

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 FURTHER SUBMISSIONS ON THE VARIATIONS (1 TO 9) OF THE REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

The following letter was received from L R McCallum, Natural Resources Planning Manager, Canterbury Regional Council, regarding the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan submission:

“You lodged a submission to the original Proposed Regional Coastal Plan. You may be aware that this Plan has since been the subject of variations to Chapters 7 and 8 and associated parts. Your submission may have been related to those varied chapters so the Regional Council is taking this opportunity to inform you that the Summary of Submissions on the Variation to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan will be publicly notified on 15 May 1999. You, and any other person, are entitled to make further submissions, in opposition, or in support of the original submissions. You have 20 “working days”, from the date of public notification, to lodge a Further Submission. “Working days” means Monday to Friday, so that the closing date is 5pm Monday, 14 June 1999. A full copy of the original submissions to the Variation, plus the Summary, is on deposit in the offices of the District and City Councils, and the main offices of the Canterbury Regional Council in Timaru, Christchurch and Kaikoura.

A copy of the form for making a Further Submission is attached to the Summary of Submissions.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the Chairperson and Community Advocate consider the submissions and make cross submissions where appropriate.

5.2 FUNDING FOR SEASIDE RADIO 88 FM

The following letter was received from Robbie Ferguson, Station Manager, Seaside Radio 88 FM, regarding funding for the seaside radio station:

“The nature of funding for this station is as set out below:

1. *Station is community orientated.*
2. *The station is non commercial.*
3. *The station presents community notices daily for the Pegasus area.*
4. *Station has a growing listeners club comprising of mainly listeners in the Pegasus area.*
5. *This station is looking forward towards helping the Millennium 2000 beach events from New Brighton.*
6. *Consequently we will need a new base transmitter, mixer and processor which comes to the total of \$3,944.25 (GST included).*
7. *This would enable us to satisfactorily carry out the Millennium outside broadcasts.*
8. *At present this radio station is operated from my own home, enabling to keep expenses down to a minimum.*
9. *Our signal most times reaches the eastern boundary of the city centre with a broadcasting 24 hours a day music of the 40s, 50s and 60s, for a radius of about 7 to 8 kilometres.*

Trusting this letter meets most requirements, I look forward to a satisfactory reply.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: For discussion.

5.3 SOUTH BRIGHTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND - FORT KIWANIS

The following letter was received from June Barns and Garry Gaynor, South New Brighton Camping Ground, regarding the fort in the South Brighton adventure playground:

“We bring to your attention the following matter.

We are the leasees of the South Brighton Motor Camp. The landlord of the camping ground is the Christchurch City Council and included in our lease, as a capital improvement supplied by the Council is the above referred “fort”. Our lease rental covers the use of these improvements with the applied assumption that all the landlord improvements are available to be used by the leasees.

A history of the “fort”:

1980 Erected as a combined project between the Council and local Kiwanis for the enjoyment of the community.

1995 In September we took over the lease of the camping grounds.

1995 Just prior to Christmas we were advised by “Parks and Leisure” to remove a “Campers Only” sign from the “Fort”.

1996 Leasees painted “Fort”.

1997 Council Officers advised Leasees that “Fort” did not comply with “OSH standards”.

We have been informed Council would not pay to upgrade the “Fort” to OSH standards but the Leasees could do so at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

Our wish is that the “Fort” be restored to full public use, both local and camping, particularly for the 10 to 15 year old age group. We already cater for the younger age group.

The Parks and Leisure Unit are carrying out some work on the “Fort”. This we understand involves removing slides and swings and the addition of a stairway to the towers. According to Council representative, Mr L Matchett, that work may involve up to \$4,000. Our concern is that if that sum is being spent the relatively small difference to the \$6,000 required to bring it to OSH standard levels should have been considered to be relative benefit.

The removal of the adventure part of this complex will be a great loss to children, particularly in the age group mentioned, who have enjoyed the facility.

An additional concern of our promotion of the camping ground facility is the poor signage. Patrons are having trouble finding the grounds and consideration of better signage would be a benefit to all.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the appropriate officers report on the concerns outlined in the above letter.

5.4 ROAD NAMES - BROOKER AVENUE, BURWOOD WARD

The following letter was received from David Fox, Fox and Associates Ltd, regarding the request for the Board’s reconsideration of Maori names to be used in the new development area:

“I respectfully request your Board’s reconsideration of the names forwards by my client in respect of naming the cul-de-sac at the end of Brooker Avenue.

In my 40 years of experience in land development, the selections of road names has never been an easy matter.

- *In the first instance the developer who has constructed and paid for the development wishes to have a name that he or she is comfortable with.*
- *The Council staff have to vet new proposals to ensure they do not look like or sound like or in any other way create confusion with existing street names.*
- *The postal service has to be satisfied that there is no confusion and that mail will easily reach its intended destination.*
- *The fire service has to be satisfied that the name can be pronounced clearly and without confusion so that they do not attend an incorrect address.*
- *Satisfying the various authorities’ concerns before the name even goes to the Community Board can take some time. The thought of having to go through the name selection process again at this stage of the development would be rather daunting.*
- *Cul-de-sacs should have short names so that the names may be clearly printed on street maps. The names suggested by my client and recommended by the Environmental Services Unit both fit this criteria.*

I understand that you desired there to be more Maori names established in the Burwood/Pegasus wards. I have discussed the questions of road names again with the Blair family and they have taken on board your comments and advise that they will consider using Maori names in their next development.

