

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 SUMNER REDCLIFFS LYTTTELTON UNION PARISH

The following letter has been received from Gordon Seatter of the Sumner Redcliffs Lyttelton Union Parish who writes as follows:

“For the last five years Christmas Carols has been held in Barnett Park, Redcliffs in December. Because of strong support we plan to repeat the event in 2000 on Wednesday 13 December.

This project could not be sustained without the generous support of groups such as your Community Board. We hope that you will see fit to continue this for the 13 December.

We are very excited to have a local band – the augmented Sumner Brass Band – to lead the singing for the carols. Again we are very fortunate to have Frank Dennis as our musical director.

Our anticipated expenses are:

<i>Lighting</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>Flyers</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Band</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>Candles</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Sound</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Carol Books (replacements)</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Scout Den (power supply)</i>	<i>20</i>		
<i>Wiring assistance</i>	<i><u>40</u></i>		
	<i>Total</i>		<i>\$520</i>

This budget is dependent on a large number of volunteers giving freely of their time, energy and expertise. Also, you will be aware of the need for marshals, security people etc as well as the organisers. It has always been our aim to make this a ‘no charge’ event.

If further information is required please do not hesitate to call me at phone 384-1426.”

The Community Advocate comments:

In 1998 the Board provided \$100 to meet a similar request from the Sumner-Redcliffs-Lyttelton Union Parish and in 1999 a sum of \$200 was provided.

This is one of two funding requests for Christmas Carol events. The Advocacy Team is expecting further similar requests. The Board may wish to consider setting a guideline or placing an upper limit – say \$200 on such requests.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion

4.2 FRIENDS OF EDMONDS FACTORY GARDENS

The following letter has been received from John & Trish Loughton, on behalf of the organising group, requesting funding for their annual carol sing-a-long.

“The Friends of the Edmonds Factory Gardens, together with the local Woolston, Phillipstown, Linwood and Opawa community and churches, are holding their annual community carol sing-a-long at the Edmonds Factory Gardens on Sunday 3 December at 7.00pm. I am writing to ask if a grant might be available from the discretionary funds of the community board to assist with costs.

Costs include:			
<i>Donation New Brighton Silver Band 1 hour</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>2 hours</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>Candles</i>	<i>40.00</i>		
<i>Carol sheets (150)</i>	<i>20.00 approx</i>		
<i>Publicity householders (500)</i>	<i>50.00 approx</i>		
<i>Incidentals (Mail outs, postage etc)</i>	<i><u>20.00</u></i>		
	<i>Total:</i>		<i>\$280.00</i>

We expect to recover some of our costs with donations on the night. If a grant is available from discretionary funds it would be most appropriate as we would like to invite the band for up to two hours rather than just the one.

Another possible way in which assistance might be possible would be with copying of carol sheets and or householder publicity”.

Chairman’s Recommendation: For discussion

4.3 AVONSIDE COMMUNITY DAY – JANUARY 2001

The following letter has been received from Steve Wale, on behalf of the Avonside Community Group who writes as follows seeking funding for a Community Day in January 2001.

“I am writing to you concerning the above event. This letter refers to a request for financial support for an event being held in January 2001.

The Community Day is being organised by our Neighbourhood Watch Group and Residents group.

The event is being held in Avon Park on Sunday 28 January from 11am to 5pm. It will consist of a range of demonstrations (eg Civil Defence), children’s games, a dog parade and a DJ. We have obtained prize sponsorship from Four Paws and the NZ Police.

On the evidence of previous years and expressed interest from our area, we expect at least 300 plus people to attend.

Would it be possible for the Community Board to provide a grant of \$1000 towards the organisational costs of this Day? The funds will go towards costs for a DJ, printing of flyers and basic refreshments for the day.

Our group would be very grateful for the Board’s assistance.”

Chairman’s Recommendation: For discussion.

4.4 WOOLSTON MAINSTREET INC

The following letter has been received from Royden Smart, Chair, Woolston Mainstreet Inc who writes as follows:

“We are applying for half the cost of supplying and installing entry signs for the WOOLSTON VILLAGE. Woolston Mainstreet Inc will raise the second half of the funds.

The installation of these posts and signs is the last job to complete the revitalisation program which has taken three and a half years.

Quotes for costs enclosed.

