



Christchurch City Council

FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2006

AT 4.00 PM

**IN THE BOARD ROOM
FENDALTON SERVICE CENTRE
CORNER JEFFREYS AND CLYDE ROADS**

PLEASE NOTE:

Seminar Meeting to follow

**Community
Board:**

Mike Wall (Chairman), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley,
Pat Harrow, Andrew Yoon

Community Board Principal Adviser

Elsie Ellison
Phone 941 6701 DDI
Email: elsie.ellison@ccc.govt.nz

Community Secretary

Prebashni Naidoo
Phone 941-6728 DDI
Email: prebashni.naidoo@ccc.govt.nz

We're on the Web!

www.ccc.govt.nz/Council/Agendas/

- PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION
- PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION
- PART C - DELEGATED DECISIONS

INDEX

- PART B 1. APOLOGIES
- PART C 2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 14 FEBRUARY 2006
- PART B 3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT
 - 3.1 Rachel Bishop, Young Leader, Guides Canterbury North, Waimairi District
 - 3.2 New Zealand Police
- PART C 4. NEW BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS
- PART C 5. BISHOPDALE MALL RESERVE – ORION CABLE EASEMENT
- PART C 6. HAMILTON AVENUE – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL
- PART C 7. DARESBUY PARK – REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
- PART C 8. STRATHEAN RESERVE – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST
- PART C 9. 226 CLYDE ROAD – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST
- PART C 10. WESTBURN RESERVE – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST
- PART C 11. DELEGATION OF POWER TO ACT TO THE WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27 MARCH 2006
- PART B 12. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT 22 FEBRUARY 2006
- PART C 13. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT 16 FEBRUARY 2006
- PART C 14. COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
- PART C 15. FUNDING APPLICATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT CANTERBURY INC TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2005-06 DISCRETIONARY FUND
- PART C 16. FUNDING APPLICATION FROM THE FENDALTON PARK CROQUET CLUB TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2005-06 DISCRETIONARY FUND
- PART C 17. HERITAGE AWARDS
- PART C 18. FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD 2005/06 PROJECT FUNDING - ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES PROGRESS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2006
- PART B 19. GOOD NEWS STORIES
- PART B 20. INFORMATION SHARING
- PART B 21. QUESTIONS

1. APOLOGIES**2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 14 FEBRUARY 2006****CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the report of the ordinary meeting of the Board held on 14 February 2006, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**3.1 RACHEL BISHOP, YOUNG LEADER, GUIDES CANTERBURY NORTH, WAIMAIRI DISTRICT**

Rachel Bishop received a Board grant towards her attendance at Quest 2005, an international camp in Oxfordshire, England. She will brief the Board on her experiences.

Further relevant information has been **separately circulated**.

3.2 NEW ZEALAND POLICE

A representative of the New Zealand Police will update the Board on recent police activities in the northern area.

4. NEW BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport & City Streets Manager
Author:	Debbie Hunt, DDI 941-8707

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval on locations for new bus shelters.

BACKGROUND

2. In 1998 a joint initiative between Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council saw the development of the Public Passenger Transport Strategy (1998). The strategy set out a programme of improvements designed to dramatically improve public transport services in Christchurch. Among other things these improvements include a target of 500 bus shelters to be installed by June 2006.

BUS SHELTERS

3. Under s339 of the Local Government Act (1974) the Council has the right to erect a shelter on footpaths of any road subject to a number of considerations. One of those is giving a formal notice to the occupier and owner of land likely to be affected by the erection of the shelter and giving them an opportunity to formally object.
4. The options available to the Board are to either approve the locations and give staff the approval to issue the formal notice to the owners and occupiers of the properties, or to decline the request, which will mean staff will need to find another location.

CONSULTATION

5. Initial consultation has been undertaken with the owners and occupiers of the following properties for the erection of a bus shelter. The following table identifies the locations for which approval has and has not been gained.

4 Cont'd

6.

Location	Owner/ Occupier Approval	Owner/Occupier Objection	No response from Owner/Occupier to Initial Consultation
107 Glandovey Road			✓
232 Harewood Road		✓	
364 Harewood Road			✓
17 Rossall Street	✓		
25 St Albans Street	✓		
52 Strowan Road	✓		
Opp 263 Waimairi Road			✓
188 Wairakei Road			✓
346 Wairakei Road			✓
376 Wairakei Road		✓	
462 Wairakei Road			✓
545 Wairakei Road	✓		
Memorial Ave (Opp Burnside Park, between 310 & 312 Memorial Ave)	✓		
268 Yaldhurst Road			✓

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Should the site be approved it will be offered as a suitable location for an Adshel shelter. If accepted, there would be no cost to the Council. If Adshel does not accept the site then the cost to the Council would be \$10,000, which will be met within existing budgets.
8. Under s339 of the Local Government Act (1974) the Council may erect on the footpath of any road a shelter for use by intending public-transport passengers or taxi passengers provided that no such shelter may be erected so as to unreasonably prevent access to any land having a frontage to the road. The Council is required to give notice in writing to the occupier and owner of property likely to be injuriously affected by the erection of the shelter, and shall not proceed with the erection of the shelter until after the expiration of the time for objecting against the proposal or, in the event of an objection, until after the objection has been determined.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board:

- (a) Approve the installation of bus shelters at the following bus stops where approval has been gained from the owner and occupier.
 17 Rossall Street
 25 St Albans Street
 52 Strowan Road
 545 Wairakei Road
 Memorial Ave (Opp Burnside Park, between 310 & 312 Memorial Ave)
- (b) Authorise staff to issue the appropriate notices in terms of s339 of the Local Government Act

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the recommendations be adopted.

