

13. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE-REPORT OF 16 FEBRUARY 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 16 February as **follows**:

FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Report of a meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 1999 at 8.00am
in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre.**

PRESENT: Yiyi Ku (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Pat Harrow,
Keith Nuttall Mike Wall, Ron Wright.

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Stewart

Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright arrived at 9.05am.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 1999/2000

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At its meeting on 2 February 1999, the Board resolved that the initial consideration of projects for inclusion in the Board's 1999/00 project funding allocations be undertaken by the Committee and reported back to the Board on 2 March.

To assist the Committee in its considerations, a comprehensive report was submitted setting out details of projects that the Board had previously supported in the past along with a number of new proposals identified by members, staff and others.

It was noted that the Board again had \$250,000 of Project Funds and \$50,000 of Discretionary Funds available in which to allocate. As in past years, it was **agreed** that the discretionary budget be retained for allocation early in the 1999/00 period.

The various allocations arising from the detailed assessment of all the information submitted are listed in the recommendation which follows.

In considering the proposed provision of a footpath extension on Wairakei Road, support was expressed that the section between Stanleys and Russley Roads be a dual footpath/cycleway. The Area Engineer undertook to further investigate this option including the possibility of this section being funded in part from the cycleways budget thereby enabling the footpath only portion from Russley to Orchard Road (say \$4,000) to be funded by the Board.

Other proposals discussed in detail included the provision of a crossing facility for Aorangi School children on Aorangi Road near Colwyn Avenue and also the timing and extent of traffic calming improvements proposed in Reynolds Avenue.

On the above matters, there was general support for Board funding to be applied in part but that balance funding in each instance be sought from the City Streets Unit.

The Committee discussed the desirability of undergrounding overhead services in Poynder Avenue as part of the renewal of the kerb and channel in 1999/2000 and it was **agreed** that the City Streets Unit be requested to consider undertaking the undergrounding work at the same time.

The funding requested to enable the setting up of a youth computer club at the Bishopdale Community Centre in partnership with the Bishopdale Library was discussed and in agreeing to partially funding the initiative, the staff were asked to also investigate the use of second hand PC machines.

The application from Orana Park for funding support towards the provision of new footpaths was considered with it being noted that a total amount of \$45,000 was requested over the next three years ie: \$15,000 per year. Members acknowledged the worthiness of the proposal but with the limitation on funds available felt that at this stage a lower contribution of say \$10,000 per year was appropriate.

The various community responses were noted and staff were asked to review the requests including the possibility of support being applied from both the community funding and discretionary funding budgets.

Recommendation: That the Board's Project Funding for 1999/2000 amounting to \$250,000, be allocated as follows:

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Footpath Reseals	10,000
Community Funding 'Top up'	25,000
Community Event	7,800
Community Initiatives	5,000
Millennium Projects	5,000
Merivale Streetscape Plan (Implementation Stage II)	30,000
Out of School Care Programmes	17,000
Ripple Strips (location to be finalised)	10,000
Wairakei Road (Russley to Orchard) – Footpath Extension	4,000 *
Aorangi Road Pedestrian Facility	15,000 *
Reynolds Avenue Traffic Calming	20,000 *
Merivale Reserve – Landscape Development	20,000
Crosbie Park Playground Upgrade	
(Substitution for Ray-Blank Park in 2003/4)	20,000
Jellie Park Skateboard Facility	20,000

Bishopdale Community Centre – Youth Computer Club		10,000
Leisure Programmes		
• Kids Fun After School Programme (Bishopdale School)	8,000	
• Bryndwr Youth Employment Programme	3,000	
• Creative Expression with Clay	3,600	
• Crafty Kids Holiday Activities	1,600	
• Bishopdale Recreation Initiatives	<u>5,000</u>	21,200
Orana Park – Grant for new footpaths (ongoing)		10,000
		<u>\$ 250,000</u>

* Balance funding for each of the three projects to be sought from the City Streets Unit.

3. MERIVALE RESERVE - UPDATE

The Area Parks Officer reported that as part of the procedure for the development of the site, the Parks Unit had engaged a Landscape Architect to prepare a concept plan which in due course will be circulated to the local community after firstly being over seen by the Board.

The house was now vacant and the Property Unit was currently making preparations for the removal of the buildings from the site.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. MERIVALE PRECINCT SOCIETY – HOUSE AWARDS

At its meeting on 2 February, the Board decided to refer the submissions made by the Society regarding the House Awards, to the Committee for further consideration.

Members noted that the Society was proposing to conduct the awards as part of Neighbourhood Week (1–7 March) with a presentation function planned for Wednesday, 3 March.

The Society had asked the Board to consider the appointment of a Board member to the judging panel and to provide some funding support towards the event.

Recommendation:

1. That Keith Nuttall be appointed as the Board representative on the judging panel.
2. That funding of up to \$500 be made available to the Merivale Precinct Society from the Neighbourhood Week budget (\$1,500).

The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

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Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.