

19. COMMUNITY FOCUS COMMITTEE

The Community Focus Committee met on 17 February 2000 and reports as follows:

1. Community Police Update

Constables Ray Hastie and Stef Harris attended the meeting and provided a briefing on the service offered by community constables. Reference was made to a project being set up to paint out tagging with volunteer helpers. Community Constables were also actively trying to help and support youth groups in the area, but were experiencing problems with the transient nature of some of the young people.

Concern was expressed by Board members that, at a previous meeting, Community Watch had reported on a situation where only one constable was in a car called to assist Community Watch in Taylors Mistake in an area outside range of the car radio and cellphones.

It was agreed that an approach expressing this concern would be made to the Officer in Charge of the Sumner Police Station about this concern.

Constable Hastie and Constable Harris were thanked for attending this meeting and for the information shared.

2. Potential for Landscaping Linwood and Eastgate

Ms Ang Day, a Landscape Architecture student, outlined her proposal for the revitalising of Linwood and Eastgate as a suburban shopping centre, a design study which she had undertaken for a landscape design thesis at Lincoln University.

The aim of this study was to make the city a place which was desirable for people to live in. The study followed the principles outlined for the area in the City Plan.

Ms Day was thanked for her presentation.

3. Staff Update on Works Proposed for the Coming Year

- (a) The Acting Community Development Adviser, Janet Luxton, outlined the work plan for the area, drawn up by Ruth Evans, primarily outlining youth works in the area. Ms Luxton also reported that two needs analyses are to be done in the area during the year.
- (b) The Community Recreation Adviser, Helen Gallagher, tabled her Recreation Plan for January to December 2000 showing projects for which funding was to be sought from the Community Board's Project Funds and from the Council's budget. The Community Recreation Adviser discussed these projects with Board members and answered questions where appropriate.
- (c) The Area Engineer, Lorraine Wilmshurst, briefed the Committee on the time line and processes used when road works are proposed and outlined projects proposed in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area during the 2000/01 financial year.

The Area Engineer also outlined projects which the Board may wish to consider supporting from its Project Funds.

- (d) The Area Parks Officer, Gary Harrow, outlined the major parks projects for the 2000/01 financial year and outlined a number of projects which Board members may wish to consider supporting with project funds, following which there was a discussion and Board members' questions were answered.
- (e) The Community Technical Adviser, John Dunphy, asked for Board members to advise him of any areas where a need for the installation of public toilets was perceived. In response, Board members suggested that Richmond Park, Scott Park, the area outside Jade Stadium and the Summit Road were locations where public toilets should be considered.

The Community Technical Adviser also sought an indication of whether the Board would favour the decoration of a conspicuous tree in the Hagley/Ferrymead area with Christmas lights and asked Board members to advise him of any locations and trees that they considered to be suitable for such decoration.

The cost for lighting a tree in this way would be approximately \$6,000. This proposal was to be referred to the Project Fund meeting for assessment.

4. Other Business

Avebury House

It was suggested in discussion that the Board should put in a proposal for community use

The Committee decided to recommend to the Board that it request the Community Advocate to register an RFP on behalf of the Board for the use of Avebury House on behalf of groups in the community.

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Recommendation:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Community Advocate be requested to register an RFP on behalf of the Community Board for the use of Avebury House on behalf of groups in the community.