5. BISHOPDALE MALL RESERVE – ORION CABLE EASEMENT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Jane Parfitt, City Environment
Officer responsible:	Michael Aitkin, Greenspace Manager
Author:	John Allen, Policy & Leasing Administrator, DDI 941-8699

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider an application lodged on behalf of Orion NZ Co Ltd for an easement in gross over approximately 142 square metres, (the easement being approximately 2 metres wide), along the west side of Bishopdale Mall Reserve which is vested in the Council, in which to relocate a 11 KVA cable from the neighbouring YMCA owned property, see **attached** easement drawing 260371. The easement is required, because the 11 KVA cable which was located within an easement on the adjacent YMCA property, severely limits the options for the siting of the new YMCA fitness centre on the site.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Officers are recommending that the easement application be granted. The costs for survey, and registering the new easement on the Council's title will be the responsibility of Orion NZ Company Limited. Officers are also recommending that the Council policies for the charging of staff time to process the application, and to charge a one off compensation fee for the privilege of putting the encumbrance (easement) upon the Council's title, be waived because of the tangible Council support that has been given to the project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. Bishopdale Mall Reserve is made up of two parcels of land, these being Lot 2 DP 26629 a Local Purpose (Community Purposes) Reserve (NZ Gazette 1989 page 5763), which is of 2782 square metres in area, and Lot 10 DP 42896,a Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve, of 1961 square metres in area, contained in certificate of title CB20F/1396, both reserves being vested in the Council.
4. The Community Board has delegated authority from Council (8 November 2001) to make the decision on behalf of Council whether to grant the easement or not. This decision can be made by a sub-committee of Council in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 requirements.
5. The cable was laid in the proposed easement before formal application was made to the Council for the easement. Discussions were held about the proposed cable's alignment with the author of this report during discussions about the retention of some of the trees on the reserve in relation to the proposed (at that time) car park layout. At the time the YMCA's agents, (the architect), were verbally made aware of the need to apply to the Council for an easement. Officers are satisfied that the position of the proposed easement along the western boundary of the reserve, as discussed earlier at the above mentioned discussions will not have an affect upon possible development options for the reserve in the future, if at any time it is not required for car-parking.
6. Officers are recommending that the normal one compensation payment for allowing the encumbrance to be placed upon the Council's title, as required by Council policy (27/9/01), and Council officers time in processing this application as required by Council policy (12/7/01) not be requested/charged in this particular case because of the partnership that exists between the YMCA, and the Council, in relation to the YMCA's recreation centre development at Bishopdale. The Council has made a substantial grant towards the development, and endorsed the use of part of the reserve land for car-parking to satisfy city plan car-parking requirements for the development. The requirement to relocate the cable to enable the YMCA to optimise the development of their site is a charge against the project, and therefore to require a one off compensatory payment to be made, and charge for officers time to process this application, would defeat the original purpose of the Council grant made to assist in the realisation of this project.

5 Cont'd

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Officers recommend that the Council grant a registered easement in gross to Orion in accordance with section 48 (1) (d) of the Reserves Act 1977, over approximately 105 square metres of Lot 2 DP 26629, a Local Purpose (Community Buildings) Reserve, and approximately 38 square metres of Lot 10 DP 42896, a Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve, as shown in the **attached** drawing number 260371, subject to the following conditions:

1. The consent of the Minister of Conservation being obtained.
2. The easement terms being negotiated by the Corporate Support Unit Manager, in consultation with the Greenspace Policy and Leasing Administrator.
3. The easement construction area being maintained by Orion NZ Limited, and their contractors in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
5. All costs associated with the survey and registration of the easements on the Council's title, being the responsibility of the YMCA.
6. The applicant is to provide the Council, within three months of completion of the work, a surveyed easement plan on which the easements as shown on drawing 260371 are shown.
7. The Council resolve not to charge a one off compensatory payment for the privilege of having the easement encumbrance placed on the Council's title in accordance with Council policy (27/9/01), and not charge for officers time to process the application in accordance with Council Policy (12/7/01), because this would defeat the purpose of the tangible support that the Council has given to this project.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the above recommendation be adopted.

OPTIONS

8. There are no better options for the placement of the easement on the reserve, the 11 KVA cable already being placed within the proposed easement corridor, the position of which was in accordance with the outcome of onsite discussions held with the author of this report on an unrelated matter.

6. HAMILTON AVENUE – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and City Streets Unit Manager
Author:	Brian Boddy DDI 941-8013

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - (a) Seek the Board's approval for the Hamilton Avenue Kerb and Channel Renewal project to progress to final design, tender and construction; and
 - (b) Seek the Board's approval for resolutions for new traffic restrictions associated with the Hamilton Avenue Kerb and Channel Renewal project.

6 Cont'd

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This kerb and channel renewal project for the full length of Hamilton Avenue is on the Christchurch City Council's Capital Works Programme in the 2005/06 and 2006/07 financial years in conjunction with Chilcombe Street. This is a local road lined with Plane trees for the majority of its length.
3. The Project Consultation Leader has consulted with the Hamilton Avenue Action Committee, local schools, residents, property owners, and other interested parties. Feedback from the community was considered by the project team and the plan as shown in **attachment 1** has been identified as the preferred design option for the renewal of the kerb and channel in Hamilton Avenue as it satisfies the aims and objectives of the project and has majority community support.
4. The plane trees will be removed as they and new street trees will be planted as part of the project. The species chosen is liquidambar.
5. Residents would like to have the overhead services undergrounded as part of this project, the Council has insufficient funding to do so. There is still strong opposition from some residents to proceeding with the construction of Hamilton Avenue as the Council has not yet finalised its policy relating to residents contribution for undergrounding in streets. Council staff do not support this proposal to delay the project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The estimated total cost for this project is \$2,400,620 inclusive of all consultation, design and project management.
7. If this project is delayed the Council will not be able to meet its target for kerb and channel renewal in the 05/06 financial year and the asset is not renewed as planned.
8. There are no legal implications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board:

(a) Approve the Hamilton Avenue Kerb and Channel Renewal project, as described in plan TP170101 (**attachment 1**) for final design, tender and construction.

(b) Approve the following new traffic restrictions:

New no stopping:

Hamilton Avenue north side

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Clyde Road and extending 30 metres in a west direction.
- ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 105 metres west of its intersection with Clyde Road and extending 38 metres in a west direction.
- iii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 100 metres east of its intersection with Otara Street and extending 30 metres in a east direction.
- iv) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Otara Street and extending 13 metres in a east direction.
- v) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Otara Street and extending 12 metres in a west direction.
- vi) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 22 metres east of its intersection with the east side Karo Place and extending 50 metres in a west direction.

6 Cont'd

- vii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Chilcombe Street and extending 22 metres in a east direction.
- viii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Chilcombe Street and extending 20 metres in a west direction.
- ix) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Lothian Street and extending 15 metres in a east direction.
- x) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Lothian Street and extending 15 metres in a west direction.
- xi) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 116 metres east of its intersection with Ilam Road and extending 30 metres in a east direction.
- xii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Ilam Road and extending 18 metres in a west direction.

