

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 BROMLEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2001

The following letter has been received from Karen East, Secretary of the Bromley Community Residents Inc requesting support for Christmas Carols in December 2001.

“The Bromley Community Residents’ Inc would like to offer to host the Christmas carols once again this year which would take place at the Bromley Community Centre on a date to be arranged, on the proviso that we provide the manpower with financial backing from the Linwood Service Centre and Community Board.

If this offer is accepted we intend to canvas the local schools with an invitation for the local children to take part in this event. We would also wish to have a local band play on this date and have a sausage sizzle along with lollies and a visit from Santa. Could you please advise as to whether the Council and Board wish to take up this offer.”

The Community Advocate comments:

In 2000 the Board set a guideline by placing an upper limit of \$200 on such requests and may wish to apply this guideline for 2001.

- Recommendation:**
1. That up to the sum of \$200 be allocated from Discretionary funding 2001/2002 for the Bromley Community Residents’ Inc to host Christmas carols for 2001.
 2. That the Board set a guideline by placing an upper limit of \$200 on such requests for 2001.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.

4.2 UNDERWRITING FOR BROMLEY CARNIVAL – DECEMBER 2000

The following note has been received from Karen East, Secretary of the Bromley Community Residents Inc thanking the Community Board for their offer of financial support.

“Could you please advise the Board that the Bromley Community Residents’ Incorporated will not be needing to accept the kind offer of underwriting of \$1000 due to the fact that our recent carnival was successful enough to pay all costs that were associated with this event. Once again thank you for the support we receive from the Board and the Service Centre in general. We are extremely lucky and very grateful to have such a supportive body.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the letter be received and the Bromley Residents’ Inc be congratulated on a most successful and enjoyable event.

4.3 KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWALS

Two letters have been received expressing concern about the condition of two kerb and channels.

The following letter has been received from Lin McCaughan Ph.D who writes as follows:

“I have several properties in Glade Avenue, Richmond, and have been concerned at the state of the kerb and channelling for some time. They seem to be in worse condition than several other streets in the area, that have already been updated.

The street itself could be made very desirable, and attractive with this work undertaken. It has a lot of big trees and a cottage like appearance to the environment.

Could I request that the updating of the street kerb, channelling be undertaken as soon as possible. When I enquired about this some years ago, it was to be done within five years – now I hear it will be eight!!

- Again this would make this quite busy thoroughway to River Road a lovely place to live.”

A letter has also been received from Ted Harrall the Vestry Secretary, St Chad's Church, Carnarvon Street who writes as follows:

"Carnarvon Street Side Channels

The Vestry of this parish is concerned about the side channels outside St Chad's Church.

We find that many of our parishioners are having difficulty in stepping over the deep channels when they leave/enter their cars. This is particularly hard for the elderly following heavy rainfall when the gutters overflow because the sump at the Buckleys Road end often has a water level just below the grating at this time thus causing water to back up.

Representatives of the vestry would be pleased to meet with your staff (sic) at a mutually convenient time to discuss ways of solving this problem as most of the congregation are reluctant to park in Buckleys Road because of the high traffic density. For this reason the Carnarvon Street path is now regarded as our principal entrance.

We look forward to your attention to this matter."

City Streets notified that both Glade Avenue, Richmond and Carnarvon Street are not in the five year plan for kerb and channel renewals. The Board may wish to consider substitutions from 2003 onwards.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

4.4 HOSPITAL CORNER BUS STOP RATIONALISATION

At the meeting on 28 February the Board **resolved** to write to Environment Canterbury to request they run an information programme about the proposed changes prior to changes taking place.

Attached is the reply from Environment Canterbury.

4.5 MUSIC CENTRE OF CHRISTCHURCH

A letter has been received from the Music Centre of Christchurch requesting funding of \$1175. The letter and accounts were circulated to members for the year ended 31 December 2000 on 28 March 2001.

"Music Centre of Christchurch Application for Funding

The Music Centre of Christchurch is a charitable Trust and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The Centre itself comprises two heritage buildings (both of which are registered with the Historic Places Trust as Category 1 and 2 buildings), the Convent of the Our Lady of the Missions 1881, and the Chapel 1907. Both buildings were preserved from demolition and now are a centre for music, education and related arts.

The Centre has six major tenants including the Christchurch School of Music, Canterbury Regional Opera Trust, Christchurch Civic Music Council, Christchurch College of Education (National Academy of Singing and drama Art), Guitar Academy of Canterbury, and the Choir and Orchestra of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. As well, there are a number of permanent casual tenants and others who use the facilities for music tuition, theory or performance etc.

The aim of the Centre is two-fold: to provide an affordable venue to Christchurch and the Canterbury Region for music education, participation in and enjoyment of music and related arts, and to give young musicians (5-25) the opportunity to perform in an excellent venue before a live audience.

We currently need assistance to complete the protection work for the windows in the Chapel, namely the kitchen and Green room, adjacent to the Chapel. All these windows are leadlight glass and prone to vandalism. The cost of this is \$1175.00.

The Centre has been fully operational for over five years and has built up a reputation as an excellent venue, especially with regard to assisting those organisations which would normally not be able to afford such facilities.

The Music Centre Trust Board should be grateful if you could give this application your favourable consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the application further.”

Chairman’s Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.

4.6 SUMNER FERRYMEAD FOUNDATION

The following letter has been received from G J Williamson, Secretary of the Sumner Ferrymead Foundation. The accounts were circulated to Board members on 28 March.

“We wish to apply for a grant to assist our funding of a programme we are running in the Sumner Ferrymead area.

In 1996 the Foundation commenced a scheme whereby we offered students of the local primary schools, Redcliffs, Sumner, Star of the Sea, and Mount Pleasant the opportunity of learning a brass instrument with a view to eventually forming a local brass band. The Foundation funded the purchase of 14 instruments and organised a tutor and the maintenance of these instruments. The Foundation’s costs have been \$8695.

The scheme has progressed to the extent that this year we hope to see the formation of the Sumner Ferrymead Silver Band.

This year we have also been successful in attracting 12 new students and are desperately in need of further instruments. We therefore seek your support for a grant of \$2000 to purchase four second hand instruments to assist us in fostering the musical development of the youth in our area.”

The Community Advocate comments:

The accounts for both organisations have been circulated to Board members. These indicate that they seem to be in a healthy financial position and the Community Advocate recommends that the Board decline both requests on this occasion.

Chairman’s Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.