

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ramp over Sumner Wall

The following letter, addressed to the Chairman, has been received from Mrs Penny Mower, the Secretary of the Sumner Residents' Association:

"In September 1999 the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board replied to Mr B Hansen's suggestion to have another access point over the Sumner wall. Mr Hansen passed this letter to the Sumner Residents' Association to follow up.

In November 1999 Mr George Peacock approached the Association with the same concern. He was unaware of Mr Hansen's approach. Mr Peacock's wife uses a motorised wheelchair and is a frequent user of the Esplanade walkway. He said there are numerous other wheelchair users who have expressed the same concern about the limited access to the walkway.

The Sumner Residents' Association agree that a mid-access point is highly desirable for a variety of users which includes wheelchairs, prams, strollers, the very young and elderly people.

I have also spoken to Mr Chris Wornall of Sumner, who has previously requested the Council to provide better wheelchair access to Sumner Beach, and he is fully supportive of an additional ramp being constructed.

I understand Mr Hansen's proposal received a Category 2 acceptance by the Board which means that although desirable it is unlikely to get funding.

The Association believes it is vital that good accessibility to public amenities such as the walkway and the beach should be equally available to physically impaired people.

We therefore request that the Board reconsider advancing this proposal to a higher category rating in order that the situation be satisfactorily resolved."

For the information of Board members, a further letter on this matter, addressed to the Mayor, and the Mayor's reply are attached.

Officer

Comment: These letters should be referred along with any comments or recommendations that Board members may have, to the Board's Project Fund meeting for consideration. The Parks Unit's response to the Boards Capital Works Proposals support for these ramps was as follows:

"Not specifically programmed. If additional funds for Coast Care are provided through a successful bid, a portion could be allocated to this work depending on other priorities."

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion

b) Request for Project Funds – Woolston Development Project

Bev Adams, After School Programme Supervisor and Diann Lowry, Manager of the Woolston Development Project have written to the Board seeking provision of \$4,240 in the Board's forthcoming Project Fund allocations to continue support for the Woolston Development Projects After School Programme for a further four school terms ie until the end of Term 1, 2001, by providing salary costs for a third After School Programme Supervisor.

Board members will recall that the Board provided funding of \$2,120 at the 6 October 1999 Board meeting to allow this third supervisor to be engaged for term 4, 1999 and term 1, 2000.

The letter from the Woolston Development Project setting out this request is attached.

The Community Development Adviser, Ruth Evans, advises:

“Woolston Development Project is the most professional established and organised Out of School Programme in the Hagley/Ferrymead area.

Whilst acknowledging the valuable role this programme plays in the community, I would recommend that a higher priority for Board money should be for Out of School Programmes that are not as well established or organised.

I would suggest that Woolston Development Project be asked to apply to the Christchurch City Council Community Development Fund for \$3,000 of the amount requested.”

Chairman's

Recommendation

For discussion, with a view to the Board providing funding for the first term from the 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund and referring the question of funding the balance needed from Project Funds.

c) Linwood Cemetery

The following letter has been received from Ann Currie, a resident of Hay Street, addressing concern over the state of the cemetery:

“I would like to express my concern about the state of the cemetery on the corner of Hay and Butterfield Streets in Bromley. I am a resident of Bromley and last week I visited the cemetery and found myself quite shocked by the damage that has taken place.

Large portions of the cemetery are in an appalling state largely due to vandalism. Dozens of the gravestones have been toppled and shattered. There was evidence of fires having been lit and while I was walking through the cemetery three youths were sitting on a grave stone having a cigarette. The most damaged part of the cemetery is in an elevated part of the site which is not visible from the street.

I would like to see the appropriate authority inspect the graveyard and make an attempt to bring some order to the general chaos as I think it is a severe remark of disrespect to the families whose members are buried there. Maybe this is a job for Community Corrections.

I look forward to a response on this issue.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the letter be received and be referred to the Parks Unit for urgent action and for a report back to the Board.

d) Candlelight Carols

Board members will recall supporting the 1999 Candlelight Carols in Barnett Park with a Discretionary Fund grant of \$200.

The following letter of appreciation has been received from Gordon Seatter of the Sumner Redcliffs Lyttelton Parish on behalf of the local Ministers’ Association.

“It is good to be able to report that our annual Candlelight Carols which was held on Wednesday 15 December 1999 was again very well supported, and we believe up to our usual high standard. An audience of approximately 600, including a large number of children, gathered on this occasion.

Generous financial support from yourselves and local businesses enabled us to continue the carols as a ‘no charge’ event. We do appreciate the exceptional support you gave us which meant the project continued to be viable.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.