<i>2 new Windsor Heritage posts to CCC specifications @ \$1158 each</i>	<i>2316.00</i>
<i>Installation by Miller Studios</i>	<i>690.00</i>
<i>Supply and signwrite signs by Miller Studios</i>	<i>660.00</i>
	<i>3,666.00</i>
<i>Plus GST</i>	<i>458.25</i>
<i>Full Cost</i>	<i>4124.25</i>
<i>Half Cost</i>	<i>\$2062.13</i>

These costs do not include transport of the posts to the site and also I am re-pricing at present in an attempt to reduce the price.

The members of the Woolston Mainstreet Team would like to thank the Community Board for their invaluable assistance over the revitalisation period.”

The Community Advocate advises that Financial Accounts will be available at the meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

4.5 CHILDREN'S DAY

The following letters have been received from Woolston Development Project and Mt Pleasant Community Centre thanking the Board for their contribution to National Children's Day.

Ms Diann Lowry, Manager of Woolston Development Project writes:

"On behalf of the Woolston Development Project I would like to express our thanks to the Board for donating \$500 towards the family event we did for National Children's Day.

We hired a bus to transport us to Spencer Park where we provided a barbecue lunch and the families played mini-golf. After lunch we visited Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre. Thirty one people were involved and the day was a resounding success for the families participating.

Our thanks again as the Board's financial contribution permitted this opportunity to occur."

Dianne Cooke, Administrator, Mt Pleasant Community Centre & Ratepayers' Association Inc writes:

"The Mount Pleasant Community Centre and Ratepayers' Association wish to thank your Board for the generous funding of \$1,000 for our Children's Day Family Gala held yesterday.

This event was extremely successful, enjoyed by approximately 300 to 400 people, with brilliant weather, great music, food and entertainment, and with the added bonus of the attendance by two celebrities being Vilimaina Davu from the New Zealand Silver Ferns and the Mayor Garry Moore topping off the event.

We had continual queues for the donkey rides, face painting, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and painting with the Kindergarten Teachers, as well as those youngsters eagerly awaiting their return to take the stage and microphone to tell the crowd what they like most about being a 'kid'.

Once again, we thank your Board for helping to make this day the success it was."

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.6 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

The following letter has been received from Jill Atkinson, Passenger Services Operations Planner, Environment Canterbury, who writes as follows:

"Over the past six months, Environment Canterbury has been reviewing bus routes in the western areas of Christchurch. Feedback has been sought from the community at various stages and wherever possible, the requests accommodated. A final proposal was put to Environment Canterbury Councillors on 28 September 2000, and was approved for implementation in April 2001.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Final Report on the Western Bus Service Review detailing the outcomes of this review, as well as the consultation process undertaken. It is hoped that this report will answer any questions you may have or may be asked about the process.

If you have any questions about this report or the outcomes of the review, please do not hesitate to contact me on 365-3828."

A copy of the report will be circulated to Board members with this agenda.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4.7 REPORT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK CLEAN UP

Belle H Melzer of the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG) has written thanking the Board and Service Centre staff for their assistance with the Neighbourhood Week clean up as follows:

“ICENG wishes to thank the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and the Linwood Service Centre staff, particularly Jude Pani, John Dunphy and Hanna Hessels for “coming to the party” so responsively for our neighbourhood street frontage clean-up event.

Each property received a rubbish bag to tidy up the frontage from the property boundary to the street, including the berm. A notice was rolled up with the bag. Large apartment blocks received one or two rubbish bags and retailers received a separate notice without a rubbish bag. A total of 1,300 bags were received of which 1,222 bags were used (78 bags have been returned to the Linwood Service Centre).

The area covered was Madras Street to Stanmore Road from Armagh Street to Hereford Street (west of Fitzgerald) and to Cashel/Essex Streets (east of Fitzgerald).

It was noted that the response to tidy up was more successful east of Fitzgerald Avenue with berms mowed and trimmed and rubbish and glass gathered. “Sprucing up” was evident. There was less evidence that residents west of Fitzgerald Avenue took the campaign seriously. One reason for this may be that the majority of residents west of Fitzgerald are tenants and see such a clean-up as their landlord’s responsibility. Perhaps we can be in touch with landlords next year.

ICENG members felt that the project was worth the effort (hours of rolling up the bags!) and would set the tone for future clean-ups or other Neighbourhood Week projects.

Again the positive response and the generosity of the Board and staff is to be commended.”

The Community Advocate recommends that the Board reimburse the Emergency Graffiti Response fund \$900 for the cost of the rubbish bags from the Strengthening Communities Fund.

The Chair and Community Advocate considered and approved this request, which needed an urgent response.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the Officer’s recommendation be adopted.