

**14. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE -
REPORT OF 22 APRIL 1999**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's meeting held on 22 April.

**Report of a meeting held on Thursday 22 April 1999 at 8.00 am
On-site and in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall, Ron Wright

Ron Wright arrived at 8.25 am and left the meeting at 10.16 am and was present for clauses 2 (site visit only), 3 (site visit only) and 4.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Keith Nuttall.

2. JELLIE PARK SKATEPARK FACILITY – SITE MEETING

At its meeting on 30 March, the Board resolved:

“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.”

In response to the above decision, the Committee met on-site with a number of residents and local skater representatives to consider the concept plan prepared in relation to the area proposed near the half basketball court (ie Site F).

By way of the agenda, members were provided with a summary detailing earlier considerations given to this project by the Board.

At the on-site discussions mention was made of a number of issues including the size and design aspects of the facility including mounding and planting, the potential to extend the facility and the earlier assessment given to alternative sites within the park.

At the conclusion of the site discussion, several members also inspected an area of Jellie Park located behind St Stephen's Church on Ilam Road.

Upon returning to the Service Centre, the Committee reviewed the various issues raised by the residents and the skaters and came to the view that the preferred positioning of the skatepark was Site F and as such should be confirmed by the Board.

The next step was to prepare more detailed plans and costings for reporting back to the Board, it being noted that to date \$55,000 was available for the project with the likelihood of additional funds also able to be being applied.

Recommendation: That having taken into account the feedback from the consultation, Site F be confirmed for the skatepark facility on Jellie Park and further that detailed plans and costings be prepared and reported back to the Board.

3. ILAM/AORANGI ROADS INTERSECTION CHANGES

Further to the report submitted initially to the 30 March meeting of the Board, the Committee undertook a site visit to St Stephen's Church for the purpose of having further discussions with the Church representatives on aspects of the proposed changes to the intersection.

The Committee was advised that regular community use was made of the church through the week and that the matter of improving on-site carparking and manoeuvring arrangements was a priority issue for the Church to resolve.

The option preferred was to double the width of the existing driveway into the church property and to carry out other changes to enhance vehicle access to the rear of the property where it was intended that the existing grassed area would be sealed. Initial costings for these changes were in the order of \$20,000 although at the present time the Church did not have these resources available. The Church requested the Council to delay its work until such time as it was able to finance its own improvements.

General discussion followed on the contents of the proposed plan including the alignment of Aorangi Road at its intersection with Ilam Road, the matter of signage to be provided and also a request to provide a low pedestrian-type barrier on the bend nearest the stream on Ilam Road.

Officers indicated that some of the works identified by the Church with regard to the ducting of services, excavations etc could well be accommodated as part of the overall contract.

The matter of providing some interim funding assistance to the Church was raised as a matter for further investigation.

The Committee upon returning to the Service Centre, considered that it was logical that the Council's project, and that required to be undertaken by the Church, be programmed together. As a consequence it was felt that the upgrading of the intersection should be deferred but that in the interim, funding arrangements to assist the Church be further investigated.

Recommendation: That the Ilam/Aorangi intersection improvements be deferred and that the Area Engineer be asked to provide further design assistance to the Church if necessary, and that funding options to enable the Church to complete its improvements be investigated and reported back to the Board.

4. MEMORIAL AVENUE PLANTING PROJECT

Following on from Andrew Craig's presentation to the Board on 30 March, the Committee gave further consideration to the proposed plan and focused in particular on the funding and possible staging of the individual elements of the plan.

The benefits of now being in a position to meet with the Airport company and the Christchurch Beautifying Association were acknowledged as was the need to cost the various stages of the project.

Also highlighted was the opportunity presently available for the Board to make a submission to the Draft 1999 Council Plan requesting that a priority be given to funding the Memorial/Russley intersection as part of the Turning Point 2000 highway planting initiative.

Recommendations: 1. That an invitation be extended to CIAL and the Christchurch Beautifying Association to meet with the Committee to further discuss the planting project at which costings and overall involvement in the various project stages would be considered.

2. That the Board prepare a submission to the Draft 1999 Council Plan requesting that priority be given to the Turning Point 2000 highway planting initiative as it relates to the Memorial Avenue/Russley Road intersection.

5. BISHOPDALE MALL CARPARK (SOUTH)

A letter was submitted from the Bishopdale Community Access Group calling for improvements to be made to cater for pedestrians in the vicinity of the south carpark.

It was proposed that given this latest approach it would be worthwhile for the Committee to undertake a site visit to the area to assess the overall situation.

Recommendation: That a site visit to the Bishopdale Mall carpark be a subject for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

6. GRAHAMS ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

The Committee considered a proposal to install a pedestrian refuge island in Grahams Road just south of its intersection with Cranbrook Avenue, opposite Nos 160 and 162. As Grahams Road is a ring road and a minor arterial the work has to be approved by the Council.

In response to a request that a pedestrian refuge be installed to enable school children to cross Grahams Road safely, preferably opposite the pedestrian right of way that comes through from Heath Street, the work was allocated a position on the Capital Works Programme for the 1998/99 financial year with funding of \$6,000 provided by the Board. Grahams Road carries an average of twelve thousand vehicles per day along this section and pedestrians can find it difficult to cross the road. The waiting time could be greatly reduced by enabling the road to be crossed one section at a time. A publicity plan has been prepared and it is proposed to distribute this on 23 April.

It was therefore proposed that a pedestrian refuge island and flush median be installed in Grahams Road as shown on the **appended** publicity plan subject to community support.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 10.38 am.

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