

11. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 7 OCTOBER 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 7 October as **follows**.

Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on Thursday 7 October 1999 at 12 noon in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre

PRESENT: Yiyi Ku (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Pat Harrow,
Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Ron Wright

2. 1999/2000 PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDING - UPDATE

One of the Board's objectives for the current year is that all specified discretionary funded works are to be completed during the year.

The supporting performance indicator stipulates that two progress reports be submitted during the year advising on the extent to which discretionary funding has been expended as directed by the Board in its allocation of such funds. This was the first such report in respect of this requirement.

The following information was submitted and considered by the Committee.

2.1 Project Funding - \$250,000

At its meeting in March, the Board allocated funding to the following projects. Alongside each item is a comment on the current status of the project.

	\$	Comments
Footpath Reseals	10,000	\$3,500 (Ilam Rd cycleway) allocated to date.
Ripple Strips (Trial rural location to be finalised)	10,000	Report to come before the November Works & Traffic Safety Committee
Wairakei Road (Russley to Orchard) – footpath extension	4,000	Staff currently reviewing additional funding to complete
Aorangi Road Pedestrian Facility	15,000)Publicity plans presently
Reynolds Avenue – Traffic Calming	20,000)being prepared for
Community Funding Top-up	25,000)consideration by the Board
Community Event	7,800	To be allocated in May 2000
Community Initiatives	5,000	Programme of events approved at 28 September Board meeting
Millennium Projects	5,000	\$2,500 Avice Hill Arts & Crafts Centre Open Day (allocated 28 September)
Merivale Streetscape Plan (Implementation of Stage 1)	30,000	Projects still to be identified
Out of School Care Programmes	25,000	Funding will soon be allocated towards Stage 1 completion
Jellie Park Skatepark Facility	25,000	Funding allocated (\$17,000 Bishopdale OSCAR & \$8000 to Kids Fun)
Bishopdale Community Centre – Youth Computer Club	20,000	Design work progressing for April 2000 completion
Bryndwr Youth Employment Programme	10,000	Additional funding to complete project being investigated
Orana Park Grant for new footpaths (on-going)	3,000	Funds forwarded
Creative Expression with Clay (Avic Hill Arts & Craft Centre)	10,000	Funds forwarded
Crafty Kids Holidays Activities	3,600	Programme running successfully
Bishopdale Recreation Initiatives	1,600	Programme running successfully
Merivale Reserve – Landscape Development	5,000	Planning at present. Will keep Board updated
Crosbie Park Playground Upgrade	20,000	Work programme on hold pending further acquisition

2.2 Discretionary Funding - \$50,000

To date the Board has allocated \$35,350 from this years discretionary budget. The details are as follows:

Project	\$	Comments
Papanui Community Watch – grant	1,500	Funds forwarded
St Stephen’s Church Youth Initiatives (Bryndwr)	3,000	Response to offer awaited
Bishopdale Recreation Newsletter	5,000	Presently being planned
International Year of Older Persons	1,500	Newsletter in new year
Avic Hill Arts & Crafts Centre – entry sign	2,500	Projects/programme still to be decided
Christchurch North Citizens Advice Bureau –annual operating grant	1,000	To be considered in conjunction with outcomes from upcoming review.
Fendalton Hall/ex Library Building – Consultation/review	3,000	Funds forwarded
Communications with Residents (newsletter etc)	3,500	Review not yet initiated
Bishopdale Community Centre –recreation equipment	5,000	First newsletter to be initiated shortly
Community Awards Schemes – administration	3,750	Funds forwarded to Bishopdale Table Tennis Club
Asian Youth Research Project	1,500	To be expended shortly
Award Winning Streets	3,500	Request made of Working Party for progress in considering outcomes from study
	600	Will be expended early 2000

Recommendation: That the progress report on the expenditure to date of the Board’s 1999/2000 project and discretionary funds be received.

3. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND MILLENNIUM PROJECTS ALLOCATIONS

The Committee was advised that \$2,500 remained available in the community initiatives (\$5,000) budget and on the matter of further allocations, it was **agreed** to await input from the replacement Community Development Adviser.

Similarly \$10,000 (\$5,000 ex 1998/99 and \$5,000 in 1999/2000) was yet to be allocated on a further project(s) to recognise the millennium.

Staff advised that discussions were presently being held with the Bishopdale/Burnside Rotary Club in response to an earlier advised initiative proposing the installation of a commemorative time-piece at the Bishopdale Shopping Centre. Several suggested design concepts were tabled for information.

Estimated costs were in the order of \$20,000 - \$30,000 and the Club was reasonably confident of being able to make a funding contribution to the project as well as seeking funding from other providers.

Members indicated general support in principle to the proposal acknowledging that further design work and funding arrangements still needed to be worked on. A Board contribution of up to \$5,000 was a possibility.

Recommendation: That the millennium time display project at the Bishopdale Shopping Centre proposed by the Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary Club be supported in principle and that if required Board funding of up to a maximum of \$5,000 be made available.

Note: Keith Nuttall declared interest and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.

4. 1998/1999 BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Committee considered the following schedule providing comment on each of the performance indicators covering the Board's objectives for 1998/99.

