

9. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 19 MARCH 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the **following** outcomes of the Committee's meeting held on 19 March.

Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Safety Committee held on Friday 19 March 1999 at 8.00 am in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck,
Pat Harrow, Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall, Ron Wright

1. APOLOGIES An apology was received and accepted from Barbara Stewart.

2. GARDEN ROAD – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

At its meeting on 30 November 1998, the Committee decided to recommend to the Board that "Children" warning signs be installed and that staff consider and report back on other options aimed at controlling vehicle speeds. The Traffic section of the Police was also to be asked to undertake traffic speed enforcement in Garden Road.

The Board adopted these courses of action at its meeting on 2 February 1999.

In response to the Board's decision, the Committee considered a report setting out a number of possible options for controlling the speed of vehicles using the street.

The option preferred was that earlier proposed, namely a traffic restraint incorporating a road narrowing and speed hump being installed mid-block or halfway between Wairarapa Terrace and Holmwood Road. This location roughly coincided with the kindergarten where traffic speed remained the major concern. The placement of the traffic restraint in this particular location was also consistent with the Holmwood LATMS.

The Committee was in general agreement that all residents in the affected section of Garden Road be invited to submit feedback on the proposed speed treatment.

With regard to the provision of 'Children' warning signs, the report noted that the City Streets Unit needed to consistently ensure that permanent warning signs of this kind were erected only when a real danger was evident.

In this instance however, the children were accompanied by an adult and did not cross the road by themselves. Accordingly, the Unit could not support the provision of 'Children' warning signs outside kindergartens.

The matter of excessive speed along Garden Road had also been referred to the Police for appropriate action to be taken.

- Recommendations:**
1. That a traffic restraint incorporating a road narrowing and a speed hump being constructed outside No 24 Garden Road be endorsed.
 2. That the proposal be circulated to the residents of Garden Road (Wairarapa Terrace to Holmwood Road) and that the results of the consultation be reported back to the Committee.

Note: Keith Nuttall declared interest and took no part in the voting on this item.

3. CHRISTCHURCH ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

At its meeting on 2 March, the Board decided that the recorded discussion points on the Christchurch Road Safety Strategy consultation document that arose at the joint forum with the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 8 February, be reviewed by the Committee with a view to a Board response being formulated on the document.

From the ensuing discussion, the Committee **agreed** that the following points form the basis of the Board's response on the consultation document.

- More driver education including that related to cyclists
- Use of ripple strips or similar in rural or industrial areas
- Review the current driving laws and update where necessary
- Enhancing the efficiency of traffic signal controlled intersections through using the likes of cameras etc during non-peak periods
- Greater use being made of the free left turn at traffic signals eg Cranford/Main North Roads
- Greater legal sanction being applied against impaired drivers ie both alcohol and drugs
- Pedestrian rights – more publicity on what is the legal situation for pedestrians and if necessary for the law to be changed to given them the appropriate protection
- The use of more road markings eg zig zag lines on approaches to pedestrian crossings
- Endorsement of the recent legislation changes regarding rollerbladers and skateboarders now being classed as vehicles
- More use of best practice principles and a consistency of application across the city eg intersection lane markings and road markings at roundabouts.
- The reinstatement of the “slow down now” sign on the east side of Gardiners Road north of Sawyers Arms Road.
- Strategies to improve cyclists safety eg enhanced school education programmes
- The issuing and promotion of coloured clothing to say schools, to enhance cyclists safety
- The non-use of lights by cyclists continues to be a problem especially during the winter months.
- Cycle lanes—the present width of existing cycle lanes is too narrow
- Continued development of strategies to encourage greater use of public transport and other transportation modes eg light rail
- Review present bylaws and other controls regarding signage and advertising especially at intersections

Recommendation: That the above points form the basis of a Board response on the Christchurch Road Safety Strategy consultation document.

4. CHRISTCHURCH SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – OTHER ISSUES

The Committee considered a report from the Area Engineer in response to the feedback received from the Speed Management Strategy Survey in relation to the Masham area.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5. CYCLE LANES FOR FENDALTON ROAD

It was recalled that at its meeting on 2 March, the Board had decided to await a report back on the outcomes of the public consultation regarding the proposed provision of cycle lanes on Fendalton Road.

The Committee was advised that to date, a number of concerns had been received from residents in Fendalton Road and these had been acknowledged and referred to the City Streets Unit for assessment and report back to the Board in due course.

Recommendation: That the information be received

6. ST ANDREWS COLLEGE – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Committee was advised that further to the Board's earlier decision to host a public meeting on 29 March, officers had been in contact with representatives of St Andrews College regarding arrangements for that meeting.

The School had advised that they were presently in direct contact with residents regarding their own information and update discussions and had asked if the Board could review its need for the 29 March meeting at this stage.

Because of the pending school holidays it had not been possible for the School to arrange its meeting until mid April, however, it was understood that the respective resident groups (ie Normans/Watford, Circuit Street and St Andrews Square) were in agreement with the School's process for on-going discussion.

The Committee agreed that in the light of this latest advice it would be appropriate that the Board set aside its planned public meeting on 29 March and that the School be asked to invite a number of Board members to attend their proposed meeting.

- Recommendations:**
1. That it be resolved that the 29 March public meeting be deferred in favour of the College's intention to host its own meeting in mid April.
 2. That St Andrews College be asked to invite Keith Nuttall, Val Carter and Ron Wright to attend the proposed meeting.

7. JELLIE PARK – SKATEPARK FACILITY

Further to the meeting with local skaters held on 18 March, the Committee was in general agreement that the original site for the facility near the half basketball court was preferred and

that a concept plan should now be prepared as a basis for further discussion with the concerned residents and local skater representatives.

Recommendation: That the original site for the skatepark facility in Jellie Park fronting Greers Road (near the half basketball court) be endorsed and further that a concept plan be prepared as a basis for discussion with the concerned residents and local skaters.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 am.

Chairman's

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