

23. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 8 DECEMBER 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the consideration of the Board, the **following** report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee's meeting held on 8 December.

Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on Thursday 8 December 1999 at 9.50 am in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Stewart

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 DI LUCAS RE NATIVE PLANT AND FERN DESIGN GUIDES

Di Lucas of Lucas Associates addressed the Committee seeking funding support of \$4,000 towards the design and production of design guide booklets on native and fern plantings for the plains and hills of Christchurch.

Members noted that several Boards had supported the initiative in principle but had referred the matter to the Environmental and Parks and Recreation Committees for their respective consideration.

The Committee considered that process to be appropriate and Ms Lucas was invited to come back to the Board later, if required.

3. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 1999/2000 ALLOCATIONS

So far in 1999/2000 the Board had allocated \$36,750 of its \$50,000 discretionary funding. \$13,250 therefore remained available to be allocated.

The Committee identified the following projects for recommending to the Board in February.

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| • McLeans Island Road – splitter island (\$5,000 total cost, 50% to be sought from the Canterbury Regional Council) | 2,500 |
| • Wairakei Road (near Roydvale Avenue) – pedestrian island | 5,000 |

- Roundabout plantings (continuation of programme using mixed coloured floribunda roses) 500
- Avonhead community needs analysis (Board contribution to overall study costs of \$12,000) 1,500
- Public seating on streets 2,000

Recommendation: That the allocation of a further \$11,500 of the Board's 1999/2000 discretionary funds as above, be approved.

4. PROJECT PROPOSALS 2000/2001

At its meeting on 23 November, the Board authorised the Committee to consider the responses received to the issues/projects contained in the 1999 Planning Statement and for the Board and Committee Chairs and the Community Advocate to address any concerns with the relevant business units

A schedule setting out the Units responses was submitted and reviewed.

There were no matters identified as requiring an approach needing to be made to business units.

During the discussion however, mention was made of a general lessening in maintenance standards throughout the City.

The view was expressed that a refocusing needed to occur by the Council such that maintenance standards for the City's infrastructure should be retained at a level higher than what was currently occurring in such a way that what existed now was being looked after well and was not having to be replaced with extensive new works.

The use of the community to identify and advise on maintenance matters was referred to and it was **agreed** that this initiative should be promoted in Council communications and publicity with its communities.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5. FIXING OF DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR 2000

The Committee was asked to give initial consideration to the Board's meeting schedule for 2000 and to recommend accordingly to the Board on 1 February.

In anticipation of the Board wishing to retain its existing arrangements, the following dates are proposed with meetings being held on a Tuesday with a commencement time of 4.00 pm at the Service Centres (Sockburn until May and then Fendalton).

Tuesday	1	February
Tuesday	29	February
Tuesday	4	April
Tuesday	2	May
Tuesday	30	May
Tuesday	4	July
Tuesday	1	August
Tuesday	5	September
Tuesday	3	October
Tuesday	31	October
Tuesday	21	November

Recommendation: That the schedule of Ordinary meetings of the Board for 2000 commencing at 4.00 pm in the Service Centres (Sockburn to May and Fendalton thereafter) be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted subject to a change in the April meeting date. (Clause 24 below refers)