

24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

a) GREEN OPEN SPACE SEMINAR

Chris Freeman (Parks Planning Team) and Gary Harrow (Area Parks Officer) conducted a seminar on Green Open Space in the Hagley/Ferrymead community on the 11th August 1999.

The seminar was based on research undertaken by Sarah Duffell in August 1996 detailed in a report "Local Parks Acquisition Strategy".

Chris addressed how the Parks Unit were and will be addressing the shortage of green open space as identified in that report. He talked about where they had identified areas where sections needed to be purchased. Chris also outlined the prospects of creating green open space corridors heading to the City and major parks within the area.

A full report will be presented to the October meeting of the Board.

Recommendation: For information.

b) BOARD TOUR

Board members are reminded that as part of the 2000/2001 Budget Programme a tour will be made of the district looking at works that have been submitted for funding.

Date: 8 September 1999 leaving at 3.00pm for Linwood service Centre.

Recommendation:

c) LINWOOD AVE CYCLEWAY MEETING

The subcommittee of the Chair, Community Advocate, Police along with residents will meet with staff on 2 September at 5.00pm at the Linwood Service Centre to discuss the issues raised and look at ways of making the cycleway safer etc.

Recommendation: For information

d) COMPUTER COURSES

Board members have requested that I arrange a computer training course for those interested. The focus on this training will be based around understanding software programmes – Email, Internet, Word and Spreadsheet.

e) **COMMUNITY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE**

We have talked for some time about the value or otherwise of this Board establishing subcommittees based on activities to deal with relevant issues.

Subcommittees would not seen as the ultimate decision maker, unless otherwise determined by the Board, but more as being proactive within each activity and the opportunity to have early input and to make recommendations to the Board.

Three of the other Boards have established subcommittees which include some of the following:

- Community Affairs/Services
- Works and Traffic
- Environmental
- Finance

If the Board believes that establishing subcommittees would be to its and the Community's benefit, then a small subcommittee be established to visit some of the other Board subcommittees, understand their operation and make recommendations to a future meeting of the Board.

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Recommendation: For discussion

f) **FUTURE SEMINARS OF COMMUNITY BOARD**

The Board has established a regular seminar meeting generally on the third Wednesday of the month.

The following are topics that have been raised for consideration:

- Bus Interchange operation
- Cycleways
- Community Development Corporation
- Council's Financial Structure
- Media Operations
- Leisure Unit – Future developments

Should there be any other topics Board members consider should be a topic of a seminar please advise.

g) TRAFINZ CONFERENCE

The Board appointed Derek McCullough and Lorraine Wilmshurst (Area Engineer) to represent it at the above conference held in Christchurch on the 9, 10, 11 August 1999.

Please find attached a report from Derek on the conference.

Report

Recommendation: That a working party, including the Area Engineer, be set up to explore ways to further the ideas promoted at the Conference.