

13. NOTICE OF MOTION: HALSWELL TO HOSPITAL BUS ROUTE

Consideration was given to the following motion, notice of which had been given by Neville Bennett, Helen Broughton and Bob Shearing pursuant to Standing Order 2.16:

"That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board make a grant of up to \$5,000 to the Halswell Residents' Association for professional advice on the Halswell/Hospital bus route."

Faye Parfitt and David Chamberlain (representing the Halswell Residents' Association) spoke in support of the motion.

At its 11 October 2005 meeting, the Board had turned down a similar request, primarily on the basis that the thoroughness of any survey could not be carried out within such a tight timetable (it was understood that this matter was going to be given final consideration by Environment Canterbury at its 27 October 2005 meeting).

The spokespersons advised that they had held informal meetings with Environment Canterbury Councillors and were still keen to have a survey undertaken to support the Association's stance on having the No. 7 Halswell bus rerouted past the hospital. The meeting was advised that this issue was on Environment Canterbury's agenda for their 24 November 2005 meeting.

The majority of members were supportive of the notice of motion and on a show of hands, (the voting being five in favour and two against), the Board **resolved** to make a grant of up to \$5,000 to the Halswell Residents' Association for professional advice on the requested direct bus route from Halswell to the Christchurch Public Hospital, provided no final decision was made on this bus route at Environment Canterbury's meeting on 24 November 2005.

The source of funds would be the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.