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Corporate Plan Output: Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Project Funding	

At the 17 November 1998 meeting of the Board it was resolved that the proposal for a skatepark facility at Jellie Park be supported, but that the final selection of a site be determined by the Board in conjunction with a member's site meeting with local residents and skateboard representatives.

An on-site meeting was arranged on Tuesday 24 November at 6.30 pm and the following members were in attendance: Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright. A number of local residents attended together with a representative from the skateboarders, and relevant Council staff.

Members initially viewed Site F (the northern site adjacent to the Greers Road frontage) and the relative advantages and disadvantages of the particular site were explained. Expressions of support and opposition from the residents were received during the discussions at this site.

Members then relocated to Site E (adjacent to the toilets on the Greers Road frontage) where further discussion eventuated on the attributes, or otherwise, related to this site.

During inspection at Site E, a further option was identified by a number of the residents. This option suggested a construction matching the existing contours of the land adjacent to the stream behind the toilet block. It was noted that this option would require a short section of the stream to be piped and that there could be a need for resource consent for such development.

In discussion on each of the three options members and residents expressed a difficulty in understanding the extent and structure of the skatepark proposed. As this information was deemed necessary before a decision on siting could be made it was agreed that officers should provide further detail to more clearly identify the design of each option proposed.

In respect of the third option it was also agreed that this be discussed with officers of the Water Services Unit as a project of merit based on an enhancement and practical use of an otherwise unattractive section of waterway.

Members accordingly **decided** that no decision be made until further information was made available on the three sites. This will be reported to the Board on 2 March.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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