

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

The following letter of appreciation has been received from Mrs J Potts who organised a street party in Santa Maria Avenue for Neighbourhood Week.

“We held the street party on Sunday 7 March, which was a lovely fine day and it was a great success. In the end, there were even more people there than we had expected and everyone enjoyed it – even the milkman and a few flyer-delivery people who stopped for a sausage or chat. The catering was spot on, with just a few buns and a half-dozen sausages left over, and the children especially enjoyed the races and lolly scramble. Please find enclosed some photographs and thank you very much for the funding.”

The photographs are attached.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received and that Mrs Potts be written to congratulating her on the initiative taken.

5.2 SUMNER BUS SEATS

The following letter has been received from Mr B R Hansen of Sumner:

“When the plan was released for the upgrading of the bus stop seating, at the intersection of Marriner and Wakefield Ave, it had no roof. I remember quite clearly stating that there should be a roof since old people needed a roof when waiting for the bus during periods of wet weather.

When the men were building the new complex, I spoke to the two men who were building the complex about the roof and the reply was that a roof was going to be provided.

I spoke to a lady at the Linwood Centre, I believe by telephone about a roof and the reply was that a roof would be in place in a few months time.

I had a phone call from Mrs Lamb of Sumner yesterday stating that she had spoken to someone at the Linwood Centre last year about a roof and she was informed that a roof would be in place by November.

Mrs Lamb has been in touch with the Linwood Centre recently, and she was told that there was to be no roof.

Unfortunately, I have no written material about there being a roof.

At present, if it is raining, people have to wait under a shop verandah and it is quite possible that the bus would go past because there would be no person waiting at the bus stop.

Many stops have bus shelters, why cannot Sumner have a roof over this bus seating area?

Could I suggest that someone from the Linwood Centre telephone Mrs Lamb to discuss this matter. Telephone 326-5253.

P.S. I have asked John Freeman, Board Member, to make some enquiries”

The Area Engineer comments:

“A bus shelter at the corner of Marriner Street and Wakefield Avenue was installed in 1994 as part of a relocation programme. It was installed on an outbound stop to provide shelter from the easterly wind when waiting for the bus.

In March 1998, a Mardi Gras was held in the Sumner Village and money was raised to provide amenities in the village. The money raised by the Mardi Gras coincided with the end of a financial year and was combined with some surplus maintenance funding.

The only area of Council property available for redevelopment was the road reserve at the corner of Marriner Street and Wakefield Avenue. The community was notified that Council was going to remove the bus shelter and landscape the area. A notice was placed in the bus shelter requesting that people contact me with any concerns. The local shop owner had informed us that the bus shelter was used by local young people as a place to sit and eat their fish and chips and that the area was scruffy and littered.

The area was landscaped, cobbled, seats were installed, and a screen was placed behind the seats to provide shelter from the easterly wind. There are shrubs planted behind the screen to provide more protection.

One or two residents rang and asked if the shelter was being replaced. It was explained that the shelter was not being replaced as part of this construction as the screen and shrubs provide shelter from the easterly wind. They were happy with the explanation.

A roof could be attached to the screening if the community response was such that this was required. At this time the response from the community has not been a significant number. The installation of a roof over the seating would detract totally from the landscaped focal point that has been created at the entrance to the Sumner Village.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received and that a copy of the Area Engineer’s report be forwarded to Mr Hansen for any comment that he wishes to make.

5.2 SALTWATER BATHS FOR SUMNER

Mrs N Jensen of Sumner has written to the Mayor suggesting the rebuilding of the Sumner sea water pool. The Mayor has referred this letter to the Community Board.

Mrs Jensen writes:

“The free bus service is wonderful and our City has so many wonderful activities at this time of the year.

May I suggest the Sumner Sea pool, that I am told was once there be restored. Where is there, to enjoy the sea water in safety for the poor swimmer or disabled to enjoy a dip in the sea. Dunedin has such a pool I am told.

I and many others would be grateful if you and your Councillors would look into this.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the Board receive the information and that Mrs Jensen be thanked for her interest and advised that it may be possible to look at this suggestion.