

25. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

(a) Christmas Break – Emergency Decision Making

Owing to the long break between Board meetings over the Christmas period I recommend to the Board that an Emergency Committee with power to act be appointed to deal with emergency issues that would otherwise come to the Board for decision.

Conditions of the Committee are as follows:

1. To have the power to act to make emergency decisions on behalf of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board during the period from 2nd December until seven days before the first scheduled meeting in year 2000.
2. That the committee will consist of the Chairperson plus any three available members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.
3. Any such decisions made be reported to the first Community Board meeting in year 2000.

Recommendation: That the above committee be appointed subject to the conditions of operation stated.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.

(b) Meeting Dates for 2000

Community Board meetings

It is proposed that the Community Board meetings will principally be on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of the December Board meeting which will be on the last Wednesday in November.

Community Board Focus Committee/Seminars

As part of the planning process for meeting dates for next year the question arises as to whether the third Wednesday in the month is the most suitable date. This question arises from feedback I have received.

It would appear that looking at the 1999 schedule of Council and Standing Committees taking into account Hagley/Ferrymead Councillors involvement that Thursday would have no known conflict.

Could the Board please recommend the preferred day and time of meeting.

I would recommend Thursday at 3.30pm.

Set out below is a suggested schedule of meeting dates for the Board's approval:

Board Meeting	Wednesday 2 February 2000
Community Focus Committee	Thursday 17 February
Board meeting	Wednesday 1 March 2000
Seminar meeting	Thursday 16 March
Board meeting	Wednesday 5 April 2000
Community Focus Committee	Thursday 20 April
Board meeting	Wednesday 3 May 2000
Seminar meeting	Thursday 18 May
Board meeting	Wednesday 7 June 2000
Community Focus Committee	Thursday 22 June
Board meeting	Wednesday 5 July 2000
Seminar meeting	Thursday 20 July
Board meeting	Wednesday 2 August 2000
Community Focus Committee	Thursday 17 August
Board meeting	Wednesday 6 September 2000
Seminar meeting	Thursday 21 Sept.
Board meeting	Wednesday 4 October 2000
Community Focus Committee	Thursday 19 October
Board meeting	Wednesday 1 November 2000
Seminar meeting	Thursday 16 November
Board meeting	Wednesday 29 November 2000
No Community Focus meeting in December – there is no appropriate forum to report to.	

The Board has previously decided that Board meetings should commence at 4.30pm and Community Focus Seminar meetings at 3.30pm. The Board may wish to consider and re-affirm its preferred beginning times for meetings.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That these dates and times be adopted by the Board.

(c) Penguin Colony

John Freeman has advised that he will arrange visits to the colony for any interested elected members or members of the community.

Persons interested should contact John Freeman direct.

(d) Parliamentary Candidates

At the focus meeting of 20 October 1999 it was requested that a meeting be held with all parliamentary candidates standing in the areas covered by Hagley/Ferrymead.

Owing to the short time frame to organise such a meeting, co-ordinate all the candidates and following discussion with the chairperson it was considered that it would be of more value to hold such a meeting with the successful candidates in the New Year.

Arrangements therefore will be made for successful local parliamentarians to attend either a Focus Committee or Seminar meeting of the Board in the New Year.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

(e) Board Seminar Meeting

The Board held a Seminar Meeting on Wednesday 17 November 1999. The following matters were discussed.

(a) *Canterbury Regional Council – Changes to Bus Routes and Bus Stops.*

Jill Atkinson, Passenger Transport Operations Manager and Alex Campbell, Passenger Transport Planner, from the Canterbury Regional Council were in attendance at the meeting and outlined the process by which the Canterbury Regional Council re-evaluated routes and proposed route changes.

The process for the review of the Sumner bus service was also outlined to the meeting and the associated changes to the Bromley route.

The process of community consultation was also outlined. The need for feedback from the community was emphasised in order to influence the planning and decision making.

(b) *Discussion on Communication*

Sam Fisher, the Council's Communications Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting. Advice was sought from him on the Council's communications and what the Community Board could do to publicise itself, in particular in the Council's publication "City Scene".

Possible options for promoting individual Community Boards in "City Scene" were outlined. Sam asked the Board what they hoped to achieve by this communication. One problem which he saw was the wide difference between community boards. It was thus very hard to achieve a consistent result.

Sam advised that a further Community Board oriented edition of "City Scene" is proposed for March/April 2000.

In the ensuing discussion, Board members expressed the feeling that members of the public simply do not have any idea of what a Community Board is and what it does. The Board, therefore, wishes to see the most effective communication possible with its community. Sam suggested that "City Scene" was likely to be the most effective and widely read exposure available to Community Boards.

The possibility of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board putting its own insert with names and photographs of Board Members into "City Scene" was traversed. Sam offered the help of David Gee to help write this insert and to make it attractive.

Sam advised that "City Scene" comes out 10 times a year and that each Community Board could be featured at a different time in order to ease the overload on the City Scene staff.

It was left to the Community Advocate and Sam Fisher to consult on a suitable time and format, with the suggestion that this should be done in March 2000.

(c) *Draft Pedestrian Strategy Document*

Board members asked that this Draft Policy document be noted in the Board agenda paper to allow Board members the opportunity to discuss this document.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

(f) Discretionary Expenditure

The attached schedule details the Board's allocations to date.

A total of \$25,688 remains.