Hamilton Avenue south side

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Clyde Road and extending 25 metres in a west direction.
- ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 103 metres west of its intersection with Clyde Road and extending 45 metres in a west direction.
- iii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 100 metres east of its intersection with Otara Street and extending 33 metres in a east direction.
- iv) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 18 metres east of its intersection with the east side Otara Street and extending 37 metres in a west direction.
- v) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Karo Place and extending 18 metres in a east direction.
- vi) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Karo Place and extending 15 metres in a west direction.
- vii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Chilcombe Street and extending 26 metres in a east direction.
- viii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Chilcombe Street and extending 22 metres in a west direction.
- ix) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 19 metres east its intersection with the east side of Lothian Street and extending 40 metres in a west direction.
- x) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at a point 103 metres east of its intersection with Ilam Road and extending 30 metres in a east direction.
- xi) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hamilton Avenue commencing at its intersection with Ilam Road and extending 17 metres in a west direction.

Ilam Road

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east of Ilam Road commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 15 metres in a north direction.
- ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east of Ilam Road commencing at its intersection with the south side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 18 metres in a south direction.

6 Cont'd

Lothian Street

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east of Lothian Street commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 17 metres in a north direction.
- ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east of Lothian Street commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 20 metres in a north direction.

Chilcombe Street

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east of Chilcombe Street commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 23 metres in a north direction.
- ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west of Chilcombe Street commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 22 metres in a north direction.

Coldstream Court

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on both sides of Coldstream Court commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 16 metres in a south direction.

Karo Place

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on both sides of Karo Place commencing at its intersection with the south side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 16 metres in a south direction.

Otara Street

- i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on both sides of Otara Street commencing at its intersection with the north side of Hamilton Avenue and extending 15 metres in a north direction.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

BACKGROUND ON HAMILTON AVENUE KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL PROJECT

Description of the Project and the street

9. Hamilton Avenue is a local road, has deep dish channels in poor condition and an average daily vehicle count of 1,300 vehicles per day. The carriageway varies in width from 9 metres with trees on both sides to 11 metres with no trees on the north side. There have been six crashes recorded from 1999 to 2003 on the Land Transport New Zealand's accident database for Hamilton Avenue. Three involved alcohol and the fourth occurred when a car left the road when travelling too fast while making a right turn into Otara Street.
10. This renewal project was incorporated into the Christchurch City Council's 2005/06/07 Capital Works Programme in response to the Hamilton Avenue Action Committee's request that the work be brought forward (in 2003) and the staff's confirmation that the kerb and dish channel was in urgent need of renewal. This project will alleviate stormwater drainage issues that residents have identified in Hamilton Ave and Chilcombe Street. Investigation into the carriageway condition has also indicated the design life of the road is due to expire therefore the carriageway will be reconstructed.
11. Initially the Hamilton Avenue project was combined with the Chilcombe Street project until July 2005. Since this date the consultation for project has been split because further options needed to be discussed with the Chilcombe Street residents while the Hamilton Avenue residents were largely satisfied with the proposed layout of Hamilton Avenue.

6 Cont'd

Initial Consultation

12. Consultation for this kerb and channel renewal project was started in July 2004 between Council staff and the Hamilton Avenue Action Group, and then quickly expanded to include local schools, all residents and property owners.
13. The residents wished for the project to achieve the following:
 - Reduce speeding along the street.
 - Reduce the numbers using Hamilton Avenue as a short cut.
 - Provide easy access to exit Hamilton Avenue at the Clyde and Ilam intersections
 - Underground the overhead services
 - Reduce the impact of student parking from the university.
 - Provide a feature to the street at the Hamilton-Chilcombe intersection
14. The Terms of Reference and objectives for the project were based on the initial issues identified above and the Council's own rationale for placing the project on the programme. The principal aim of the project is to replace the kerb and dish channel with kerb and flat channel in Hamilton Avenue. The objectives of the project are to:
 - To replace the existing kerb and dish channel, with kerb and flat channel.
 - Maintain and enhance the avenue "feel" of Hamilton Avenue.
 - Enhance the streetscape with trees and planting where suitable.
 - Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists by lowering vehicle speeds.
 - A completed project which will satisfy the needs of the Christchurch City Council's Asset Unit and the community.
 - Ensure the work is completed within the defined budget and programme.
 - The work is designed within the guidelines and policies laid out in the Christchurch City Council's City Plan.

Initial Concept Plan for Hamilton Avenue

15. The objectives above helped to formulate the initial concept plan which was sent to residents in January 2005 in the form of a publicity pamphlet. In addition to the pamphlet seeking feedback, two public meetings held. This concept plan required very little change other than the inclusion of a second entrance to 38 Hamilton Avenue. This change has slightly modified the build-out on the northern side.
16. One of the issues raised by the community was the need to reduce the short cutting effect through Hamilton Avenue and Chilcombe Street. This then became one of the project objectives and the scheme options were developed to reflect this. Analysis of traffic volume data collected at the start of the project confirmed that short cutting was indeed occurring. However, the recent upgrade of adjacent streets, such Otara Street, indicated this short cutting was happening less due to new narrow entrances to these streets. At the residents request however the entrance to both Chilcombe Street, off Memorial Ave and the entrance to Hamilton Ave from both Ilam Road and Clyde Road have been designed to allow two discharge lanes and one entrance lane. This may reduce the affect of the traffic calming features incorporated through the main section of Hamilton Ave. Narrowing of the entrances would have increased waiting times to exit the street/avenue, but wider entrances conversely will do little to deter motorists who continually use this local road to avoid the signalised intersection at the Memorial Ave/Ilam Road intersection. The Community Board should be aware of this, as although this design is supported by staff it may only have a marginal effect on the short cutting associated with these roads which was one of the issues residents wished to address.

Final Concept Plan

17. A "Hamilton Avenue Update" was distributed to all residents, property owners and interested parties in August 2005 advising of the feedback received, the decisions made on the form of the final plan, and that the next step would be to request that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board approve the work for final engineering design, and tender.

6 Cont'd

18. No adverse comments relating to the scheme option has been received back from the Community Board. All comments so far have only been positive in nature.
19. Overall the proposed scheme has majority support. For the summarised feedback from public meetings, and responses to the initial publicity pamphlet see **attachment 2**. However the two main issues, street trees and undergrounding, are discussed further below.

