

42. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

42.1 Neighbourhood Week

Attached are the minutes from a meeting of the Joint Board Committee held on 7 September.

Neighbourhood Week for 2001 was held on 27 October to 2 November. The Board set aside \$500 for Neighbourhood Week events.

It supported a walk in each Ward, prizes for a children's colouring competition, an event in Woolston and an open day at the Linwood Resource Centre.

42.2 Discretionary Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's allocations to date since 1 July 2001. The balance remaining prior to this meeting is \$24,760.

42.3 Community Events and Special Days Fund

In August 2001 the Board set aside \$15,000 from its discretionary fund for community events and special days/weeks.

The process adopted is that requests are received by the Advocacy Team, forwarded to staff and members of the previous Funding Committee with a recommendation. The committee makes decisions based on guidelines considered by it and the applicant is advised of the decision. The Community Advocate then reports to the Board in the following board agenda of any decisions made since the last board meeting.

If the Board agrees with the committee structure recommended in clause 15, requests for funding would be put to the members of the Community, Policy and Finance Committee.

Since August 2001 the Funding Committee made the following recommendations:

- \$700 to the Phillipstown Community Centre for a festival to be held in December. The Committee agreed also to underwrite this event by a further \$300.
- \$700 to the Mt Pleasant Community Centre & Ratepayers' Assn for a Children's Day Family Gala. The Committee agreed also to underwrite this event by a further \$300.
- \$700 to the Bromley Community Residents Inc for the Bromley Carnival to be held on 16 February. The committee also agreed to underwrite this event by a further \$300.00
- \$250 to the Friends of Edmonds Factory Gardens for a Heritage week event.
- \$120 to the Cowlishaw Patten Street Residents' Society. (However, this money has since been returned to the Board as the event was cancelled).
- \$50 to residents in Clarendon Terrace for a Neighbourhood Week event.
- \$160 for two Neighbourhood Week walks conducted by Graeme Stanley.
- \$200 for prizes for Neighbourhood Week Children's colouring competition

A total of \$11,340 remains available for allocation in the Community Events and Special Days Fund.

42.4 Community Response Fund

In August 2001 the Board set aside \$5,000 from its discretionary fund for the community response fund. A similar process to that used for the Community Events and Special Days Fund will be used for allocation of funds from the Community Response Fund.

There have been no allocations to date. \$5,000 remains available for allocation.

This fund is set aside to enable the Board to respond in a timely manner without having to wait for a decision making Board meeting. It is recommended that a committee be established comprised of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson (in conjunction with the Community Advocate) to make decisions on requests for funds from the Community Response Fund.

Recommendation: That the Board establish a Community Response Fund Committee comprising of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to make decisions about requests for the Community Response Fund and any allocations made to be reported to the following Board meeting.

42.5 Redcliffs Sumner Community Creche

John Dunphy has been leading a working party comprising of representatives from the Sumner Redcliffs Community Creche, Linda Rutland, and Council staff to consider options and funding. Please refer to the report in clause 41.

42.6 Linwood Neighbourhood Committee/Inner City East Neighbourhood Group discussions

There has been discussion over the possibility of a shared boundary area between the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group and the Linwood Neighbourhood Group. A meeting was held with representatives of the two groups on 16 October and a report will be coming to the board in the New Year.

42.7 Draft Land Transport Strategy

Environment Canterbury published this draft strategy and sought responses by 19 October. As this was an unrealistic timeframe for members to comment. The submission period has been extended until the end of December. A joint presentation to Community Boards is being organised. Could members please indicate whether they want to attend the presentation or make comment on the strategy.

42.8 Grazing Management of CCC Reserves on the Port Hills – Draft Strategy

The Council has released this draft Strategy for comment by 26 November. The document has been circulated to members who expressed interest in it.

A further document will be released later as a draft policy document to which boards may comment on.

42.9 Board Tour of Local Rivers

In June 2001 some members of the Hagley Ferrymead participated in a tour of the Avon River, hosted by the Burwood Pegasus Community Board. Those members who participated agreed that it was a most informative tour. Representatives of the Lower Avon River Working Party including the Bexley, New Brighton and South New Brighton Residents' Association and the Christchurch Estuary Association were also invited on this tour.

Is the Board interested in a tour of either or both of the Avon/Heathcote rivers. Depending on numbers tour costs for one tour would be approximately \$600. If members are interested in a tour of the Heathcote River the Board could decide to extend an invitation to members of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the Council that it allocate \$600 from its discretionary fund for a bus tour of either the Heathcote or Avon River.

42.10 Information on Board Funded Projects

The Advocacy Team would like to arrange an informal meeting with the board for an introduction to some of the projects that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has funded so that the incoming board can build a relationship and gain an understanding of the priorities set by the previous Board and can assist the Board with future planning and project fund allocation.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

42.11 Cave Rock Development Update

Dennis Preston will provide an update on the plans for the beach side development adjacent to Cave Rock.