1,500-\$2,000).
  - (b) To allocate a partial grant.
  - (c) To decline the application.

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

12. Papanui Community Watch:
  - (a) Its an entirely voluntary organisation.
  - (b) Has a long history of crime prevention in the Shirley/Papanui Ward (10 years).
  - (c) Its totally reliant on donations, small grants, etc.
  - (d) Has a small operating budget of approximately \$7,000 (this ignores the major equipment costs of 2004/05).
  - (e) Has not made application for funding to other funding sources, preferring to try to obtain sponsorship from local businesses.
13. For these reasons the preferred option is to allocate a grant of \$1,500.