The trees in the Street

20. Questionnaires regarding the desired tree species were undertaken by the Hamilton/Chilcombe Action Group and again by the Project Consultation Leader late 2004 as part of the initial consultation. Both these survey's indicated that those who responded favoured *liquidambar* trees as a replacement tree for the existing *plane* trees. A Hamilton Avenue resident also conducted his own street tree preference survey which indicated that those who responded (fewer respondents than the earlier surveys mentioned above) would like to keep the plane trees if possible.
21. In January 2005 when the publicity pamphlet was distributed there was strong debate over the proposed removal of the existing plane trees and the proposed species of street tree in Hamilton Avenue. To this end an independent arborist's report was commissioned to look at the state of the street trees and the impact the proposed works will have on their health. This report confirmed that the trees should be removed as part of the kerb and channel replacement.
22. Also, given poor results relating to the existing carriageway strength, associated drainage problems caused by root ingress, potential basal root damage from associated works and a lowering of the crown needed to achieve a satisfactory profile to the road it became apparent the trees would need to be removed. This was also confirmed by the independent arborist's report.
23. Changes in the Electrical (Wiring Hazards from Trees) 2005 regulations also puts greater responsibility on designers and asset owners to plant trees in such a way as to ensure that their future development will have as little impact as possible regarding proximity to power lines. Removing the existing trees and looking at the new tree position within the street design will ensure every effort is made to mitigate where possible the above problems Routine maintenance will still be required as the trees reach a certain height and age.
24. The above points explain why Council staff are comfortable with the proposal to remove all the existing trees within Hamilton Ave and replant with new nursery stock. The final newsletter indicated that the trees would be *liquidambar*; this appears to have been accepted. Careful planting of the new trees will also maximise the lighting upgrade for the street which will be done as part of the contract.

Undergrounding

25. Residents of Hamilton Avenue were advised at the beginning of the project that the undergrounding of the overhead wiring had not been budgeted for as part of this kerb and channel renewal project. However, as part of the consultation on this project and through submissions to 2005 Long Term Council Community Plan, residents requested that the overhead wiring in Hamilton Avenue be undergrounded at the Council's expense.
26. At the time the Christchurch City Council had a policy advising that if the residents raised 50% of the cost of the undergrounding the Christchurch City Council, before the tender documents were drawn up, may consider undergrounding in conjunction with this work. As part of a review of the Christchurch City Council undergrounding policy in December 2005 the 50/50 cost sharing policy was rescinded. The Council are to consider a range of options for a resident's contribution policy later this year. The outcome of this could be that no policy is adopted particularly as there is no provision in the draft LTCCP for undergrounding of local streets.
27. Some residents believe that the renewal project should be delayed until the outcome of this policy review is known so that if they could achieve undergrounding the street would not be disrupted a second time. Council staff do not believe the project should be delayed for the following reasons:

6 Cont'd

- A policy that may allow the residents to achieve undergrounding may not become available and the delay was therefore unnecessary
- The asset requires renewal to avoid maintenance costs
- If undergrounding takes place in the future construction methods such as drilling rather than trenching may be available to minimise disruption to the footpath,

Options for Hamilton Avenue Kerb and Channel Renewal Project

28. Two options were assessed as part of the Hamilton Avenue kerb and channel renewal as follows.
29. Option (a) Maintenance of the status quo.
30. Option (b) A 9m carriageway and 6m wide narrow sections including 50 mm raised paved platforms. These traffic calming devices are to reduce speed and deter through traffic. This option also still promotes very clearly the 'avenue feel' clearly wished for by residents. At the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Chilcombe Street there is a small roundabout with a driveable apron for larger vehicles. This provides an additional calming feature as well as mid-section 'break' to what is a long straight section of local road.

Assessment of the Options

31. Option (a) Maintenance of the status quo - will not result in any social or cultural benefits. The existing streetscape would not be enhanced and an infrastructural asset not renewed, which would result in ongoing maintenance expenditure. Maintaining the status quo is not consistent with the Road Safety Strategy or the CCC Financial Plan and Programme 2004, and conflicts with the objectives of the Asset Management Plan, and fails to meet any of the transport management objectives.
32. Option (b) Renew the kerb and channel as per Attachment 4 - results in the following social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits:
- Social - Reduction in speed of traffic resulting in improved safety. Improved amenity of the streetscape due to landscaping
 - Environmental – The street and its intersections are enhanced with the provision of landscaping
 - Economic - Improvement of a Council infrastructure asset

Option Selection

33. Option (b), the preferred option was selected as it satisfies the project aim and objectives as follows:
- The existing kerb and dish channel will be replaced with kerb and flat channel and the full reconstruction and rationalisation of tree planting satisfies the needs of the City and a high percentage of residents within the street
 - The narrowed carriageway width (from 11m to 9m west of Chilcombe Street), the regularly spaced narrowings and the platforms will reduce the speed of vehicles, thereby creating a safer environment for both pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Landscape features and narrowings are planned for intersections along Hamilton Avenue. Liquidambar trees are to be planted along both sides of the road for its full length to ultimately improve on the avenue effect created by the existing plane trees where they have been planted on both sides. Spacing of trees will also help rationalise the lighting upgrade proposed as part of the works.
 - A roundabout is to be constructed on the Chilcombe Street intersection with landscaping plantings, street trees and no stopping restrictions. It also provides the additional 'feature' to the street desired by the residents group.

6 Cont'd

- The 9m road width will allow parallel parking on both sides of the road. Given the traffic volume data collected this meets current design and policy standards
- Traffic speed is reduced through the narrowed mid-block intersections with platforms and roundabout as vehicles travel along Hamilton Avenue. These narrowed mid-block intersections and platforms may also make Hamilton Avenue less desirable for short cutting traffic
- The Hamilton Avenue leg of the Clyde Road and Ilam Rd intersection has been widened from 8.0 to 9.0 metres to allow the formation of two lanes for left and right turning traffic. This feature was regarded as essential by most of the residents. However as mentioned in paragraph 17 above this will make the intersection more efficient and may not contribute to discouraging short cutting traffic in Hamilton Avenue.
- The under grounding of overhead services in Hamilton Avenue does not form part of this project and hence does not meet the residents expectations in this regard.
- An area wide survey was carried out last year regarding student parking habits and on-street parking demands for the area. Recommendations which may affect parking within the street will fall out of this survey shortly and as such have been separated from the kerb and channel works envisaged.

