

12. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 10 NOVEMBER 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee's 10 November meeting for the Board's consideration as follows.

Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on Friday 10 November 2000 at 9.30 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Sally Buck (Chairman) Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall, Ron Wright (part only)

APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Yiyi Ku

1. CENTRAL CITY REVITALISATION

The Committee considered the summarised points arising from the Board hosted meeting with residents groups held on 9 October and agreed that the following comments form the basis of the Board's response to the Central City Revitalisation Discussion Document.

- Review pricing philosophy for the renting of footpath spaces – current arrangements are acting as a disincentive and have been applied arbitrarily.
- Footpaths need to be wider to accommodate other users including more trees.
- Creation of pedestrian core areas.
- Essential to slow traffic speeds down and have a flexible speed strategy providing a higher level of protection and safety for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Dual use of footpaths by pedestrians and cyclists and the introduction of 'share with care' signage.
- Noise intrusion into retail and office areas an issue to be addressed.
- Trees, trees and more trees. Use of different species to best suit the location and purpose with height and scale appropriate to immediate surroundings a key consideration.
- More use of hedges to 'soften' areas.
- Review City Plan provisions that have allowed the proliferation of suburban related commercial activity.
- Work closely with central government on immigration policies and the attractiveness of Christchurch as a place to live and conduct business.
- Continue to work with the Police on safety strategies.
- Use of textured surfaces on footpaths especially for the blind.
- Further work needed on parking strategies including 'affordability' issues and free parking options.
- Progress the fresh fruit and vegetables market project.
- More green spaces needed with a request for different planting species eg: maples, day lilies and hostas.
- Maintenance of the Council's own infrastructure needs to be enhanced.
- Fixtures and fittings used in street areas look unattractive and 'cheap' – higher quality required to lift standards.
- "Connectivity" between the suburbs and the central city, eg: Memorial Avenue/Fendalton Road being the "gateway to the city" from the airport, and Papanui Road to include the idea of a "tourist boulevard" leading from Merivale and the accommodation precinct into the central city.
- Extend tram routes to more outlying areas.
- Establish dedicated parking areas on the edge of the central city and provide shuttle connections.
- Establish/encourage China Town/Ethnic precinct.

- Take steps to ensure that Cathedral Square is cycle friendly.
- Provide for more stalls on a dedicated market day.

Recommendation:

That the recorded comments be submitted as the Board's response on the Central City Revitalisation Discussion Document.

2. 1999/2000 BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - REVIEW

The Committee considered the following schedule providing achievement comments on each of the performance indicators covering the Board's objectives for 1999/2000.

Vision: To meet the needs of the Fendalton/Waimairi community by advocating fairly on behalf of all residents irrespective of gender, race, ethnic origin or religious belief.

1. Effective consultation with the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
2. To provide the Council with timely and accurate information on issues relating to community needs and priorities.
3. To monitor the implementation of capital projects (except those designated as major or metropolitan).
4. To ensure that all specified discretionary funded works are completed during the year.
5. To be an advocate for the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
6. To promote safer roads, cycleways, pedestrian access and open space areas that serve the community through appropriate funding provision.
7. To develop local community safety initiatives.
8. To encourage community development that is responsive to the needs of all residents in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
9. To monitor and where appropriate, facilitate the preservation of local heritage buildings.
10. To continue to monitor local waterway enhancement projects and to have input as required.
11. To be an active participant in dealing with and responding to local environmental issues.

The achievements against each of the performance indicators are set out below and relate to the above objectives.

Performance Indicators

- 1.1 Communication with the Fendalton/Waimairi community to be conducted throughout the year by:
- (a) Distributing two high quality and informative newsletters
 - (b) Holding no fewer than two general consultative meetings to which representatives of all residents groups are invited.
 - (c) Holding no fewer than one consultative meeting with representatives of sporting groups in the community.
 - (d) Holding a consultative forum to elicit input into the Council's Annual Plan process, and
 - (e) Continue consultation with schools in the community regarding traffic safety matters, and complete a further round of such consultation with 50% of the schools by 30 June 2000.
 - (f) Liaise with Police on community safety on an ongoing basis.
 - (g) Hold six monthly informal liaison meetings with support staff.
2. That all significant issues or concerns raised through the community consultation process be reported to the Council through the Board's monthly reports.
3. That the Board continues to receive and consider updates on the capital works programme on a three monthly basis.
4. That two progress reports be submitted to the Board during the year advising on the extent to which discretionary funding has been expended as directed by the Board in its allocation of such funds.

