

8. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 16 AND 19 FEBRUARY 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration, the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee's 16 February, meeting as follows.

**Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee
held on Friday 16 February 2001 at 9.30 am,
and at a re-convened meeting on Monday 19 February 2001 at 8.00am,
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Sally Buck (Chairman) Val Carter, Pat Harrow (for 16 February) Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall,

APOLOGIES: Nil

1. PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2001/02

The Committee was provided with a detailed report setting out potential projects which the Board's \$250,000 could be allocated against. A review of current commitments and a number of new proposals submitted by members, officers, and the community were highlighted in the agenda.

The Committee also noted that \$60,000 remained available to the Board for discretionary allocation plus a further \$40,000 for community workers and \$40,000 for SCAP (previously \$30,000).

The various allocations arising from the Committee's detailed assessment of all the information submitted is listed in the recommendation, which follows.

During its considerations, the Committee was conscious of the Board's established practice of, where possible, applying funding to assist and facilitate groups in the community as distinct from being a direct funding provider.

From the wide ranging community responses received, staff were asked to look at the possibility of support being applied from the Board's discretionary budget.

Matters identified for possible later discretionary funding, included the Board's share of operating costs towards the speed trailer, commemorative plaque at St Barnabas Church, Merivale Precinct Society Carol Service and city plan annotations, and St Margaret's Church Community Christmas Function.

It was also reported that on 11 December 2000 the Board Chairman, Committee Chairman and the Community Advocate had met with representatives of the City Streets Unit to discuss the Units responses to the Board's earlier submitted priority one project proposals.

It was noted that Cox Street was to be brought into year five of the next capital works programme while the remaining items (Aorangi/Wairakei – traffic signals, Sawyers Arms/Northcote/Greers intersection, Harewood Road at Orchard Road, Memorial Avenue pedestrian islands and ring road review) would be further investigated and reported back to the Board in due course.

Recommendation: 1. That the Board’s project funds for 2001/02 be allocated as follows:

City Streets

Wairakei Road (between Ilam and Pitcairn) – Two pedestrian islands	\$12,000
Maidstone Road (at Ray Blank Park) – Pedestrian island	\$6,000
Landscaping at No 19 Fendalton Road	\$3,500
Bishopdale Mall – Children’s playground	\$4,000 ¹
Coloured Plantings – Continuation of programme at selected sites	\$5,000
Avonhead Road – New kerb and channel, vicinity of Commodore Hotel	\$6,000 ²

Community Relations (Fendalton Advocacy Team)

Railway land re beautification/community gardens trial area	\$8,000 ³
Community Funding Top Up	\$25,000
Christchurch North Citizens Advice Bureau – Grant towards Co-ordinator and administration expenses	\$10,000
Community Initiatives	\$81,000 ⁴
Orana Park – Grant towards new footpaths	\$10,000
Canterbury Steam Preservation Society – Grant to enhance entrance and signage	\$3,500
Local Schools – Subsidy assistance to enhance front fences, landscaping and signage	\$5,000
Waimairi Lions Club – Grant towards upgrading former Burnside Park Nursery building	\$10,000 ⁵

Parks and Waterways

Avonhead Park – continue to implement plan including perimeter path	\$10,000
Crosbie Park – full size basketball court	\$20,000 ⁶
Jellie Park – upgrade play equipment near skate park (staged)	\$10,000
Merivale Reserve – resurface tennis court	\$10,000
Nepal Reserve – concept plan	\$3,000
Drinking fountains at selected sites	\$3,000
Tree planting – various	\$5,000

Total Allocation \$250,000

Notes

1. Bishopdale Mall Children's playground – Subject to retailers providing 2/3 of the funding needed.
2. Avonhead Road New Kerb and Channel – Subject to City Streets Unit funding any balance needed for drainage etc.
3. Railway land re beautification – Subject to further discussions and “buy-in” with affected parties including ongoing maintenance.
4. Community Initiatives – For allocations recommended by the Board's Community Services Committee.
5. Waimairi Lions Club – subject to other funding, leasing approvals, and compliance with Council Management Guidelines for community facilities.
6. Crosbie Park full size basketball court – subject to the same contribution coming from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

2. That the Community Development and Leisure “bids” be considered at a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

2. 2001/02 BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – RE SUSTAINABILITY

The Committee was advised that at its meeting on 21 November 2000, the Board had adopted a recommended set of objectives and related performance indicators including a reference to “sustainability”. A new performance indicator was required to match the added objective.

Recommendation: That the following performance indicator be added to the Board's 2001/02 Board Objectives and Performance Indicators:

12. That the allocation of the Board's funding for 2001/02 be undertaken having due regard to the principles of economic, environmental and social sustainability.

3. AURORA CENTRE TRUST – BROCHURE

The Committee was advised that details on the content of the promotional brochure for the Aurora Centre were still awaited from the Trust.

It was **agreed** therefore that confirmation of the Board's funding support of \$5,000 await the receipt of this further information.

4. WAI-ORA TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Committee considered an application from the Wai-Ora Trust for shared funding in the current 2000/01 year to meet the cost of a schools education programme and a community gardens project initiative.

Mention was made of the opportunities available to enhance the edible gardens programme involving local schools and details of a successful programme being undertaken at Wainoni School were elaborated on.

The Committee indicated a preference for these initiatives to be followed up on including a discussion at the next meeting between the Board and the North West Principals Cluster Group.

Recommendation: That the application for funding from the Wai-Ora Trust be declined.

5. ESOL– FUNDING REQUEST

Submitted for consideration was an application for funding support of \$1,500 from the Burnside Elim Community Church to run its own ESOL programme.

The Committee noted that \$2,500 was available from this years community initiatives budget to provide such a programme locally.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$1,500 from the Board’s current community initiatives budget be made to the Burnside Elim Community Church to operate its ESOL programme.

The meeting concluded at 10.35am on 16 February and 9.47am on 19 February.

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Recommendation:

That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.