7. DARESBUARY PARK - REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Rod Whearty, Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, DDI 941-6510

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to approve the redevelopment plan for Daresbury Park following consultation with the local community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members will recall that the concept plan for the redevelopment of Daresbury Park was presented to the Works and Traffic Committee on Monday 19 September 2005, prior to the Greenspace Unit carrying out consultation with the local community.
3. The plan was sent out to approximately 200 residential properties around the park at the end of November 2005. There was a good response from the local community with a total of 31 people returning the comment form providing feedback on the proposed plan.
4. Overall the respondents were very positive and indicated a good level of support for the proposed plan. As a result of the consultation, the Greenspace Unit proposes a number of relatively minor changes to the original plan. (See **attached** plan)
The changes are:
 - (a) Minor realignment of the main pathway entrance at Harakeke Street. The seat that was shown on the original plan at this point will be relocated to avoid potential accidents between people using the seat and pedestrians or cyclists using the path.
 - (b) The secondary or southern path leading in from Harakeke Street has been realigned to provide a more direct link to the bridge and greater separation from the neighbouring property.
 - (c) The Totara tree that was identified for removal will now be relocated to another area within the park. The Olearia beside the bridge will also be retained.
 - (d) The seat down by the river will be turned around to face the water. Minor regrading of the bank will also be undertaken at this point to provide safe easy access to the water for viewing or feeding ducks etc.
 - (e) A Stream Information Board on the side of the bridge outlining the streams features such as wildlife, environment and its origins etc.
 - (f) Two seats shown opposite the azalea beds on the original plan will be reduced to one.

7 Cont'd

- All respondents have been sent a final reply letter thanking them for their input, including an A3 colour copy of the finalised plan. The letter informed respondents that the plan would be presented to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for approval. Details of the meeting (time, date, venue etc) were also provided so that any interested people could attend.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The current 2005/06 Greenspace Capital Works Programme has \$19,679 for the pathway renewal at Daresbury Park. This part of the project will be bulk tendered with a number of other projects, to provide opportunities for efficiency and potential cost savings. If cost savings can be achieved, it may be possible to also carry out the secondary pathway realignment and overlay as part of the same contract.
- The Greenspace Capital Works Budget has further funding programmed for Daresbury Park redevelopment in the 2006/07 financial year. The Greenspace Unit proposes to complete the remaining components of the redevelopment plan next financial year. **It is important to note that funds programmed in future years are subject to Council confirming budget expenditure for that particular year.** The following table shows details of the proposed development programme.

Project Detail	2005/06 (approved)	2006/07 (To be confirmed)
Pathway Renewal	\$19,679	
Path realignment and overlay		\$8000
Information Panels		\$5000
Playground Extension		\$10,000
Landscaping and seating		\$30,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Board approve the **attached** Daresbury Park Redevelopment Plan and that the Greenspace Unit commence the implementation programme.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the **attached** Daresbury Park Redevelopment Plan be approved and the Greenspace Unit commence the implementation programme.

8. STRATHEAN RESERVE – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Greenspace Manager
Author:	Tony Armstrong, DDI 941 8578

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to present an application seeking approval to remove the silver birch trees (*Betula pendula*) located in Strathean Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 30th September 1999 Council received a letter from Mr Neil Anderson, 28 Strathean Avenue, requesting the removal of the silver birch trees in the park due to their adverse effect on the resident's pool.
- On 21st February 2005 Mr Anderson wrote again expressing concern that no action had been taken and that the trees were still problematic i.e. causing a nuisance with debris and also including a health concern due to the alleged toxic nature of the trees.

8 Cont'd

4. On 9th March 2005 in response to this, the trees were inspected by a council arborist and found to be "healthy with no apparent defects", and that, "on this basis there was no arboricultural reason to remove the trees".
5. On 13th July 2005 the Chairman of the (Fendalton/Waimairi) Community Board formally received a letter requesting removal of the trees and on 17th October 2005 the trees were viewed by the Community Board on a bus tour.
6. The trees were further inspected on 7th February 2006 following further discussion with the resident.
7. The trees in question are four medium sized, semi-mature birch less than 8m in height. Their health and condition do not appear to have changed since the previous inspection almost a year ago. They are situated to the north east of Mr Anderson's property, close to the boundary and alongside the footpath in the centre of the reserve. The reserve is a small (1265 m2) local park serving as an amenity walkway between Strathean Avenue and Stormont Place. Other trees in the reserve include Oak, Ash, Kowhai and a large Gum (Eucalypt).
8. On the basis of the above assessment there is no arboricultural reason to remove the tree and so the considerations for removal are therefore based on appropriateness of the tree to the site, nuisance, and the resident's concerns about health and well being.
9. The trees are a landscape feature being established and centrally situated in a small local park environment. However, their significance is minimised due to the presence of other large trees planted near entrances to the park. See photographs, **attached**. There appears to have been a history of removal and replanting of trees in the park with no particular or strong theme. The birch trees do not appear to be of any great significance, albeit providing some amenity value such as shade and screening.
10. The reasons given by Mrs Andersen for the removal of the tree are essentially ones of nuisances given their proximity and aspect to the resident's property. However, the trees do not overhang the boundary and it is not unreasonable to expect that trees drop debris as part of their life cycle, and, that regular maintenance of tree and property mitigates any nuisance.
11. Therefore, in my opinion, it is the concern regarding the health and well being of the resident, which is the major consideration in this case. The evidence for this is not proven, yet it is known that some people do have susceptibility to environmental factors that are a health concern. In this case however, due to the relative insignificance of the trees themselves, pursuing this will be of minimal value in determining the outcome.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. The cost of any monitoring, maintenance and removal/replacement of the trees is covered under the existing citywide arboricultural operations budget.
13. These trees are not protected under the City Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the removal of the four silver birch trees located in Strathean Reserve and replace with appropriate planting in consultation with the adjacent residents.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

8 Cont'd

OPTIONS

14. There are three possible options:

(a) Do nothing or status quo.

This is not considered a viable option. Given the history of the residents concerns it would be unreasonable for Council not to consider any action in this case. It would be expected that if this option were chosen the resident would pursue further medical and legal advice, which may or may not be in Council's interests as a neighbour.

(b) Transplant the trees.

This option is not considered viable due to the size, costs and risks associated.

(c) Remove and replace the trees.

This option will address the nuisance and health issues. Selection of more suitable replacement trees for the site will help mitigate for the loss of amenity in the longer term.

PREFERRED OPTION

15. The preferred option is option (c).

9. **226 CLYDE ROAD – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Greenspace Manager
Author:	Tony Armstrong, DDI 941 8578

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application seeking approval to remove and replace a Douglas fir tree (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) located on the grassed berm outside 226 Clyde Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 30th September 2005 Council received a letter (file record TR 001-5/02 IN 05/4601) from Rosemary Fergusson requesting the removal of the "large" tree outside her property.

3. The reasons stated in the letter for removal were many, including concern about safety due to high winds, debris filling gutters, obscuring sun, and, roots interfering with the garden. The most concern expressed was that of damage to her property due to branch failure.

4. Mrs Fergusson has previously requested pruning (see RFS record) of the tree and most recently, in September following the snowstorm on the 19th, the tree was pruned to remove and repair broken branches.

