

## 11. WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 16 DECEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 16 December 2003 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday 16 December 2003 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

Ron Wright arrived at 8.12 am and retired at 9.28 am and was absent for clauses 3 (part), 5 and 8.

Mike Wall retired at 9.25 am and was absent for clauses 3 (part) and 8.

George Hampton retired at 9.28 am and was absent for clauses 3 (part) and 8.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Yiyi Ku and Mark Kunnen and from Ron Wright for lateness and early departure, and from George Hampton and Mike Wall for early departure.

### 2. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

#### 2.1 Environment Canterbury re Bus Service Reviews

Matthew Noon, ECan's Passenger Services Strategic Planner presented for the Committee's information, a progress update on the North West Service Review which was due for implementation in June 2004. Members asked a number of questions during the presentation.

Also outlined were the intended changes to be made to the 21 Ilam, 23 Merrin and the 24 Hyde Park services in the Board's area and of the consultation arrangements as part of the west and south east Christchurch Bus Service Review currently underway.

In **receiving** the information, the Chairman thanked Mr Noon for attending and updating the Committee.

### 3. AVONHEAD CEMETERY - TREE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE STRATEGY

Dieter Steinegg, the Council's Tree Officer submitted a report on the substandard condition of a large number of trees in the Avonhead Cemetery along with the details of an intended tree replacement and maintenance strategy as a basis for public consultation.

The accompanying report elaborated on the extent of over crowdedness, disease and structural decline of a significant number of the existing trees that would require removal over the next three years. Examples of trees so affected were displayed for the Committee's information.

The tree removal, pruning and reinstatement programme is estimated to cost \$140,000 over a three year period.

Members asked a number of questions and expressed appreciation for the in depth details presented.

On the matter of consultation, the Committee acknowledged the metropolitan status of the Avonhead Cemetery and of a need to ensure that widespread publicity along with appropriate explanatory statements were provided as part of the consultation process. Options of a public meeting(s), pamphlets being circulated in the local area and an item in the City Scene were identified as appropriate techniques. A high level of input from immediate local residents was offered and endorsed by the Committee.

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the proposed tree replacement and maintenance strategy for the Avonhead Cemetery be approved for consultation with the wider community, local residents and cemetery users.

#### **4. WAIMAKARIRI ROAD – PINE TREES**

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on the results of the consultation carried out with the local residents regarding shading and related issues associated with the pine trees bordering the former gravel pit site fronting Waimakariri Road.

Of the 30 residents living within 250 metres of the pine trees, 17 comment forms were returned with a majority of those indicating acceptance for the total removal of the pine trees.

**Recommendation:** That the pine trees in the area between the entrance to the gravel pit and No. 74 Waimakariri Road be removed and replaced with a more suitable shelter planting as favoured by the majority of the residents' responses.

(**Note:** Pat Harrow asked for his vote to be recorded against the above recommendation due to concerns that dust and wind related nuisances would result.)

#### **5. SNOWDON ROAD - PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL**

The Project Consultation Leader reported on the feedback received to the publicity brochure and the outcomes of the public meeting held in November. Modifications had subsequently been made to the concept plan as a basis for further consultation. The **attached** new plan refers.

**Recommendation:** That concept plan TP 159307, be approved for consultation.

#### **6. LITTLE HAGLEY PARK – AVON RIVER LANDSCAPING**

A report was presented on the outcomes of the discussions held between the Board and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on a number of issues in respect of the landscape plantings along the Avon River (Hagley ward side) in Little Hagley Park.

The following matters were covered in those discussions:

1. The extent of plantings undertaken along the banks of the Avon River, especially Little Hagley, opposite the Millbrook Reserve.
2. The impact that this planting is having in obscuring path/seat users views of the river.
3. The longer term consequences for the existing mature exotic plantings in and around the immediate vicinity.
4. A noticeable departure from the dominant 'English' planted character in this area.
5. A desire to understand the ongoing maintenance/pruning arrangements for the plantings.
6. The receipt of adverse feedback from the community regarding the presence of the plantings.
7. The 'stranger danger' aspect due to the (now) dense nature of the plantings.
8. To obtain an understanding of the Council's policies and practices regarding such planting programmes, including consultation arrangements.

9. A request for all Boards to have early input into the development of the Council's planting strategy currently under consideration.
10. To request that a safety audit be carried out of the existing plantings and remedial action to be taken as required.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Fendalton/Waimairi and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards meet with the Parks and Waterways Manager to reiterate points 1 – 10 above.
  2. That both Boards seek to jointly appear before the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee in February 2004 to raise the various issues of concern elaborated on above.

## **7. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE ENTRANCEWAYS**

The Committee considered a report responding to a submission received from the residents of Harkness Place opposed to the Council's current policy of not resurfacing vehicle entranceways where there is no footpath on one side of the street and for any such work to be undertaken at the residents' cost.

Several courses of action to address the residents' concerns were considered including an option that the Board consider the possible funding of vehicle entranceway resurfacing in Harkness Place only. However because of the precedent factor, this proposal was not supported by the majority of members present.

The Committee did however consider that the views of the residents should be conveyed to the Council together with a request from the Board for a review of policy.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Council be asked to look at reviewing its maintenance policy on footpath resurfacing where there are footpaths on only one side of the street.
  2. That the Board's intention and reasoning in relation to 1. above be conveyed to the residents.

## **8. SITE VISITS**

The Committee **agreed** to complete the visit programme to selected locations in the Board's area on Wednesday 28 January 2004 at 8.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 9.43 am.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.