

13. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

13.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2002/03 for the Discretionary Funds (following the allocation meeting on 20 February 2002) and the Community Response Assistance Fund.

13.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

13.3 ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL

The Aranui Community Renewal Steering Group formed under the Community Plans Special Committee of the Council received the reports from the Project Managers at a meeting on 9 August 2002. The reports included the information presented to the Board at its meeting on 29 July 2002.

Further to the report, the Memorandum of Understanding previously entered into with Housing New Zealand is now being reviewed, with the inclusion of the Aranui community as a party to the agreement.

It is proposed that the redraft memorandum be submitted to the Council by way of the Board and the Community Plans Special Committee.

A report on the Aranui Mentoring Programme submitted by Rachael Fonotia, Aranui Community Co-ordinator, is tabled.

There have been positive responses to the outcomes of this project to date. It is recommended that the Academy students from Aranui High School who are taking part in the programme be recognised by the Board for their part in the success of the programme.

13.4 PARKLANDS POTTERY ROOM

The Parklands Residents' Association discussed the issue related to ownership of the pottery equipment and kiln that was based at the Parklands Community Centre. There remained doubt among some committee members regarding the ownership status. However, the committee was unanimous in supporting the use by the Parklands Baptist Church as a service that would benefit the district.

The committee requested biannual reports from the Board on community usage plus the assurance that should the Church project be terminated in the district, the pottery equipment and kiln be offered back to the Residents' Association by the Community Board as the first option.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Community Board report on community usage biannually.
 2. That should the Parklands Baptist Church pottery project terminate, first option be given to the Parklands Residents' Association for the usage of the pottery equipment and kiln.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.

13.5 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY PROPOSED CANTERBURY NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN

A draft submission on chapters 1-3 of the proposed Plan has been circulated separately to Board members, following the joint seminar with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on 27 August 2002. The draft submission was forwarded to Environment Canterbury to meet the closing date for submissions on 30 August 2002.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board's submission on the Environment Canterbury Proposed Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan be adopted.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.

13.6 KEEP CHRISTCHURCH BEAUTIFUL ANNUAL REPORT 2001/02

The Annual Report for Keep Christchurch Beautiful has been received. A copy is available for viewing at the Board meeting.

13.7 ZONE 5 MEETING AT TIMARU, 20 AUGUST 2002

Carole Evans reports as follows on the Community Board forum held at the Timaru District Council Chambers:

The forum started at 9.30 am with a networking session and morning tea.

Conference opened with Wynne Raymond, Mayor of Timaru District Council, welcoming the 30 people present and congratulating Yvonne Palmer on her chairmanship of the Community Boards Executive Committee.

Keynote presentation by Martin Maguire, Community Advocate, Christchurch City Council, on the subject of community development. Martin covered the areas of:

- Understanding and knowledge of your community.
- Identifying local leadership.
- Building key relationships.
- Identifying local issues.
- Clarifying goals and priorities.
- Bring people together.
- Dealing with friends and foes.

After some discussion on the above and other issues small groups were formed to solve the problem of hoons in the community using the community development tools.

Report Back to Forum

After lunch Michael McEvedy, Mayor of Selwyn District Council, gave us a report on Local Government Zone 5 and community consultation responsibilities.

Yvonne Palmer then gave us her presentation of how to be an effective Community Board member.

The forum concluded with a general discussion on urban and rural differences at Community Board level.

How to get councils to delegate more to Community Boards was well discussed.

I believe that all Community Board members should attend these forums. It is an opportunity to learn how other Community Boards work.