5. The tree was viewed by the Community Board on a bus tour on 17th October 2005 and the tree was inspected on 7th February 2006.

6. The tree is a Douglas Fir, approximately 15m in height with a DBH (@ 1.4m) of 0.6m and canopy spread of 8m. A VTA (visual tree assessment) determined that the tree was generally healthy with typical form and a hazard rating of 4 out of 10. However, target rating is high i.e. property (carport) and footpath/road.

9 Cont'd

Note on assessment are as follows: -

Roots	Grassed berm adjacent to garden and tar sealed footpath with minor cracking evident. No visible root evident in garden
Trunk	Basal flare OK. Slight depression on trunk (east side). Multiple pruning wounds with callus (branches 'lifted' 50%)
Canopy	Evidence of recent branch failure. Foliage normal. Extension growth OK. Minor deadwood. No visible dieback.

7. On the basis of the above assessment there is no arboricultural reason to remove the tree and so the considerations for removal are therefore based on appropriateness of the tree to the site and nuisance factors.
8. The tree is a landscape feature being a large tree situated in the street environment. Its visibility is greater from the south whereas from the north it is slightly obscured by the presence of a silver birch, also on the berm. See photographs, **attached**. However, the birch is deciduous and the size at maturity and expected life of the Douglas Fir are greater, albeit that the planting site (grassed berk) is restricted.
9. The reasons for the removal of the tree given by Mrs Fergusson are essentially ones of nuisance. In my opinion the obscuring of sun and interference with garden are minor given the location of the tree in relation to the property, general environment and the nature of the garden. Debris from this tree would generally be needles and cones. It is not unreasonable to expect that trees drop debris as part of their life cycle and that regular maintenance of tree and property mitigates any nuisance.
10. Therefore, in my opinion, it is branch failure, which is the risk and the major consideration in this case. The evidence is that this tree has had a history of such and that this is likely to be ongoing given the nature of the tree (species) and its potential for greater growth. Mitigation for this is regular monitoring and maintenance, however, this in itself is not a guarantee that in high winds, or snowstorm events as experienced in the City, the risk of injury and/or damage can be eliminated or even minimised. Given the location of the tree the target is high and the tree cannot be effectively isolated.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. The cost of any monitoring and maintenance on the tree is covered under the existing citywide arboricultural operations budget.
12. This tree is not protected under the City Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the removal of the Douglas Fir tree located outside number 226 Clyde Road and replace with it appropriate planting in consultation with the resident.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

OPTIONS

13. There are three possible options:
 - (a) Do nothing or status quo.

This is not considered a viable option as it would leave the Council highly exposed to a negligence claim in relation to any subsequent damage to persons or property given our awareness of the condition of the trees.

9 Cont'd

- (b) Increase level of regular maintenance and implement a regular safety monitoring programme.

This option will not address the key issues (of risk, nuisance and species selection) in the long term and has the effect of simply deferring the cost of the ultimate action to some point in the future. The overall maintenance cost would be increased with this option and there is still the risk of potential failure of, or part of, the tree given its size, location and the susceptibility characteristics of this particular species.

- (c) Remove and replace the tree.

This option will address the immediate risk management, nuisance and appropriateness issues. Selection of a more suitable replacement tree for the site will reduce the overall tree maintenance costs and help mitigate for the loss of amenity in the longer term.

PREFERRED OPTION

14. The preferred option is option (c).

10. WESTBURN RESERVE – TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Greenspace Manager
Author:	Tony Armstrong, DDI 941 8578

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is present an application to seek approval to remove two Gum/Eucalypt trees (Eucalyptus spp.) located in Westburn Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In July/August 2003, a request was received from Mr G Hubbard of 42 Westburn Terrace to remove two gum/eucalypt trees adjacent to his property and situated in the Westburn Reserve.
3. The reason for the request is due to the threat of property damage due to the size, proximity and lean of the trees towards his property. The trees were subsequently inspected by a Council arborist who advised Mr Hubbard (letter dated 2nd September 2003 – Walter Fielding-Cotterell) that the trees did not appear to be a health and safety issue and hence would not be recommended for removal.
4. The trees had been pruned in 2001 and there is a history of RFS relating to these and other trees in the reserve. Most recently, in July, August and September 2005 a number of RFS were received requesting further pruning and in October, prior to a Community Board tour, a petition of letters (Hubbard and Lewis) was received to once again request the removal of the two trees.
5. Reasons for removal were stated as potential threat and nuisance due to excessive debris (Hubbard) and nuisance due to loss of winter sun (Lewis).
6. The trees were inspected by a council arborist on 7th February 2006. The inspection included a VTA (visual tree assessment) of three gum/eucalypt trees in the southwest corner and a brief overview of the whole reserve.
7. Westburn Reserve is a sports park of just over one hectare, located off Westburn Terrace and connected to Memorial Avenue by walkway. It appears to enjoy good patronage of residents. The landscape planting includes generally perimeter planting of trees and shrubs with the predominant tree species being birch, liquidambar and taxodium. There is one other (fourth) gum/eucalypt tree located towards the centre of the reserve.

10 Cont'd

8. The three gum/eucalypt trees in question were not identified to their specific name; however, it is evident that the 2 trees adjacent to Mr Hubbard's property are differing to the third tree. These 2 trees are approximately 15 m in height with DBH (@1.4m) of 0.6 m and individual canopy spreads of 12m diameter and, being situated near the road, are therefore dominant in the landscape. It should be noted that these trees are not fully mature at approximately 40 years of age.
9. The trees appeared to be in good health with no apparent defects other than some weak branch attachments which can be typical of gum/eucalypt. The hazard rating for these 2 trees was therefore scored at 6 out of 10.
10. The third, larger, tree (18 in height with DBH 1m and canopy spread of 14m) however, at first appeared to have a potentially serious defect in the trunk as well as similar canopy characteristics. After further testing with Picus Tomograph and increment bore no defect or decay was detected other than a potential 'shake' in the trunk tissue. This could be construed as a 'growth stress' rather than a 'fault'. The hazard rating for this tree therefore scored at 4 out of 10. It should be noted that had this tree been rated as a hazard, its removal would have had an effect upon the 2 other trees due to exposing them to easterly wind.
11. On the basis of the above assessment there is no arboricultural reason to remove any of the three gum/eucalypt trees at present.
12. The reasons for removal are therefore based upon nuisance to neighbours and residents.
13. In the case of nuisance caused by debris (to number 42) it is not unreasonable to expect trees to produce debris during their life cycle and although the trees are in close proximity to the property the tree does not overhang the boundary. It would the fore be expected that maintenance of both trees and property would mitigate any adverse effect from debris.
14. In the case of nuisance caused by loss mid winter sun (to number 39) this could be considered a seasonal event and, albeit ongoing, not a permanent effect. The issue raised of ice forming on the road is of concern, as this would constitute a health and safety issue.
15. In both cases nuisance, and health and safety concerns, could be alleviated by maintenance i.e. pruning of the trees as previously requested and actioned. However, regular monitoring and maintenance in itself is not a guarantee of preventing branch failure, and the risk of injury and/or damage cannot be effectively eliminated or even minimised with trees of this size, nature and proximity to property. Given the location of the tree the target is high and the trees cannot be effectively isolated. In time the risk is likely to increase.
16. Given the hazard and target rating, tree maintenance is potentially excessive and ongoing with its associated costs and risks. Therefore the sustainability of these trees is in question, hence removal and replacement is an option to consider as a long-term solution to this problem.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

