

5. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 21 AUGUST 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following report and recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Report of the Community, Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 21 August 2002 at 9.00am in the Boardroom, Linwood Service Centre

Present: Linda Rutland (Chairperson), Bob Todd, Yani Johanson, Rod Cameron and David Cox.

Apologies: An apology for lateness was accepted from Rod Cameron and an apology for early departure was accepted from Yani Johanson.

David Cox left at 11.20am and was present for clauses 2 – 7 and 8.

Yani Johansen left at 10.05am and was present for clauses 1, 2, 7 and 8.

Rod Cameron arrived at 9.40am and was present for clauses 2 – 6 and 8.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Funding Criteria

The Committee considered the following exclusionary criteria adopted by the Board at its meeting on 5 June 2002 as guidelines for staff advice on requests for discretionary funding allocation:

1. Individuals.
2. Travel, including airfares, however transport such as bus trips could be considered.
3. Schools, where projects are education/curriculum based.
4. Churches, where projects focus on religious teaching.
5. Metropolitan Groups (covering more than two Board areas or with a major catchment beyond Hagley/Ferrymead).
6. Resource Management/City Plan Appeals/Submissions – (This issue remains in question).

The Committee considered deleting the Resource Management/City Plan Appeals/Submissions exclusion and extending the funding criteria with additional guidelines.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Resource Management/City Plan Appeals/Submissions exclusion be deleted.
 2. That the criteria to be applied to requests for Discretionary Funding allocation be extended to include the additional guidelines that:
 - requests for Discretionary Funding allocations be in writing;
 - appropriate Council staff provide comment to the Board before the Board decides whether to allocate the requested funding; and
 - political parties be added to the exclusionary criteria.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.

5.2 Purchase of Llew Summers Sculpture

The Committee considered the following letter addressed to the Board from the Secretary of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee:

**JOY OF ETERNAL SPRING – SCULPTURE BY LLEW SUMMERS
ENSORS ROAD, CHARLESTON**

I advise that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee at its meeting on 8 August 2002 considered a report on the above matter as part of a two monthly update on arts projects and activities in the city.

This matter arose as a result of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board submission to the Annual Plan Subcommittee, which in turn was referred to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

The Chairman of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, Councillor Anna Crighton, has suggested that an offer to purchase the sculpture could be made to Llew Summers of \$40,000 to be paid in instalments of \$20,000 in 2002/03, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments of \$10,000, in the years 2003/04 and 2004/05.

Of the \$40,000, \$10,000 would be sought from the Art in Public Places fund with the balance of \$30,000 sourced from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

It would be appreciated if the matter could be placed before your Board, so that in turn it may be considered by the Art in Public Places Subcommittee.

Recommendation: That the matter be referred back to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee for consideration as a metropolitan project.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

5.3 Linwood North School – Request for Funding for Edible Garden Project

The Committee considered the following letter addressed to the Board from the Principal, Linwood North School.

FUNDING FOR KIDS EDIBLE GARDENS

I wish to make application for a grant from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to enable Linwood North School to take part in this worthwhile project in Term 4 again this year.

We have been involved with Kids Edible Gardens for the last two years. We are unable to fund it fully ourselves this year due to increases imposed by the City Council to pay for a facilitator.

In support of this application I am supplying the following information:

- 1. The amount we are claiming is \$360 to enable us to employ a Garden Facilitator for 1 morning a week for Term 4.*
- 2. The Kids Edible Garden Project will be undertaken by selected children (up to 20) who will look after the Edible Garden under the control of a staff supervisor, and the garden facilitator each week.*
- 3. The Board of Trustees has funded the work we have undertaken in Term 1 this year and does not have any extra funds to continue the project in Term 4.*
- 4. The Kids Edible Project is usually undertaken in Spring (Term 4) and Summer (Term 1) each year.*
- 5. The school Board of Trustees has provided \$410 towards expenses in Term 1.*
- 6. We have not appealed for funds to any other agency.*

The assistance with funding is all we require this year.

The Committee also considered the Community Advocate's comments that:

"Kids' Edible Gardens", along with the "Christchurch Community Gardens Assoc", falls under the umbrella of the "Organic Garden City Trust". It was created in 1997 aiming to establish organic gardens in every primary school. The programme is now focused in 11 Christchurch primary schools and receives approximately \$1500 funding annually. The Committee may wish to recommend that the Board decline the funding application on the basis that it is a school initiative and the Board already supports the community garden concept through funding a community garden co-ordinator.

Recommendation: That the Board decline the application for funding.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

5.4 Neighbourhood Support – Request for Funding for Co-ordinator

The Committee considered the following letter addressed to the Board from Karen Jenkins, Funding Administrator for Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Incorporated:

Canterbury Neighbourhood Support would sincerely like to thank Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for last year's generous contribution.

This financial year Canterbury Neighbourhood Support was grateful to receive a grant from the Christchurch City Council Major Grants Committee. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has allocated \$5000 for this and the following financial year and the Burwood/Pegasus Community has allocated \$1000 from their Discretionary Fund.

