

15. MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY - REPORT OF 29 MARCH 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's information, the outcomes of the Working Party meetings held on 29 March and 14 April as follows.

Report of a meeting of the Merivale Joint Working Party held on Wednesday 29 March 2000 at 12 noon in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre

PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Val Carter, Keith Nuttall, Ron Wright, Gina Williamson, Jeff Vesey, Colin Foggo, Tony Wallace, Paul Lonsdale

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Pat Quinn.

2. STAGE 1 – FUNDING UPDATE

The Working Party was advised that the cost of Stage 1 was \$111,000 meaning that approximately \$9,000 remained available to be applied to other elements of the project such as the proposed entry features (Stage 2) and the upgrading of the existing street furniture.

The Community Board had also allocated \$20,000 as its final contribution to the project. Additionally, St George's Hospital had reaffirmed an earlier offer of possible funding support towards the entry treatments in the Leinster Road area.

The Working Party **received** the information.

3. CRIME PREVENTION CAMERAS

The Working Party **decided** not to proceed with the provision of a crime prevention camera to help in the monitoring of the topiary plantings. The cost of a camera was \$15,000 plus annual operating costs of \$6,000.

4. STAGE 2 – ENTRANCE TREATMENTS

The obelisk design option for the entry treatments on Papanui Road had been given initial consideration by the Working Party at its meeting on 8 February where it was decided that other designs using different materials/concepts be developed and reported back.

A modified 6 metres high, four sided design was tabled incorporating a stone base with a live creeper mid section and a copper sheathed spire at the top. Internal lighting of the structure was also a feature.

Costing details for this particular option were presently being obtained for the Working Party before it reported back to the Board in May.

A process of public consultation was also discussed including a model display and a presentation evening at the Merivale Mall.

With regard to the street furniture, it was **agreed** to review possible upgrading but only as funds allowed.

4. NEXT MEETING

The Working Party **agreed** to next meet on Friday 14 April at 12.30 pm to consider cost details for the obelisk design and to finalise consultation arrangements for recommending to the Board.

The meeting concluded at 1.34 pm.

Report of a meeting of the Merivale Joint Working Party held on Friday 14 April 2000 at 12 .30pm in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre

PRESENT: Ron Wright (In Chair), Diana Bradley, Keith Nuttall (part only), Barbara Stewart, Gina Williamson, Jeff Vesey, Colin Foggo, Tony Wallace

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Val Carter and Pat Quinn.

2. STAGE 2 – ENTRANCE OBELISKS

It was reported that the estimated cost for each of the 6 metre high obelisks was \$6,500 ie \$26,000 in total.

The majority view was that the design proposed was too small and would not therefore be of sufficient scale to be in keeping with the surrounding area. Kerb extensions to accommodate the foundation for each structure and thereby retain an adequate footpath width was suggested.

Given the cost estimate now available it was indicated that the initial proposal to provide trees as the entrance treatment should be revisited. The use of pleached trees or elevated hedges using troughs or planters was also suggested as worthy of further consideration.

It was **agreed** that staff review the height of the obelisk proposal including kerb buildouts and that a reassessment also be undertaken of the original tree option including the pleaching technique or hedging. The placement of the entry treatments as near as possible to Heaton Street and Rugby Street was also requested.

3. NEXT MEETING

The Working Party **agreed** to meet again at 9.00am on Wednesday 14 June 2000.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 pm.

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Recommendation: That the report be received.