17. The cost of monitoring and maintenance of the trees is covered under the existing citywide arboricultural operations budget. However, in the event of removal and replacement this could be considered under capital expenditure that is not budgeted for in the current financial year.
18. These trees are not protected under the City Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the removal of the two gum/eucalypt trees located in the south west of Westburn Reserve, adjacent to number 42 Westburn Terrace, and replace with appropriate planting in consultation with the residents of 42, 33 and 39 Westburn Terrace. (Note: that the third tree is to be retained and pruned).

10 Cont'd**CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

OPTIONS

19. There are three possible options:

(a) Do nothing or status quo.

This is not considered a viable option as it would leave the Council highly exposed to a negligence claim in relation to any subsequent damage to persons or property given our awareness of the condition of the trees.

(b) Increase level of regular maintenance and implement a regular safety monitoring programme.

This option will not address the key issues (of risk, nuisance and species selection) in the long term and has the effect of simply deferring the cost of the ultimate action to some point in the future. The overall maintenance cost would be increased with this option and there is still the risk of potential failure of, or part of, the tree given its size, location and the susceptibility characteristics of this particular species.

(c) Remove and replace the trees.

This option will address the immediate risk management, nuisance and appropriateness issues. Selection of a more suitable replacement trees for the site will reduce the overall tree maintenance costs and help mitigate for the loss of amenity in the longer term.

PREFERRED OPTION

20. The preferred option is option (C).

11. DELEGATION OF POWER TO ACT TO THE WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27 MARCH 2006

Submissions relevant to the "Review of the Christchurch Public Passenger Transport Strategy" close on Friday, 31 March 2006. Supporting information has been **separately circulated**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the matter be referred to the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee for action.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the matter be referred to the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting on 27 March 2006 with power to act.

12. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 22 FEBRUARY 2006

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Jeanne Pearce, DDI 941-6728

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 22 February 2006 meeting.

12 Cont'd

**Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee
held on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Sally Buck.

2. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD LONG TERM OBJECTIVES 2006 - 2009

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft working 2006-2009 outcomes for the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, developed to align with the community outcomes as detailed in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

A revised draft of this alignment, contained in the **attached** paper "Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Objectives 2006/09", reflects Board input.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 am.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

13. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT 16 FEBRUARY 2006

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Jeanne Pearce, DDI 941-6728

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 16 February 2006 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Thursday 16 February 2006
at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck and Pat Harrow.

2. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Ross Paterson, Christchurch Community Gardens Association

Ross Paterson, Community Gardens Development Worker, spoke to the Committee regarding Community Gardens.

The Committee **received** the information.

13 Cont'd

3. 2005/2006 PROJECT FUNDING – ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES – PROGRESS REPORT

Community Development Adviser, Maryanne Lomax provided the Committee with information as to the outcomes of 2005/2006 Fendalton/Waimairi Project Funding initiatives.

The Committee **received** the information (**attached**).

4. 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee considered a report of proposed 2006 meeting dates for the Community Services Committee.

The Committee **resolved** to adopt the following schedule for Community Service meetings, to be held at 8.00 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton, for the balance of 2006:

Tuesday, 18 April
 Wednesday, 21 June
 Wednesday, 16 August
 Wednesday, 25 October
 Wednesday, 6 December

The meeting concluded at 8.40 am

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

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

14. COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulations and Democracy
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Anusha Guler , DDI 9416436

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to consult with the Community Boards on the Community Board Delegations and Terms of Reference.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In December 2004, the Council agreed to review its delegations to Community Boards. A Community Board Governance Working Party, comprising the Deputy Mayor, Carole Evans, Phil Clearwater and Yvonne Palmer was set up to look at the Christchurch City Council Community Board Delegations Reference (**Appendix 1, attached**) and Community Board Delegations (**Appendix 2, attached**).
3. The Working Party submitted their report to the Community Board Chairs and Staff Forum where it was agreed that the changes would be discussed by each Community Board before a final report is sent to the Council.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no direct financial considerations to implementing the recommendations

14 Cont'd**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Boards consider the Community Board Delegations and the Community Board Terms of Reference, which has been amended to reflect the changes in the Council's new governance structure and the new Local Government Act 2002, and forward their submissions to the Community Board Governance Working Party for consideration.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and the matter be discussed.

15. FUNDING APPLICATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT CANTERBURY INC TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2005-06 DISCRETIONARY FUND

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Acting Community and Recreation Manager
Author:	Maryanne Lomax, DDI 941-6730

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from Neighbourhood Support Canterbury for \$5,000 from the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board's 2005/06 Discretionary funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Neighbourhood Support Canterbury is seeking financial support to employ a Coordinator to establish and manage a Junior Neighbourhood Support programme.
3. Junior Neighbourhood Support works within primary schools and aims to promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in children. Children are recognised for such actions as helping neighbours, cleaning up local community facilities (including graffiti and rubbish), noting dangerous situations that could result in accidents, and being aware of and reporting suspicious activities.
4. This project is in partnership with Rotary, NZ Police, and the NZ Fire Service.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary funds. As this project does cover more than one ward, however, the Board may feel it more appropriate for the organisation to apply to Metropolitan funding.
6. The Coordinator's role will be to establish at least one Junior Neighbourhood Support programme in each of the Council's six Community Board areas and the organisation is therefore seeking a contribution of \$5,000 from each Community Board.
7. The total cost of the project is \$33,000; Neighbourhood Support Canterbury and Rotary are also providing financial support to this project.
8. There are no legal implications for the Board in relation to this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Decline the application and refer the application to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee so that it may be considered as an application for a metropolitan wide service.