Objectives	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective consultation with the Fendalton/Waimairi community. 2. To identify one major enhancement project for the Fendalton/Waimairi community. 3. To monitor the redevelopment of the co-located Fendalton Service Centre and Fendalton Library. 	
Performance Indicators	Performance Met
<p>1.1 Communication with the Fendalton/Waimairi community to be conducted throughout the year by:</p> <p>(a) Distributing two high quality and informative newsletters throughout the community and,</p>	<p>1.1</p> <p>(a) Newsletters were issued in July and December 1998.</p>
	<p>At the February review consideration was given to the matter of communication with the community, with a request that the opportunity for promotion through 'City Scene' be pursued. A 'local' issue of City Scene was later issued but the extent of 'reporting' was much less than had been expected. Discussions on a further edition are currently ongoing.</p>

<p>(b) Holding no fewer than two general consultative meetings to which representatives of all residents' groups are invited, and</p>	<p>(b) Representatives of residents groups attended the Board's Consultative Forum on 12 August as part of input into the budget process.</p> <p>A dedicated meeting with Residents Groups was held on 30 June.</p>
<p>(c) Holding no fewer than one consultative meeting with representatives of sporting groups in the community.</p>	<p>(c) Such a meeting was held as a precursor to the annual community funding round.</p>
<p>(d) Holding a consultative forum to elicit input into the Annual Plan and Budget process.</p>	<p>(d) This forum was held on 5 August. While the residents groups were well represented the response from the public was poor.</p>
<p>(e) Continue consultation with schools in the community regarding traffic safety matters, and complete a further round of such consultation with 50% of the schools by 30 June 1999.</p>	<p>(e) Ongoing dialogue has continued with Schools (and pupils!!) on traffic safety related matters.</p> <p>A very successful meeting with Principals of the North West Cluster Group was held on 5 May where the matter of traffic, and traffic safety, was a prime subject among a range of topics discussed.</p>
<p>(f) Review two existing LATMS by 30 June 1999.</p> <p>(g) Develop West Papanui LATMS by 31 March 1999.</p>	<p>(f and g)</p> <p>The process for full review of existing LATMS currently has a low priority across the city. This is on the basis of a priority being given to the ongoing development of LATMS for those areas (including the Fendalton/Waimairi</p>

	<p>community) where LATMS do not yet exist.</p> <p>A report summarising the status of the various LATMS in the Board's community will be available shortly.</p>
<p>(h) Liaise with Police on community safety on a monthly basis.</p>	<p>(h) Monthly liaison is taking place with officers from the Papanui Police. With the ongoing work in developing "Community Action Plans" there have been continuing opportunities for maintaining close relationships with the Police.</p>
<p>(i) Hold six monthly informal liaison meetings with Service Centre staff.</p>	<p>(i) Meetings were held on 25 September 1998 and 20 May 1999.</p>
<p>2. Identification of parks amenities and diversified landscaping improvements (including exotics and where appropriate natives) aligned to the Board's community by 30 June 1999.</p>	<p>2. Initiatives currently underway include the provision of a skatepark facility at Jellie Park, native tree planting at Yaldhurst Bush and waterway enhancement/planting at Jellie Park and Taylors Stream on Jeffreys Road. Other improvements to local parks such as the upgrading of play equipment at Edgar MacIntosh Park, irrigation on Burnside Park and the planning for improving carparking at Nunweek Park are all progressing.</p>
<p>3. The new co-located Service Centre and Library on the Jeffreys/Clyde Roads site is operational by 30 June 1999.</p>	<p>3. The Board, in conjunction with the Projects and Property Committee, considered a number of options for layout of the building. With the planned move for the Area Development Team, a final option for a single storey building was adopted. Planning, and an additional</p>

	funding need has meant that the building completion will not now be until June 2000.
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In general discussion, it was acknowledged that improved techniques needed to be found to consult more widely with the community as a whole. This in turn would assist in enhancing a greater awareness and profile of the Board and its role in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

The scope for the Board to also consider the “ Five Wicked Issues” in developing future years objectives was also referred to.

Addressing these matters at the forthcoming informal forum on 19 October was suggested.

Recommendation That the information be received.

5. CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL “LOOKING AHEAD 1999-2008” – BOARD RESPONSE

The Committee was advised of a letter recently received from the Chairman of the Canterbury Regional Council inviting comment as that Council commenced its build-up to the preparation of its 2000/01 annual plan. Copies of the long term document “Looking Ahead 1999/2008” were provided to assist this process.

The **following** draft response reflects the discussion undertaken by the Committee.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board appreciates the opportunity provided to consider and respond to this important planning document.

The various goals, outcomes and outputs for the 12 listed portfolios are generally endorsed by the Board.

In respect of public passenger transport (pages 28 and 29), the Board is especially supportive of the new service initiatives (eg the Orbiter, enhanced ticketing etc) and would urge that the Regional Council continue to plan for the eventual provision of such transport modes as light rail.

On the topic of plantings, the Board has over recent years been at pains to have provided in its community a balance between exotic and indigenous plantings. In this respect the adoption of a similar principle for the region is something that would have the Board’s total support.

Recommendation That the above submission on the “Looking Ahead 1999-2008” document be adopted for forwarding to the Canterbury Regional Council.

6. REVIEW OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUIREMENT–GRAVEL PIT, McLEANS ISLAND

The Committee was advised that the Property Unit was presently considering the strategic need or otherwise to retain a Council owned

property situated off McArthurs Road, immediately to the north of Peacock Springs.

As part of the process, the Board was being provided with an opportunity to forward any views on the proposal.

The general feeling of members was that no further action should be taken in the meantime pending a review of options for future uses of the land, eg metal extraction, open space use or possible land exchange.

Recommendation: That the above views be conveyed to the Property Unit.

The meeting concluded at 1.18 pm

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