Performance Achievements

- 1.1 Communication with the Fendalton/Waimairi community
- (a) Newsletters issued in December 1999 and May 2000
 - (b) Residents groups attended and participated at the Consultative Forum 5 August 1999. A further specific meeting with Residents Groups was also held on 20 March 2000.
 - (c) Meetings were held in February 2000 as a prelude to the community funding round.
 - (d) Forum held on 5 August 1999
 - (e) The Board met informally with the Principals of the North West Cluster on 30 March. A meeting with the balance of the schools is now arranged for 30 November 2000.
 - (f) Ongoing as required through the Board and the Works & Traffic Safety Committee. A dedicated meeting with the Police was also held on 23 May 2000.
 - (g) One meeting held during the period on 19 October. A second planned meeting to be held before the end of June was deferred and rescheduled for 5 December 2000.
2. Actioned as required often through the Board's Committees who in turn have reported to the Board.
3. Achieved with three monthly progress reports being made by the City Streets, Parks and Water Services Units.
4. The first such report was made in October 1999 and at years end (ie 30 June) all allocations were either fully expended or requests made for carry forwards. A report on the final position was made to the Board on 5 September 2000.

5.1 To participate in the Council's annual budget process.

5.2 The on-going monitoring of Council committee activities and to act as an advocate where necessary on behalf of the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

5.3 To represent the views of the community to other agencies such as the Canterbury Regional Council, as required.

6. Annual budgetary provision towards the on-going implementation of Local Area Traffic Management Schemes and neighbourhood traffic safety improvements and open space amenity.

7. The completion of a Community Action Plan by 31 December 1999, with its focus on strengthening local communities.

8. The annual funding of programmes and initiatives for the overall benefit of the community.

9. That all relevant heritage issues dealt with be reported to the Board's next scheduled ordinary monthly meeting.

10. That project plans for waterway enhancement projects be firstly submitted to the Board for assessment prior to consultation with the local community.

11. That local environmental issues addressed be reported as required to the Board's monthly meetings.

5.1 There are a number of well defined steps in the overall process:

- As a commencement to the overall process the Board called for local input in August 1999.
- The Board prepared its objectives, etc for the following year in November/December (this was completed in December 1999)
- The Board undertook a bus tour of inspection of its community in December 1999.
- The Board allocated its project funding for the 2000/2001 year in March 2000.
- The Board prepared a submission to the Council's draft plan in April/May 2000 and appeared before the Annual Plan Working Party in support of its submission.

5.2 Copies of Standing Committee agenda contents and relevant reports were circulated to non-Councillor members each month.

5.3 Input is ongoing as required. Examples during the period included submissions on Environment Canterbury's "Looking Ahead" document and liaison and feedback on proposed bus route and service changes etc.

6. Action is ongoing through implementation via the Annual Plan and the completion of the Merivale reserve purchase being a particular achievement.

7. The Board adopted the SCAP on 23 November 1999 based on the good work undertaken by the Steering Committee with its Board and community representatives.

8. In March the Board completed the allocation of its \$250,000 of project funds for 2000/2001. Discretionary funded projects were also completed.

9. There were no such matters dealt with during the period.

10. Progress reports on waterways and wetlands projects were submitted to the Board on a three monthly basis from November.

11. These were ongoing and generally involved trees, streets and waterways projects as well as renewal proposals and some planning issues.

Recommendation:

That the report be received.

3. 2001/2002 BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Committee was advised that as part of the Council's Annual Plan process, the Board needed to prepare its objectives and performance indicators for the 2001/2002 financial year.

For this purpose, the Committee reviewed the current year's text and with some minor amendment as shown in bold, submits the following Board Objectives and Performance Indicators covering the 2001/2002 period.

Vision: To meet the needs of the Fendalton/Waimairi community by advocating fairly on behalf of all residents irrespective of gender, race, ethnic origin or religious belief.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2001/2002

1. Effective consultation with the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
2. To provide the Council with timely and accurate information on issues relating to community needs and priorities.
3. To monitor the implementation of capital projects (except those designated as major or metropolitan).
4. To ensure that all specified discretionary funded works are completed during the year.
5. To be an advocate for the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
6. To promote safer roads, cycleways, pedestrian access and open space areas that serve the community well through appropriate funding provision.
7. To develop local community safety initiatives.
8. To encourage community development that is responsive to the needs of all residents in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
9. To monitor and, where appropriate, facilitate the preservation of local heritage buildings.
10. To continue to monitor local waterway enhancement projects and to have input as required.
11. To be an active participant in dealing with and responding to local environmental issues.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1.1 Communication with the Fendalton/Waimairi community to be conducted throughout the year by:
 - (a) Distributing two high quality and informative newsletters throughout the community.
 - (b) Holding no fewer than two general consultative meetings to which representatives of all residents groups **and neighbourhood support group co-ordinators** are invited.
 - (c) Holding no fewer than one consultative meeting with representatives of sporting groups in the community.
 - (d) Holding a consultative forum to elicit input into the annual Council Plan process.
 - (e) Continue consultation with schools in the community regarding traffic safety matters, and complete a further round of such consultation with 50% of the schools **including Boards' of Trustees** by 30 June 2002.
 - (f) Liaise with Police on community safety on an on-going basis.
 - (g) Hold six-monthly informal liaison meetings with support staff.
2. That all significant issues or concerns raised through the community consultation process be reported to the Council through the Board's monthly reports.
3. That the Board continues to receive and consider updates on the capital works programme on a three monthly basis.
4. That two progress reports be submitted to the Board during the year advising on the extent to which discretionary funding has been expended as directed by the Board in its allocation of such funds.
- 5.1 To participate in the Council's annual budget process.
- 5.2 The ongoing monitoring of Council committee activities and to act as an advocate where necessary on behalf of the Fendalton/Waimairi community.
- 5.3 To represent the views of the community to other agencies, such as the Government and Environmental Canterbury, as required.