15 Cont'd

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

9. Neighbourhood Support Canterbury was registered as an Incorporated Society in 2001 with the aim of establishing and maintaining Neighbourhood Support groups in Christchurch.
10. Junior Neighbourhood Support was initially set up in West Auckland through West Auckland Neighbourhood Support and West Harbour Rotary. This programme was named one of the top five international Rotary supported programmes in 2004. It has been adopted in England, Australia, and Fiji, and is being rolled out in other areas around New Zealand.
11. The key tasks and responsibilities of the Junior Neighbourhood Support Coordinator will include:
 - Initiating contact with schools and setting up programmes
 - Delivering the programme to the school
 - Completing all administrative responsibilities associated with the delivery of the programme
 - Liaising with Police, Fire Service and Rotary
 - Attending reward presentations
 - Reporting regularly to the Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Committee

OPTIONS

12. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - (a) Grant \$5,000 to Neighbourhood Support Canterbury
 - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested
 - (c) Decline the application
 - (d) Refer the application to Metropolitan funding.

16. FUNDING APPLICATION FROM THE FENDALTON PARK CROQUET CLUB TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2005-06 DISCRETIONARY FUND

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Acting Community and Recreation Manager
Author:	Maryanne Lomax, DDI 941-6730

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Fendalton Park Croquet Club from the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board's 2005/06 Discretionary funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Fendalton Park Croquet Club is requesting financial support from the Board to have their croquet greens re-sown and to have a new irrigation system installed.
3. Christchurch has won the bid to host the 2008 Croquet World Championships and the Fendalton Park grounds will be one of the main venues for the competition. At present the lawns are considered by professional assessors to be seriously substandard as they have never been re-sown and have not had any major work done on them for fifty-five years.
4. There is a certain amount of urgency in relation to this project as the work will need to begin at the end of March to allow for the required 'grow-in' period.

16 Cont'd

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary funds.
6. The total cost of the project is \$42,131. They have submitted the following applications:

Funding Organisation	Amount	Outcome
Lion Foundation	\$5,000	Approved
Southern Trust	\$5,000	Approved
Eureka Trust	\$10,000	Declined
Pub Charity	\$5,600	Declined
Canterbury Community Trust	\$11,850	Awaiting decision
Scottwood Trust	\$5,000	Awaiting decision

The Fendalton Park Croquet Club is also contributing \$5,000 towards the project.

7. This organisation has not received any previous funding from the Board.
8. There are no legal implications for the Board in relation to this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application for funding from the Fendalton Park Croquet Club and allocate \$10,000 from 2005/06 discretionary funds towards the costs involved in re-sowing the lawns and upgrading the irrigation system.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

9. Fendalton Park Croquet Club is a community resource that has provided recreational opportunities to the local community for the last fifty five years. Croquet is a game that is accessible to a wide range of people. The club's current membership, of approximately 70 people, includes parents with young babies and individuals suffering from Parkinson's disease and the aftermath of strokes.
10. The Canterbury Croquet Association is currently promoting croquet in schools as an alternative non-contact sport for children with limited physical and/or social ability.
11. In February 2008, Christchurch is hosting the World Croquet Championships and as the club with the second largest number of playing lawns in Christchurch, Fendalton Park will play a key role in the success of these championships.
12. The lawns are currently mowed weekly with a triplex lawnmower and weeds are controlled by dedicated club members who vigilantly spray any emerging weed. Despite the best efforts of the club, the greens are in poor condition. Deep-seated thatching, accumulated over many years, has created a combination of a spongy, uneven surface combined with blackened bare patches.
13. The condition of the lawns has been evaluated by an agronomist, David Howard, from the NZ Sports Turf Institute. The advice given by Mr Howard was to remove the turf and laser level before replanting. At the same time, the irrigation system, which is not providing an even distribution, needs to be upgraded.
14. The club has drawn up specifications on the basis of this advice and has publicly advertised for tenders for the work.

16 Cont'd**OPTIONS**

15. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
- (a) Grant the Fendalton Park Croquet Club the full amount requested
 - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested
 - (c) Decline the application.

17. HERITAGE AWARDS

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Community and Recreation Unit Manager
Author:	Sally Holtham, Community Engagement Assistant, DDI 941-5401

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on the proposed Heritage Awards to be held in May 2006 in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the Board meeting held on 30 March 2005, an amount of \$5,436 was allocated from the Board's Project Funds towards local Heritage Awards, to be co-ordinated and organised by the Community Engagement Team.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. As funding has already been allocated from the Board's 2005/06 Project Fund, there are no additional financial considerations, and no legal considerations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board nominate a Board member to sit on the judging panel

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That Val Carter and Faimeh Burke be nominated to sit on the Heritage Awards judging panel.

BACKGROUND ON HERITAGE AWARDS

4. In past years the Board has supported Merivale Precinct Society through the allocation of funding to that group's "House Awards" for the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. In March 2005 the Board allocated an amount of \$5,436 from Project Funds for the Council's Community Engagement Team to co-ordinate and organise heritage awards in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward on behalf of the Board.
5. Two others Boards (Hagley/Ferrymead and Shirley/Papanui) hold annual Heritage Awards. Each of these Boards selects a judging panel which considers entries (including an on-site visit of each property nominated) and then decides on the winners for each category, plus any special merit or other awards. The awards are then presented at a ceremony hosted by the respective Boards.
6. It is proposed to promote the Fendalton/Waimairi Heritage Awards in the Board's newsletter, as well as circulating information and entry forms to local residents, schools and community groups. Other avenues of promotion will involve the distribution of posters/flyers to libraries, community facilities and other public places. The judging panel will comprise at least one staff member from the Heritage section of the Council's Strategy and Planning Team, a representative from a local heritage group or organisation; and a Community Board member with an interest in heritage issues.

17 Cont'd

7. An awards presentation ceremony is planned for May 2006.

18. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD 2005/06 PROJECT FUNDING - ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES PROGRESS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2006

The Community Engagement Adviser, Angele Toomey, will inform the Board as to the outcomes **(attached)** of 2005/2006 Fendalton/Waimairi Project Funding initiatives.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be **received**.

19. GOOD NEWS STORIES

Community Recreation Adviser Ken Howat will brief the Board on the outcome of the Avice Hill Craft Fair held on Sunday 26 February 2006.

Community Development Adviser Maryanne Lomax will brief the Board on the 6 March 2006 opening of the Cotswold Pre-School and Nursery.

20. INFORMATION SHARING

An opportunity for all Community Board members to share information on activities that are of interest to the Board.

21. QUESTIONS