

**11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 21 JUNE 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2001.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Paddy Austin, Alison Wilkie and Mike Mora.

An apology for absence was received from Mary Corbett.

Martin Maguire, Roger Cave, and Janice Huddy were also in attendance.

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

David Miles Watson spoke to the Committee about his trip to a "Youth in Search" Leadership Camp in Sydney and thanked the Community Board for the grant he had received to assist him in attending this camp.

2. REVIEW OF THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FORMATION AND RECOGNITION POLICY

The Community Relations Unit Manager initiated the review due to issues around the resourcing of "acknowledged Residents Groups" and particularly the budgetary implications for the forthcoming financial year 2001/02 which were highlighted by the 2000/01 Annual Plan Working Party.

The review was conducted by a team of staff from the Community Relations Unit and included consultation with key stakeholders.

The review process included

- Review of current support
- Three consultation forums held with staff, (Advocacy Teams, Area Parks Officers, Area Traffic Engineers and Community Recreation Advisers); Elected Members; and Residents Group Representatives
- Informal input via submissions, letters, and phone calls
- Analysis of Findings.

The review found that there was still support for Residents Groups both within Council and amongst residents.

The following recommendations were made by the Review Committee.

General Recommendations

- That the Community Board act as an arbitrator when no consensus decision can be made on the boundary between neighbouring groups.
- That there is a need for further education and development around the use of the Seeking Community Views Policy incorporating the CPR (Consult to find the Consensus – Plan – Consult and discuss - Result) model, across Units.
- That Community Boards and Council officers need to consult in a manner that is timely and appropriate for community and Resident Groups.
- That Resident Groups recognised by the Council must be able to demonstrate that they have good community processes in place with their members and the community. This may be as simple as a regular newsletter containing relevant information (i.e. disseminating data, encouraging or inviting community input).

- That the Community Relations Unit undertakes to organise a minimum of two annual forums for Residents Groups across ward areas. The content of these forums to be defined by the groups.
- That Community Boards be encouraged to set aside time during Community Board meetings to allow Residents to have input into relevant agenda items or urgent issues that have arisen and how a right of reply may occur.
- That a resource manual be developed for Residents Groups, that includes clear advice on Council processes and other relevant information.
- That a formula for resourcing groups through an annual grant be developed.
- That the Council, through the annual budget round, allocate funding (based on the formula to be developed) for the purpose of a small annual grant to recognised Residents Groups, which the Community Relations Unit administer.
- That consistent citywide accountability measures be developed.
- That the Council assists Residents Groups further investigate the issue of a "Residents Group Advocate".

Recommended Policy Changes

Based on the review the Review Team recommended a number of amendments to the Residents Association Formation and Recognition Policy. The Team recommend that the Council adopt the following amended policy:

Committee Recommendations:

*The Community Affairs Committee has given consideration to the following amended policy and has made some recommended changes which are shown in **bold type** below.*

1. That the Christchurch City Council supports the formation of local Residents Groups.
2. That local Residents Groups be able to apply to their Community Board for recognition as an official Residents Group.
3. That Residents Groups be encouraged to establish and set their own boundaries that a Community Board can officially recognise.

That Residents Groups be encouraged to establish and set their own boundaries in consultation with Council Officers/Community Board that can be officially recognised by a Community Board.

(By way of explanation the 1991 policy states that the Board determine the group boundaries. The Committee recognises that this new policy seeks to put this issue in the hands of the residents group itself to determine but the group needs to be encouraged to work in consultation with the appropriate Council Officers and Community Board if necessary)

4. That official Resident Groups receive the right to be consulted along with other relevant community groups by the Council on all works and services planned within their boundaries.
5. That official Residents Groups be allocated a small annual grant to spend at their discretion.

That official Residents Groups be informed that a small grant may be available on application for specific projects.

(By way of explanation the Committee believes firstly that money should not be available as of right. The Committee is conscious that the Policy Review identified other groups in the community who should have equal access to the Board's funds and that all such applications be treated on their merits upon written application from that group. Possible use of requested funds would cover incorporation fees, administrative costs and community focussed projects held during the year at the discretion of the group.)

6. That Council staff and elected members use the Seeking Community Views Policy and Policy Guidelines when consulting with Residents Groups and other relevant community groups.
7. That the Council support communication within and between Residents Groups.
8. That the Council seek to foster a positive working relationship with Residents Groups and other relevant community groups.
9. The Committee noted that the Policy Document has been sent to Residents Groups in our area for their comments and feedback.

Recommendation: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board endorse the recommended changes to the Residents Association Formation and Recognition Policy with the exception of items 3. and 5. which should be altered to read as follows:

3. That Residents Groups be encouraged to establish and set their own boundaries in consultation with Council Officers/Community Board, that can be officially recognised by a Community Board.
5. That official Residents Groups be informed that a small grant may be available on application for specific projects.

3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

This scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people. The following applications were received:

- Daniel Anderson – seeking funding towards the costs associated with his attendance at a Tae Kwon Do training camp to be held in Korea in June.
- Andrew Badman – seeking funding towards the costs associated with travelling to Louisville, Kentucky, to compete in the World BMX Championships in July.

Recommendation: That grants of \$325 each be awarded to Daniel Anderson and Andrew Badman from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK – 27 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER 2001

Two requests had been received for funding to hold events during Neighbourhood Week.

After discussion it was **agreed** that this item be held over to the next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee to enable a report to be prepared regarding criteria and process for the allocation of funds for events to be held during "Neighbourhood Week".

5. GLOBAL NET SUMMIT

It was reported that a Global Net Summit "Pathways to the Future" is to be held between 25th to 27th September 2001. The Summit is designed to cater for children aged from 10 – 16, and for educators, community leaders and officials involved with children at every level of local government. Glob Net is about empowering people who are the world's future decision-makers. The Summit will be oriented towards young people and focus on issues relating to their involvement in building a "Sustainable Future" for local and global communities.

Recommendation: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board through the Youth Award Scheme sponsor two students from each Secondary School in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board area to the Global Net Summit at a total cost of \$700.

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK TRUST

A luncheon to thank organisations who support the Trust in their work was recently attended by members of the Sockburn Advocacy Team.

The Committee **received** the Trust's Annual Report for 2001.

7. ASIAN YOUTH PROJECT

The Committee **received** a report from Ken Cho, the Asian Youth Co-ordinator appointed by the Asian Youth Working Party.

8. WHARENUI SCHOOL CENTENNIAL PROJECT

The Centennial of Wharenuui School will be celebrated in 2007 and the Board of Trustees are currently examining a variety of projects to help make the event a memorable one.

One of the planned projects is the compilation of a Roll of Honour covering the 1939 – 1945 Korean or Vietnam Wars.

The Board of Trustees asked whether any of the Community Board Members, or staff would be willing to become part of the sub committee to continue research in order to compile an accurate roll for display, and secondly, whether the Community Board could assist either with research help or funding.

The request was considered by the Sockburn Advocacy team using the Board sanctioned project matrix process and it had recommended that the request for funding be declined as it did not align itself with current Board objectives.

Recommendation: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board decline the request from the Wharenuui School Board of Trustees for funding for the Centennial Project as it does not meet the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board objectives.

9. HORNBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was reported that the Hornby Primary School was planning to sell off part of their school playground.

Mike Mora to follow up with the School Board of Trustees Chairman.

10. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 2000/2001

An update of how these objectives have been met will be prepared for the next Community Affairs meeting.

11. ITEMS FOR ONGOING CONSIDERATION

- Meeting with Local Members of Parliament
- Communication Plan

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday 16th July 2001

Chairman's

- Recommendations:**
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