- 5.4 To continue to support and promote the provision of appropriate Council services through decentralised service delivery.
6. Annual budgetary provision towards the ongoing implementation of Local Area Traffic Management Schemes and neighbourhood traffic safety improvements and open space amenity.
7. The review and updating of the Community Action Plan by 31 December **2001**, with its focus on strengthening local communities.
8. The annual funding of programmes and initiatives for the overall benefit of the community.
9. That all relevant heritage issues dealt with be reported to the Board's next scheduled ordinary monthly meeting.
10. That project plans for waterway enhancement projects be firstly submitted to the Board for assessment prior to consultation with the local community.
11. That local environmental issues addressed be reported as required to the Board's monthly meetings.

Recommendation: That the proposed Board Objectives and Performance Indicators for 2001/2002 be adopted.

5. PROJECT PROPOSALS – RESPONSES TO BOARD SUBMISSIONS

Tabled for the Committee's consideration were the responses received from the City Streets and Parks Units on the Board's earlier submitted list of project proposal requests.

The Committee recorded its appreciation for those Business Units who had embraced the "Liveable Streets" concept including budget adjustments to include such initiatives in forthcoming capital programmes.

Members also expressed their support for more use being made of digital presentation techniques as a means of assisting the community's understanding of Council projects and proposals.

Having considered the submitted schedule, the Committee indicated a wish to further discuss with the City Streets Unit the responses received with regard to Cox Street, Aorangi/Wairakei Roads intersection, Sawyers Arms Road/Northcote Road/Greers Road, Harewood Road/Orchard Road and Memorial Avenue.

Recommendation: That the Board Chairman, Chairman of the Finance and Planning Committee and the Community Advocate discuss the responses received to the above projects with the City Streets Unit.

6. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

6.1 AURORA CENTRE TRUST

The Board on 31 October had decided to refer to the Committee for further consideration, the Trust's request for \$5,000 towards the preparation of a brochure to assist in the marketing and promotion of the new facility.

The Committee noted that the Trust had had an earlier request declined for accrued interest to be included in the Council's grant contribution. Members expressed their disappointment that this outcome had not been conveyed during the deputations presentation to the Board on 31 October.

Recommendation: That subject to the Board being consulted on the content of the brochure, \$5,000 be allocated to the Aurora Centre Trust from the 2000/2001 discretionary budget.

Note: Ron Wright declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

6.2 CANSAIL CHARITABLE TRUST

Further to the deputation received by the Board on 3 October, an application had since been received for \$2,000 to assist the Trust in providing its youth development programmes.

The Committee was advised that a similar approach had been made to the other Boards and that as the programmes provided by the Trust spanned the city, it would perhaps be more appropriate for core funding support to be sought from the full Council.

A motion that a \$1,000 grant be made to the Trust from the Board, was not supported by the majority of members present.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the application by the Cansail Charitable Trust for Board funding be declined.
 2. That the Trust be advised to seek core funding support from the full Council in line with its role in providing a service benefiting the whole of the city.

6.3 CANTERBURY STEAM PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC

Further to the visit made by the Board during the 2 November bus tour of inspection, the Committee considered a request made at that time for funding assistance from the Board towards enhancing the Society's entrance off McLeans Island Road.

- Recommendation:** That the Canterbury Steam Preservation Society be invited to approach the Board with a firm proposal for funding support towards entrance treatments to their McLeans Island Road site.

6.4 BURNSIDE RESIDENTS' SUPPORT GROUP – CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENT

For the past few years the Burnside Residents' Support Group has successfully conducted a Christmas Carols event in the grounds of the Kendal School. This years concert is being held on Sunday 17 December commencing at 8.00 pm.

Funding assistance of \$1,750 was requested towards meeting expenses associated with the running of this years event.

- Recommendation:** That \$1,750 be allocated to the Burnside Residents' Support Group from the Board's Community Support Seeding Fund for the forthcoming Christmas Carols event.

6.5 WAI-ORA TRUST

The Community Advocate reported on the discussions held with the Wai-Ora Trust on 8 November attended by representatives from the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards and the respective Advocacy Teams.

At that meeting, details were provided on two particular projects, namely a Schools Education Programme and Community Gardens for which funding support of \$12,500 from each Board was now being requested.

The Committee **agreed** that in the first instance the attending representatives from both Boards further meet to consider the request in more detail and report back to their respective Boards.

7. 2001 COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE

The Committee was advised that the next New Zealand Community Boards Conference was to be held in Invercargill from 11-13 May 2001 and a call had now been received for Boards to appoint delegates to attend the Conference.

- Recommendation:** That up to three members represent the Board at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference in Invercargill in May 2001.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am

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- Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

- Deputy Chairman's Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.