

## 21. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

### 21.1 Discretionary Fund Update

The Board made a number of 2002/03 Discretionary Fund resolutions at its 6 March Project Funding meeting. The Board also allocated from its 2002/03 Discretionary Fund funding for Community Board Awards. This projected expenditure is reflected in the attached schedule, and leaves a balance of \$38,320 in the 2002/03 Discretionary Fund.

If the Board allocates \$15,000 from its Discretionary Fund for funding of community events and special days (see clause 18) and \$5000 to a Community Response Fund (see Clause 19), the balance in the Discretionary Fund for distribution in the 2002/03 financial year will reduce to \$18,320.

### 21.2 33 Woolston Service

Environment Canterbury is seeking community feedback regarding the possible removal of the 33 Woolston bus service from the Brookhaven area. This bus service was instituted as a trial to establish the level of public demand for such a service. Patronage has been lower than expected.

A letter and response form detailing the review has been delivered to all households in the Brookhaven area and has also been circulated to the Board.

The Board may wish to consider making a submission to Environment Canterbury on the proposed removal of the 33 Woolston service.

### 21.3 Environment Canterbury Draft Clean Heat Project

ECAN has released a draft "Clean Heat Project Discussion Document", containing a proposed incentives and assistance scheme for clean heating and energy efficiency in the Christchurch area. This scheme is to operate in conjunction with the rules in the recently released Air Chapter of the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan. Submissions on the Clean Heat Discussion Document closed on 28 June 2002, although ECAN has indicated it will accept late submissions up until 10 July 2002. Submissions may be made on the Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan until 30 August 2002.

The Clean Heat Discussion Document was considered by the Strategy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 17 June 2002. Concern was expressed at the timing of submissions. The Clean Heat proposals are heavily referenced to the air plan rules, yet submissions on the Clean Heat proposals closed two months prior to those on the air plan rules.

The Strategy and Resources Committee decided to recommend for Council approval that a submission be made to ECAN about the Clean Heat project, and ECAN be requested to hold off on implementing the Clean Heat project until after the air plan rules have been clarified and the matters raised in the report to the Strategy and Resources Committee have been addressed. The Committee also recommended asking that ECAN hear the Council's submission in public and receive a deputation led by the Mayor.

The Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan is scheduled as an agenda item for the Board's July Seminar Meeting. It may be useful to arrange for someone from ECAN to attend that meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan. Alternatively, a joint seminar with other Community Boards may be appropriate. The Board may wish to consider giving members attending a briefing Seminar Meeting on the Proposed Plan power to make a submission on the Proposed Plan on behalf of the Board.

#### **Chairman's**

#### **Recommendation:**

That an ECAN representative be invited to give a briefing on the Proposed Plan to the Board at a seminar meeting and that the Board give Board members attending that seminar meeting power to make a submission on the Proposed Plan on behalf of the Board.

## **21.4 Arbor Day**

This is a Community Board funded initiative whereby schools in the Board area have the opportunity to be involved in tree and shrub planting for their school grounds with the plant material being sourced from 'Trees for Canterbury.'

Although Arbor Day is officially, 5th June, only some schools arrange the planting for that date, while the majority select a day as close as possible and to fit in with other school activities.

For this year, four schools are involved within the Hagley Ferrymead Board area; Woolston, Linwood Intermediate, Christchurch East and Mount Pleasant.

On 5 June, Woolston School pupils planted one tree to celebrate Arbor Day, while on 11 June the Parks and Waterways Advocate assisted with a project at Linwood Intermediate School where fifty native shrubs were planted.

Mt Pleasant School has scheduled their planting for 11.00am on 23 July involving sixty children, while East Christchurch School has yet to finalise a date between 5th and 11th August.

Board members are encouraged to attend the plantings at both Mt Pleasant and East Christchurch Schools. As soon as a time and date is established for the latter, Board members will be advised.

## **21.5 Cave Rock Development**

This capital project for the area of land between Cave Rock and 'On the Beach Café' has been planned for implementation during the current financial year.

\$170,000 has been provided on the Parks and Waterways Unit budget, but the planning of the area has been complicated by incorporating the Richmond Hill outfall improvements and basic services for the new toilets which are scheduled for the 2002/03 financial year.

A contract for \$280,000 has been let to Calcon Construction Ltd for the Cave Rock Project for a ten week completion time and the work is due to commence at the beginning of August 2002. The balance of the funding is coming from the Parks and Waterways Capital Fund.

## **21.6 Report of Seminar Meeting held on 20 June 2002**

A Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Seminar Meeting was held on 20 June 2002. Mary Richardson, Social & Economic Policy Analyst, and Julie Macdonald, Community Advisor attended and gave an overview of the current community funding review. This review is aimed at:

1. identifying the Council's role in community funding; and
2. recommending an overall approach for the Council in distributing community funding.

Topics discussed at the Seminar Meeting included: strengths and weaknesses of the Council's current community funding; reasons for funding the community sector; the nature of community funding and the difference between contracts and grants, and the impact of current funding arrangements on the community sector.

The Board was asked to consider the following questions:

1. What should the Council's funding role be?
2. How could the Council better fulfill this role?
3. How could the Council ensure its funding is directed to meeting social priorities?
4. In five years time, how would the Board like the Council's funding delivery to have changed?

The Board discussed these questions, and the following matters were raised:

1. Council funding should be directed towards helping people to develop their own capacity to be self-sufficient.
2. Council may be able to assist the community sector to keep its administrative costs down. Currently approximately 18% of community funding is used meeting administrative and compliance costs.

3. The Out of School Programmes use a large proportion of the Board's discretionary funding. These programmes should be funded in partnership with central Government.
4. Broad social policy objectives should be set by the Council, and the Board should have discretion to set specific policies aimed at meeting community needs within the Hagley/Ferrymead wards.
5. The Board would like to be more informed of funding and funding changes.
6. "Holistic" evaluations of community sector organisations and programmes should be carried out, rather than a specific focus on evaluating outputs.

A report to the Council on the community funding review is scheduled for September 2002. A further report will be made to the Board at a Seminar Meeting. In the interim, any person or group wanting to discuss the funding review may contact Mary Richardson or Julie Macdonald.

#### **21.7 Central City Mayoral Forum Presentation to Community Boards**

The Central City Mayoral Forum (CCMF) has developed a "Road Show" presentation to Community Boards, aimed at giving Boards an overview of the CCMF functions and objectives, and giving Boards an opportunity to ask questions about these functions and objectives. The CCMF will present this Road Show to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on 31 July 2002 at 1:00 pm, prior to the 2:00 pm Board meeting (lunch from 12.45pm).

#### **21.8 Christchurch Parking Strategy**

The Policy Directorate is developing a Christchurch Parking Strategy. One identified outcome of this strategy is providing guidance to Community Boards when deciding parking issues. A briefing seminar on the Parking Strategy is scheduled for Community Board members in the week commencing 22 July 2002. The actual date and time of the seminar have not yet been advised. A report on the Parking Strategy will be circulated with the agenda for that seminar.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **Chairman's**

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