Since August 2001 Canterbury Neighbourhood Support has employed a regional co-ordinator, Pat Creasey, and such is the demand that an office assistant has also recently been employed. This has led to a revised budget for the 2002/2003 financial years. It is now expected that the operational cost of the office for the coming year will be \$95,000.

Canterbury Neighbourhood Support is now seeking funding of \$5000 from each of the Christchurch Community Boards and surrounding District Councils towards administration costs for the day-to-day running expenses of the Canterbury office. We provide the resources to support and train local Neighbourhood Support groups to create and maintain community safety programmes. There is no doubt that Neighbourhood Support does have a marked impact on crime reduction. Police statistics have shown areas with a high concentration of Neighbourhood Support Groups are the least affected by crime. However more importantly Neighbourhood Support now works towards assisting in the creation of safer, more caring communities.

The various groups that came together to make Canterbury Neighbourhood Support had crime prevention as their major focus but the direction of Neighbourhood Support has changed to one of communities working together to make communities a safer place. The new focus includes working with various organisations to provide information on fire and home safety, civil defence emergencies, crime reduction and also the promotion of Neighbourhood Week.

Within the Christchurch area there are approximately 1600 functioning Neighbourhood Support groups, which equate to 20/25000 households and with an average of 4 people per household –80/100,000 residents in the City. Each of these groups has a volunteer contact person who undertakes to keep a list of members, keep them informed of any relevant issues and generally encourage neighbours to watch out for each other.

Members are also encouraged to become aware of the different skills their neighbours can offer in a crises e.g. if someone was to have an emergency – what immediate assistance is available within their own area while waiting for emergency services to arrive?

In the case of the earthquake in Kobe, Japan residents had to wait up to 36 hours before many of them could be reached by emergency response teams.

In this current economic climate, the community is now being asked to provide a greater input into Neighbourhood Support and as such, various regional and district councils are being asked to play a leading part in the supporting role of community financial contributions.

At his final City Council meeting on his retirement Cr Close stated that Neighbourhood Support was exactly what he had in mind when establishing the Strengthening Communities Action Plan.

If you feel it would be of some assistance, the co-ordinator, Pat Creasey is available to make a presentation on the work of Neighbourhood Support to your Community Board.

The Committee also considered the following background information:

In September 2001 the previous Board received a deputation from Superintendent John Reilly and Pat Creasey seeking funding of \$5,000 for the purposes of the Co-ordinator's salary, office equipment and stationery. They sought funding from each Community Board.

At that meeting, the Board decided to allocate \$5,000 from its discretionary fund to Canterbury Neighbourhood Support for one year only.

The Board also decided to request that the Community Advocate prepare a report about whether this is funding of a metropolitan resource and should therefore be sought from a metropolitan fund rather than from Community Boards; what linkages Canterbury Neighbourhood Support has with the local neighbourhood support groups; and whether there is any relationship between residents' groups, the City to Sumner Community Watch group and the Safer Community Council which is a Council funded initiative. It is anticipated that this report will be available next year.

Peter Walls, Assets and Business Advisor has advised that "major grants has a provision of \$20,000 in this year's Annual Plan for Neighbourhood Canterbury. It was felt by the Metropolitan Funding Sub Committee that this should be the total contribution from the Council including Community Boards.

Recommendation: That the Board defer the decision on funding until after the report on Neighbourhood Support is received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

5.5 Community Awards – Partnership With Eastgate

The Committee discussed an appropriate function for the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Service Awards and the possibility of developing a formal relationship with Eastgate Mall either in relation to the Awards or more generally.

Recommendation: That developing a formal relationship with Eastgate Mall be deferred until the end of the current building development at Eastgate.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

5.6 Swimming Pool Facility in Ferrymead Ward

The Committee briefly discussed the need for a leisure facility in the Ferrymead Ward, and requested that the Community Recreation Adviser follow up with ECAN regarding co-ordinating the public transport system to meet transportation needs to leisure facilities, particularly QEII.

Kelly Hansen (Parks and Waterways Planner) and the Community Recreation Advisor attended the meeting to talk about a planned Leisure, Parks and Waterways Study in Hagley/Ferrymead and presented results of recent Leisure, Parks and Waterways Studies in other Community Board areas.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE

5.7 Rose Historic Chapel Trust – Request for Funding for Promotional Brochure

The Committee considered a request for funding from the trustees of the Rose Historic Chapel Trust for a brochure promoting the Rose Historic Chapel.

It was moved that the Committee fund the brochure production costs in the amount of \$1,000 from the Board's discretionary fund.

The motion was declared carried on a division by three votes to one, the voting being:

For: Linda Rutland, Bob Todd and Yani Johanson.

Against: David Cox

5.8 Mt Pleasant Community Centre – Request for Funding for Building Maintenance and Computer Programme

The Committee considered a request for funding for maintaining the Mt Pleasant Community Centre (MPCC) and purchasing computer equipment.

The Committee **resolved:**

1. To ask the Community Relations Unit to review its allocation of funding to the MPCC for building maintenance in the 2003/04 year.
2. To ask that the Community Development Adviser contact Bruce McKessar, President of the MPCC to assist in pursuing alternative funding sources for computer equipment.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received and the report on delegated decisions taken by the Committee be adopted.