21. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE -REPORT OF 2 DECEMBER 1998

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The purpose of this report is to convey the results of the Committee meeting held on 2 December 1998 along with appropriate recommendations.

Unit responses to the Board's 1999 Planning Statement were reviewed along with an update on this years project funding expenditure.

Draft Board objectives and performance indicators for 1999/00 were compiled and consideration was given to allocating the remaining discretionary funds for this financial year.

A copy of the Committee's report **follows**.

FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday 2 December 1998 at 12.00 noon, in the Board Room, Fendalton Service Centre.

PRESENT: Yiyi Ku (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Pat Harrow,

Keith Nuttall (from 12.22 pm), Mike Wall, Ron Wright (until 12.20 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (from 12.40 pm)

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Keith Nuttall.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE

Sally Buck and Yiyi Ku were each appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee to be undertaken during their respective 18 month terms as Committee Chairs.

3. 1999/00 PLANNING STATEMENT-UNIT RESPONSES

At its meeting on 17 November 1998, the Board provided the Committee with power to act to consider and identify any Unit responses that may be of concern and thereby require a deputation from the Board Chairman and Community Advocate for further discussion.

To assist with this assessment, the Committee was provided with a copy of the Planning Statement which incorporated both the issues and the project proposals along with the responses from Units.

Members reflected on the contents of the issues section of the Planning Statement which had been endorsed by the Board at its last meeting.

Additional viewpoints and outcomes from this consideration are listed as follows.

TRAFFIC/CYCLISTS/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

It was **agreed** that \$10,000 be earmarked from next years project funds to be used to trial the ripple strip concept or similar at an agreed school location.

City Streets staff undertook to further consider the request and report back with further information prior to any such funding allocation being confirmed by the Board.

UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD SERVICES

Members reaffirmed the desire for more undergrounding to occur and mention was made of applying interest from any Enerco repatriation to boost the undergrounding fund and further that this aspect be forwarded as a request as part of the six month review.

The continued presence of Telecom poles in Roydvale Avenue was discussed and it was indicated that staff would follow this up with Telecom directly.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The present effectiveness of the Canterbury Development Corporation was questioned and mention was also made of the present resource consent processes and the high costs involved for all concerned. The need for Council consistency in the administration of the Resource Management Act was also referred to.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION-TREES

A keenness to have the Board continue to lobby for the protection of trees in its area was acknowledged as was the aspect of the Council not being seen to interfere with the rights of property owners on their own land.

The scope existed for significant trees to be 'adopted' and for them to be kept watered and maintained. The principle of one tree being removed and two being planted in its place provided a responsible and acceptable compromise which led to a win-win situation for all concerned. The idea of the community also contributing to the maintenance of trees in parks and reserves was referred to as was the possibility of funding trees on a shared community basis.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The idea of working more closely with local schools on initiatives such as the creation of vegetable gardens and the maintenance of other public planted areas was commented on. The allocation of Board discretionary funds towards such initiatives was supported.

The previous Board's support for the Limited Service Volunteer Scheme was referred to includin the opportunity of Board funding being allocated to support future attendees living in the Board area.

The specific needs and wants of new migrant residents was discussed and it was **agreed** that Yiyi Ku and the Community Development Adviser give further thought to developing a programme for initial consideration by the Board's Community Services Committee.

Recommendations:

- 1. That \$2000 of the Board's 1998/99 discretionary funds be applied for vegetable gardens and street beautification projects involving local schools.
- 2. That \$3,000 be applied from the Board's discretionary funds towards Limited Service Volunteer Scheme attendees living in the Board's area.
- 3. That the action taken in requesting an enhanced level of undergrounding in the City, if surplus funding is identified through the 6 monthly monitoring process, be confirmed.

With regard to the project proposals and the responses from Units, no issues arose requiring further approaches being necessary to Business Units.

4. STATEMENT OF BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 1999/00

A draft statement for 1999/00 initially prepared by staff and modified by the Committee as a result of its discussions, **follows**.

Comment was made about the use of City Scene as a means of the Board communicating with residents and staff undertook to follow up on the suggestion and report back. Also the possibility of members acting as a liaison between the Board and Residents Groups was referred to and staff undertook to further consider this idea and report back.

Recommendation:

That the draft Statement of Board Objectives and Performance Indicators for 1999/00 be adopted.

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE:	STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY:	PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY
OUTPUT CLASS:	ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION

OUTPUT: COMMUNITY BOARDS

Sub Output: Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board

DRAFT, subject to Finalisation at February 1999 Board Meeting.

VISION: To advocate fairly on behalf of all Fendalton/Waimairi residents irrespective of gender, race, ethnic origin or religious belief.

Objectives for 1999/00

- 1. Effective consultation with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community.
- 2. To provide the Council with timely and accurate information on issues relating to community needs and priorities.
- 3. To monitor the implementation of capital projects (except those designated as major or metropolitan).
- 4. To ensure that all specified discretionary funded works are completed during the year.
- 5. To be an advocate for the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
- 6. To promote safer roads, cycleways, pedestrian access and open space areas that serve the community well through appropriate funding provision.
- 7. To develop local community safety initiatives.
- 8. To encourage community development that is responsive to the needs of all residents in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
- 9. To monitor and were appropriate, facilitate the preservation of local heritage buildings.

