

17. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

17.1 Neighbourhood Week

Attached are minutes from the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee terms of reference for the committee and advice that Neighbourhood Week will be run nationwide from 26 October to 1 November 2002. All Boards are invited to send a representative to a meeting on 11 April.

17.2 Discretionary Fund

The attached schedule shows the Board's allocations to date since 1 July 2001. At the project fund allocation meeting the Board made a number of allocations from the 2001/02 fund. The balance remaining prior to this meeting is \$8,960.

17.3 Community Events and Special Days Fund

A total of \$9,620 remains available for allocation from this fund (see attached). Further events planned for before 30 June include an event to open Avebury House, an older adults event in Woolston and two events at Linwood Park and an awards ceremony for Elderly Persons Housing and Commercial. These are estimated to cost approximately \$6,000.

A report will be prepared for the May Board meeting outlining all the awards functions for the following year and suggesting an allocation from the discretionary fund.

17.4 Community Response Fund

A total of \$4,400 remains available for allocation from this fund (see attached).

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson approved a grant of \$500 to the Otautahi Maori Wardens Association for the reimbursement of travelling expenses for the extra work they are doing in Linwood Park.

17.5 Update on Main Road Study

An initial timeframe for the project is as follows:

End April/May	Gathering Data <ul style="list-style-type: none">• traffic volumes, traffic speeds, safety issues and traffic projections (current/future)• Existing projects and budgets.
May/June	Frame a Draft Strategy
July	Discussions and finalising Strategy
August	Complete study in time for budget round

The basis for the study will be the existing road audit that was carried out in May 2001 by Montgomery Watson and covers the route following Evans Pass, Wakefield Avenue, Marriner Street, Main Road and Ferry Road.

The study will also take into account the effects of the new signals at Linwood/Dyers intersection, the proposal for signals at Humphries Drive / Ferry Road and the proposals for the Ferrymead Bridge.

Recommendation That the information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

17.6 Information on Capital Endowment Fund

At the Board's project fund allocation meeting on 6 March the Board requested information on the provision for Community Projects from the Capital Endowment Fund. The Director of Finance, Bob Lineham, has provided the following information.

“The Capital Endowment Fund was set up on the basis that 70% of the income would be allocated for Economic Development and 30% for Civic and Community Projects. As part of the 2001/02 Annual Plan the Council committed funding from the Civic and Community Portion to three items:

- *Museum Redevelopment Project*
- *Special Character Area Precinct (High Street)*
- *Unspecified community Projects. The amounts in the annual plan were \$242,500 in 01/02, \$100,500 in each of 02/03 and 03/04.*

Amongst the conditions for use of the Capital Endowment Fund were the following:

- *That Civic and Community Projects which have a value of less than \$100,000 in any one year not be funded from this source.*
- *That no single project be funded for more than three years except in exceptional circumstances.*
- *In allocations to local community projects the Council will follow the principle that all parts of the city will benefit over a period from local projects. (This relates to the Unspecified Community Projects portion of the funding as noted in bullet point 3 above).*

Most of the items allocated for the current financial year were put on temporary hold by Strategy and Finance Committee in December 2001 due to the late arrival of the funds and the likelihood of a significantly reduced income from the fund in the current year. Also with reduced interest rates the amount estimated to be earned from the fund has been revised and is currently forecast to be insufficient for the commitments made in 03/04 and subsequent years and this will have to be kept under review.

The Annual Plan Sub committee requested that the City Manager and I report to them on a process for allocating the unspecified community projects income. This will be reported to the Annual Plan Council meeting”.

Chairman’s

Recommendation For discussion.

17.7 Linwood Park

The Friends of Linwood Park Working Party is meeting on a regular basis with staff from Parks and Waterways, Leisure and The Advocacy Team and are making progress on some short-term solutions including security, lighting and events.

17.8 Report of Seminar Meeting 21st March

The Seminar meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board was held on Thursday 21 March at 4.00pm. The following matters were considered.

1. AQUATIC FACILITIES

Peter Walls, Asset and Business Adviser, Leisure Unit provided the Board with an overview of the situation regarding new Council leisure facilities. He also provided an update on the community pool situation and the results of a recent audit.

Three areas were covered: management and health and safety, capital cost and the state of pools and possibilities for facilities in the future.

The management of Health and Safety is an issue at some of the suburban pools. The Woolston Pool is approximately 90-100 years old. Some of the plant is a similar age.

Board members question how much money is in the budget for a new pool facility. Board members stressed the need for an aquatic facility in the Hagley/Ferrymead area. On a social needs basis there is nothing in this area, apart from the cold water pool in Woolston. Access to other facilities in Christchurch and cost is an issue that has been well identified.

The Board decided to conduct a survey of its residents to ascertain the need for a new aquatic facility in the area and present the results to the Council and the Annual Plan subcommittee. The Community Advocate was asked to look at the cost of a survey and the best method for this.

The Board suggested that Bob Todd and John Freeman meet with Peter Walls, Delia Walker and the Woolston Pool committee to discuss concerns.

The Board also received a letter from Rob Burrough, Principal Linwood College, who together with Rod Donald and the Youth Initiatives Facilitators have been asked to represent The Linwood Forum about the concept of a new swimming pool. They want to make a deputation to the May Board meeting. This was agreed to.

2. COMMUNITY BOARD SERVICING

Dorothea Brown, Director of Human Resources spoke to the Board members about the project she is leading about Community Board Servicing and the roles of Community Advocacy teams. Dorothea identified the other current work that will feed into this project and asked members for feedback about the resourcing of Community Boards and Advocacy Teams.

Board members were invited to provide any further comments to Dorothea.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

17.9 Environment Canterbury Ticketing and Fare Review

The Board met and considered a submission on this review. The submission has been circulated. If there are no further comments the submission can be confirmed and forwarded to Environment Canterbury.