8. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MEETING REPORT OF 29 MARCH 2010

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 29 March 2008 at 8am.

The meeting was attended by Cheryl Colley (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Val Carter, Jamie Gough, Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

An apology for early departure was received and accepted from Sally Buck who left at 9am, and was absent for clauses 2.2 and 6.

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Mr M and Mrs B Goodall

Mr and Mrs Goodall, residents of 50 Crofton Road, addressed the Committee in relation to trees outside their property.

Mr Goodall outlined their reasons for requesting the removal of the two Silver Birch street trees, which included the allergen aspect, the untidiness caused by seed dispersion and the footpath and driveway damage caused by tree roots.

Mr Goodall indicated a willingness to contribute towards a replacement tree, but not towards the costs of tree removal.

Mrs Goodall indicated a preference toward a South Island Kowhai, as there were other Kowhai trees in the street, if any replacement trees were approved.

The Chairperson thanked the Goodall's for their submission.

Clause 3 of this report records the Committee's recommendation to the Board on this matter.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

2.1 Westburn Reserve

Shane Moohan, City Arborist, briefed the Committee in relation to a memorandum presented to the Board on 19 February 2010 regarding Westburn Reserve.

The Committee considered options with regard to the Board resolution of 15 December 2009 regarding this matter.

Committee Recommendation

That as the additional information provided in the staff memorandum of 15 December 2009 does not provide any cause for the Board to consider revocation of its resolution that the resolution remain, namely:

'To approve the request for the removal of a Silver Birch tree from Westburn Reserve on condition that the resident, Mr D Southern, pays the total cost of the removal and replacement of the tree and for this to be done in conjunction with appropriate staff to ensure it meets Council requirements'.

2.2 Greater Christchurch Metro Strategy Review 2010

Shannon Ussher, Strategic Planner Passenger Transport, Environment Canterbury briefed the Committee on Environment Canterbury's Greater Christchurch Metro Strategy Review 2010.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ussher for the briefing provided.

Clause 6 of this report details the Committee's recommendation on this matter.

3. 50 CROFTON ROAD – PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL

The Committee was presented with a report from staff responding to a request from the residents of 1/50 Crofton Road for the removal of the two Silver Birch trees outside their property frontage.

The recommendations from the staff were:

- (a) That the request to remove either of the two Silver Birch trees outside number 1/50 Crofton Road be declined; and
- (b) That the trees continue to be maintained to internationally recognised and accepted arboricultural practices, standards and procedures.

Committee Consideration

In considering the staff report, the Committee noted that the formal consultation with residents highlighted that a majority would prefer the trees to be removed and replaced and that the trees were a significant nuisance causing cracking of pavements and shedding of seeds and leaves.

The Committee was further advised that two other Silver Birch trees in the street had already been removed by the Council.

The Committee also took into consideration the submission made earlier in the meeting by Mr and Mrs Goodall.

Committee Recommendation

- (a) That the two Silver Birch street trees located outside 1/50 Crofton Road, be removed.
- (b) That the Council pay for the removal of the trees owing to the trees constituting a significant nuisance and that one of the replacement trees be funded by the residents of 1/50 Crofton Road, namely Mr M and Mrs B Goodall.

4. ST ALBANS STREET – ST ALBANS/MERIVALE BOWLING CLUB - REQUEST FOR P120 (11AM TO 3PM) PARKING RESTRICTION AND SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS

The Committee considered a report from staff in response to a request from the St Albans/Merivale Bowling Club for a P120 (11am to 3pm) parking restriction on St Albans Street and special exemptions for club users.

Committee Recommendation

That the request from the St Albans/Merivale Bowling Club for a P120 (11am to 3pm) parking restriction on St Albans Street and special exemptions for club users, be declined.

5. WINSLOW STREET – REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE STREET

The Committee considered a report from staff on the findings of investigations into the request for parking restrictions in Winslow Street and also for the installation of a median on Roydvale Avenue to restrict traffic flow to "left-turn in/left-turn out" on Winslow Street.

Committee Recommendation

- (a) That the request for parking restrictions in Winslow Street, be declined.
- (b) That the request to convert Winslow Street into a cul-de-sac, be declined.
- (c) That the restriction of the Winslow Street/Roydvale Avenue intersection to left turn in only/left turn out only (ie. no right turn in/right turn out) be supported for consideration by the Council.
- (d) That immediate implementation of the project be undertaken if funds are currently available, otherwise the request in (c) above, be considered by the Council for inclusion in the next LTCCP.

6. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH METRO STRATEGY REVIEW 2010 – BOARD SUBMISSION

Further to the briefing provided earlier in the meeting (clause 2.2 refers), the Committee supported a Board submission being made on the proposed strategy.

Committee Recommendation

- (a) That a Board submission be made on the Greater Christchurch Metro Strategy Review 2010 and this be co-ordinated by the Community Board Adviser after feedback from Board members.
- (b) That the submission be retrospectively approved by the Board, if necessary.

The meeting concluded at 9.16am.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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