Performance Indicators

- 1.1 Communication with the Fendalton/Waimairi community to be conducted throughout the year by:
 - (a) Distributing two high quality and informative newsletters throughout the community, and
 - (b) Holding no fewer than two general consultative meetings, to which representatives of all residents' groups are invited, and
 - (c) Holding no fewer than one consultative meeting with representatives of sporting groups in the community, and
 - (d) Holding a consultative forum to elicit input into the annual Council Plan process, and
 - (e) Continue consultation with schools in the community regarding traffic safety matters, and complete a further round of such consultation with 50% of the schools by 30 June 2000.
 - (f) Liaise with Police on community safety on an ongoing basis.
 - (g) Hold six monthly informal liaison meetings with support staff.
- 2. That all significant issues or concerns raised through the community consultation process be reported to the Council through the Board's monthly reports.
- 3. That the Board continues to receive and consider updates on the capital works programme on a three monthly basis.
- 4. That two progress reports be submitted to the Board during the year advising on the extent to which discretionary funding has been expended as directed by the Board in its allocation of such funds.
- 5.1 To participate in the Council's annual budget process.
- 5.2 The ongoing monitoring of Council committee activities and to act as an advocate where necessary on behalf of the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

- 5.3 To represent the views of the community to other agencies such as the Canterbury Regional Council, as required.
- 6. Annual budgetary provision towards the ongoing implementation of Local Area Traffic Management Schemes and neighbourhood traffic safety improvements and open space amenity.
- 7. The completion of a Community Action Plan by 31 December 1999 with its focus on strengthening local committees.
- 8. The annual funding of programmes and initiatives for the overall benefit of the community.
- 9. That all relevant heritage issues dealt with, be reported to the Board's next scheduled ordinary monthly meeting.

5. 1998/99 PROJECT FUNDING

For the benefit of the Committee and especially new members, details of the Board's project funding allocations for 1998/99 were reported on. It was noted that with regard to the Community Initiatives (\$10,000) and the Millennium Projects (\$10,000) allocations some \$5,000 still remained in each of the allocations. It was **agreed** that these remaining sums could be referred to the Community Services Committee for consideration as to the options for allocation.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

6. 1999/00 PROJECT FUNDING

In accordance with the present timetable for the 1999/00 Plan, all Boards were required to submit details of their allocation of this funding (currently \$250,000) by 5 March 1999 ie via their March Board meeting.

Members were asked to give initial consideration to likely projects for inclusion in the allocation and along with contributions from staff and the Board bus tour now scheduled for 1 February, the matter would need to be further considered by the Committee during that month.

Recommendation:

That consideration of projects for inclusion in the Board's 1999/00 project funding allocations be undertaken by the Finance and Planning Committee during February and report to the March Board meeting.

7. 1998/99 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS-REMAINING ALLOCATIONS

An amount of \$15,638.00 of the Board's 1998/99 discretionary funds remained available for allocation.

Details of the allocations made to date by the Board were advised as follows.

Project Description	Amount	Resolution
Hartley Avenue–Railway Pedestrian		
Overbridge-Engineer's Report	\$ 4,000	1.7.98
Merivale Precinct Society–Operating	\$ 462	1.7.98
grant		
St Albans Street–Plantings	\$ 5,000	4.8.98
Wairakei Road-footpath extension	\$ 2,500	4.9.98
Nunweek Park (Harewood Road		
frontage) Car Parking Plan	\$ 1,000	31.8.98
Stage II		
Community Support Seeding Fund	\$ 4,000	31.8.98
Christchurch North Citizens Advice	\$ 2,400	31.8.98
Bureau-Operating Grant		
Youth Initiatives (ex Bryndwr	\$ 4,000	31.8.98
Research, March 1998)		

Elmwood Visual Resource Centre-	\$ 2,000	31.8.98
Grant		
Community Awards (Administration)	\$ 1,500	31.8.98
Te Ropu Tamahine Grant	<u>\$7,500</u>	17.11.98
-	\$ 34,362	
Therefore Balance Left	<u>\$ 15,638</u>	
	<u>\$50,000</u>	

From the resulting discussions the Committee recommends that the majority of the funds that remained be allocated as follows.

Recommendation:

That further 1998/99 discretionary funds be allocated to the following projects:

•	\$2,000	Vegetable gardens (liaison with local schools)
•	\$3,000	Limited Service Volunteer Scheme
•	\$3,000 *	Jellie Park–landscape plantings at waterway
•	\$4,200	Parks picnic tables (Burnside Park, Jeffreys Park,
		Edgar McIntosh Park)
•	\$3,200	Fendalton Library-get well bags (with a request that
		the Library promote the service and the Board
		through its newsletter)
•	<u>\$ 500</u>	Bishopdale Commemorative Time/Temperature
		Display –Design work
	<u>\$15,000</u>	

^{*} To be reallocated if funding provision already made by the Water Services Unit.

The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

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