

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. FUNDING FOR SUMNER PLUNKET TOY LIBRARY

The following letter has been received from Sandy Otway, Co-ordinator of the Sumner Plunket Toy Library, seeking funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund.

"On behalf of the Sumner Plunket Toy Library I would like to respectfully submit a request to your Board for funding to assist us in upgrading toys for families to borrow.

The Sumner Toy Library opened in 1986 and has been operating by volunteers ever since. We currently have about 50 families in our membership, 350 toys to loan and charge only \$40.00 a year to join. On top of this income we fundraise each year. Recently we held a garage sale to help us prepare for purchases we wish to make this year. We meet fortnightly on a Monday at the Union Church Hall on Nayland Street in Sumner from 10.30 – 11.30am.

In the first half of this year we have inventoried, evaluated and "culled" our toys. After consultation with our members we have identified our needs for the rest of the year. As you are probably aware the cost of obtaining and maintaining a variety of stimulating and educational toys is significant. Our needs always exceed our finances. Thus we would appreciate any funding assistance you can give.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future."

The Community Development Adviser comments:

"This is an appropriate request for the Board to consider funding from the Discretionary fund. The \$40,000 Special Community Work Fund is for special community work projects, community workers' salaries, and similar initiatives."

Mrs Otway advises that a grant in the region of \$500-\$1,000 would greatly assist their organisation in upgrading its pool of toys for loan.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion

5.2. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – LINWOOD COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE INC

Phyllis Briggs, Manager/Supervisor of the Linwood Community Childcare Inc has approached the Board seeking funding to cover in the nursery and pre-school veranda areas to provide more space in winter, as follows:

“The Hagley/Ferrymead Funding Committee recently declined our application for funding from the Community Development funding scheme to cover in the nursery and preschool verandas which would enable us to have more space in winter. The Linwood Community Childcare Centre would like to request that the Board consider funding us to enable us to provide the children with this much needed affordable option to increase the space the children have. The centre runs at its maximum capacity of children daily that it is licensed for and so the demands on the building is great. This increases in winter when the children are unable to get outdoors for extended periods due to the weather. The centre endeavours to provide for itself and the community it serves but as the Board would be aware many of our parents are living on incomes that are very low so constant requests for fundraising contributions towards projects can be unreasonable. This letter only covers the tip of the demands made on these families and on the benefits to the children of the extra space and I haven’t even mentioned the pressure that the teaching team work under in winter, but I am more than happy to speak further if needed.”

Additional information in support of this request is contained in the attached letter.

The Childcare centre advises that the funding sought from the Community Development funding scheme was \$1,200.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion.

5.3 WOOLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY – CHILDREN’S SECTION

Theresa Perry, the Children’s Librarian at the Woolston Community Library, writes to thank the Board for providing funding from its year 2000 fund:

“I’m sorry for the delay in thanking you for the grant you gave to the Woolston Community Library Children’s Section. I’m pleased to say that a number of the books have been issued and we have had some great comments about them.

Year 2000 Project

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Community Board**

This is a copy of what we are placing in our books emphasizing that it was your grant that enabled us to purchase new books.

Thank you very much once again.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.4 REDCLIFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following letter has been received from Audrey Nettleton, the Secretary of the Redcliffs Public Library:

“On behalf of the Committee of the above library we wish to thank the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board most sincerely for the donation of \$1,000 sent to us this week.

This will be used to update our adult and children’s library with recent non-fiction books for which there is an ever growing demand.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.5 COMMUNITY PRIDE GARDEN AWARD

The following letter of appreciation has been received from L R (Bob) Sullivan and Val Sullivan. The letter is addressed to the Chairman of the Community Board and to Mr David Moyle of the Christchurch Beautifying Association.

“We were delighted to receive a Community Pride Garden Award certificate for this year.

Our garden, mainly of roses, gives us a great deal of enjoyment, and we feel sure that neighbours and passers-by also enjoy the colours. It is pleasing to know that it was worthy of recognition by the Community Board and the Beautifying Association.

Would you kindly express our thanks to all the people involved in assessing the gardens and issuing the certificates.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.6 GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Attached is a letter from Joan Letufuga, Principal of the Catholic Cathedral College introducing Katherine Siave and Shane Anderson and seeking the Board's funding support towards the costs of attending the World Global Youth Conference in New York and Washington DC.

These two students are the Cathedral College Head Girl and Boy for 2000.

A letter from these Head students is also attached seeking sponsorship funding. Their conference costs are approximately \$NZ4000. Travel costs will be in addition to this sum.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

5.7 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY WATCH

Bernard Foley, Treasurer of the City to Sumner Community Watch writes:

"As a representative of the City to Sumner Community Watch, I wish to make application to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for a grant to help in the running of our two cars. These two cars are patrolling the Board's area, six-seven nights per week, clocking up an average of over one thousand kilometres each. Six nights per week we open the gates of all the cemeteries and cruise around inside with our lights on looking for vandals and taggers. We have been told by the police that the crime rate in these areas has dropped considerably.

We patrol all the schools, inspecting open windows and other places around the play grounds where crime could start. During our patrolling we have averaged the recovery of about two-three stolen cars per week. We also cover stopping areas and car parks.

As we are a non profit organisation run by volunteers we are asking for a grant of \$1,800 to help keep our work going. This money would be used to pay some, or go a long way towards the running cost of the cars. Some of the costs we have are tyres, fuel, oil changes and general mechanical work. You will know yourself how much it costs to run your own car at a much reduced mileage. I will be available to answer any of your questions regarding our organisation."

A supporting letter from Ray Hastie, the Woolston Community Constable, is attached.

Last year, the Board supported Community Watch with the provision of \$7,500 from its Project Fund, allocated as follows:

Community Watch Car	\$6,000
Contribution towards operational costs	\$1,500

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board make a grant of \$1,800 to Community Watch from the 2000/01 Discretionary Fund to meet the running costs of cars.

5.8 FUNDING FOR HEATHCOTE RAIL EMBANKMENT LANDSCAPING

The following letter seeking funding of \$1,236.10 has been received from Jack Travis on behalf of the Heathcote Valley Community Association Inc:

“You may remember, the Heathcote Valley Community Association had put forward several requests for the Board’s funding round but, unfortunately the submission had arrived a day or two late.

You had said at the time, that if our association had specific projects, we could apply to gain finance from the discretionary budget. Well, here we are with a great landscaping project that will have a major impact on our community.

The Association had granted a lease from Trans Rail to allow access and beautify the railway embankments at the centre of Martindales Road. As you will be aware this location is at the heart of the village, where the brick viaduct crosses the road. We have opted to attempt to split the project up into four stages and to undertake one each year. I have included a plan of the site showing these four areas, and have numbered them in the order to be done.

Our first one is on the South Eastern side, adjacent to Station Road. We have already done some preliminary work clearing this area and have had a comprehensive landscape plan drawn up. I have included this plan with a full set of costings.

Our Association would like to submit this to the Hagley/Ferrymead Board for funding at the Board’s next meeting. Ideally, if the Board support this initiative, we would like to get it planted in August, so it was established for the summer. Hopefully, the Board would see this as a really worthwhile long term project and put it forward for funding in the coming years, for the other three stages.”

A copy of the proposed planting plan will be tabled at the meeting.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion.