

15. MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY-REPORT OF 17 FEBRUARY 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the **following** record of the Working Party's meeting held on 17 February.

MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY

Report of a meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 1999 at 8.00am, in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre

PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Val Carter, Keith Nuttall, Ron Wright, Colin Foggo, Pat Quinn, Jeff Vesey

1. **APOLOGIES** An apology was received and accepted from Tony Hunter

2. **MERIVALE STREETSCAPE PLAN**

The purpose of this meeting was to further progress a number of issues that had arisen at the Working Party's last meeting on 22 January details of which follow.

a) **Paving Options**

Cost estimates for the repaving of existing footpaths through the commercial area were considered. These ranged from \$74,000 for cobblestones up to \$217,000 for Timaru Blue Stone.

Although the merits of repaving were acknowledged, it was felt that no further action be taken at the present time and that the matter be reviewed in the future when funds may well be more readily available.

The business representatives indicated that if funding could be found then there was a possibility of a contribution also being made by the business community.

As an **agreed** action point, staff were asked to check with the City Streets Unit on the footpath reseals and budget programme with a view to a possible substitution being sought.

b) Plant Containers

Members viewed a sample plant container for the topiary trees. Some refinement to the design of the container was discussed including the need to consider lower cost options for the internal liner. The indicative cost of each container was in the region of \$700 excluding the liner.

There was general support for the style of the planter and costings to provide irrigation to each of the trees still needed to be assessed.

Therefore, it was **agreed** that further work be done to define actual costings and to identify the positioning of the planters and that aspects of refining the design and identifying a lower cost liner for the plant containers be undertaken.

c) Scout Den Site

It was advised that a visit to the property had yet to be made following which a report would be made back to the Working Party.

The matter of conducting a needs study to determine the possible community use of the building was highlighted as a process that needed to be followed.

d) Plaza Landscaping

The apparent compatibility of the Plaza landscaping to that of the overall streetscape plan was discussed. Staff undertook to check on this further with the property owner. Also raised was the status and positioning of the road reserve strip along the Aikmans Road frontage of the Plaza and again staff undertook to check on this aspect and report back.

There was general agreement that representatives of the Working Party should meet separately with Tower Corporation for the purpose of appraising them about the contents of the Plan and in return to ascertain the intentions and plans of the company.

It was **agreed** that a letter seeking such a meeting be forwarded forthwith.

e) Mall Carpark

The matter of low growing hedging as underplanting surrounding the carpark had been informally raised with Tower and it was asked that this aspect be covered in the letter in relation to (d) above.

f) Street Lighting

It was advised that details of street lighting proposals considered a number of years ago were not able to be obtained.

Due to the complexity of what may be involved regarding existing verandahs etc throughout the commercial area it was **agreed** that this aspect be left to a future time.

g) Options to Rose Cones

The current preference was to have an architectural theme perhaps based on an obelisk design.

An indicative sketch was offered for bringing to the next meeting of the Working Party.

3. NEXT MEETING

It was **agreed** that the Working Party next meet on Wednesday 7 April 1999 at 8.00am.

The meeting concluded at 9.08am

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**Chairman's
Recommendation:** That the report be received.