My clients feel that their first choice of De Blar Way which has historical significance to their family fits with the style of name used on the rest of their Dunair Estate/Brooker avenue development.

The construction works have been completed. Completion of development and the issue of titles is now deferred until the matter of road names has been finalised. In view of the foregoing comments, I would be grateful if your Board would reconsider their decision regarding De Blar Way with the alternative of Azure Place.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: For discussion.

5.5 RECORDING OF COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

The following letter was received from Craig Singleton requesting the Community Board’s permission to record meeting proceedings:

“I wish to take this opportunity to ask for provision to introduce myself to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its meeting on Monday 31 May 1999. I am Craig Singleton, a post-graduate student at the University of Canterbury, currently studying for a Master of Arts in Political Science. The principal concern of my research is why people do not participate in the political process. The contention of my research is that people are able to effect change upon their local polity, however, they largely do not articulate their ideas or participate in the debates that effect their community.

I propose to attend Community Board meetings, and with the Board’s permission, I respectfully request that I be able to record proceedings. The research’s interest in Community Boards is in their role and function of facilitating communication between councils and the public. I wish to reiterate that Community Boards in themselves are not the focus of the research, the research is more concerned with the attitudes and opinions of people that do not participate in the affairs of the local community. However, an understanding of the structures and machinery of local government is invaluable to the efficacy of the research.

If Board members have any concerns or questions they wish to clarify, I am happy to answer any request. I can be contacted by any of the above mentioned means. I would also welcome the opportunity to explain the research more fully before the Board at its next meeting.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.6 NEW YORK YOUTH WORKERS VISIT

The following letter was received from Ross Banbury, Youth Alive Trust, regarding the Board’s support of the New York Youth Workers visit:

“On behalf of the Youth Alive Trust I would like to thank the Community Board for your generosity in making the visit of the New York Youth Workers possible.

Willie Perez and Mitchell Barnes were to originally spend 12 weeks in Christchurch but due to work pressure in New York they were not able to come for the time specified. They were also called back early to help with their programmes. This meant a very shortened stay of only four weeks.

During this stay in New Zealand they were billeted with local families and worked with different youth and school programmes.

They came with the Youth Alive staff on our "start of year retreat" which involved training sessions and team building.

The day to day programme for Willie and Mitchell involved preparing for events, being available for young people who visited our premises, and speaking at schools, in particular Aranui High School. Aranui used them extensively and their message of what life is like in the ghetto as opposed to the media image of the USA was well received. Every class enjoyed the lively presentations from the guys.

They also had a weekend in Nelson, speaking at churches and running a training seminar on the Saturday. Seeing how they organised and programmed was very helpful to us as a staff. Their style is very visual, fast and extremely relevant. We learnt much watching them and their methods.

Positive stronger links have been established with Metro through the visit of Willie and Mitchell. One of our young leaders, Daniel Porter, is going to New York in August to do a four month Internship there. He is the first from New Zealand to do so. Others have shown an interest and one our young couples, Mischelle and Jeremy Tohu-Reriti plan to do the Internship in August next year.

We would love to have others from Metro back next year but some changes need to be made. We would need to make an alteration in the timing of the visit as well as a more co-ordinated approach to the school timetable. Involving them in a greater number of schools would give a greater benefit as well. Indications are that Metro would be keen to send other workers in the future.

Due to the shorter stay for Willie and Mitchell than originally planned, the expenses for their stay were not as high as the presented budget. Our treasurer has itemised the costs increased as well as the balance unspent from the grant. Please find enclosed a cheque for \$1,135.33 as well as a financial report.

I would like to thank you again for your support in bringing Willie and Mitchell to Christchurch. It was also great to have some of the Community Board and Christchurch City Council staff for morning tea to meet Willie and Mitchell. It is a treat to know that as a Board you are so accessible and in touch."

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.7 SOUTH BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE - PARKING AREA

The following letter was received from Mrs Milligan, South Brighton Scottish Country Dance Club, regarding the surface of the parking area at the South Brighton Community Centre:

“As a group which has made use of the South Brighton Community Centre for a number of years, the South Brighton Scottish country Dance Club members have experienced the unsatisfactory surface of the parking area for all this time. At the beginning of each year’s use we have hoped that the opportunity would have been taken that repairs and resurfacing work could be done during the time of limited use over the Christmas period and school holidays.

This has never been the case, regrettably. With passing of the years, further deterioration has taken place and the potholes have become more numerous and more potentially damaging to both vehicles and pedestrians.

The purpose of this letter is to request that this matter be considered as a matter of urgency by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board before, in an extreme situation, accidents and possible casualties are the result of this situation.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That Mrs Milligan be advised that the carpark resurfacing is budgeted in the 1999/2000 financial year and planned for August/September 1999.