

## 6. WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 17 FEBRUARY 2004

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 17 February 2004 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday 17 February 2004 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

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

Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.30 am and was absent for part of clause 2.1.

Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku and George Hampton retired at 9.50 am, 9.51 am and 10.00 am respectively and were absent for clause 4 (part) and clauses 5 and 6.

Cheryl Colley retired at 10.11 am and was absent for clauses 4 (part) 5 and 6.

Ron Wright retired at 10.30 am and was absent for clauses 5 and 6.

### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Mark Kunnen.

### 2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

#### 2.1 Highsted Road Pedestrian Safety

Mr Peter Fletcher, a Board member on the Cotswold School's Board of Trustees spoke in support of the Council's intention to provide pedestrian islands in Highsted Road to assist the safer movement of school children travelling to and from Cotswold School.

Members asked a number of questions and Mr Fletcher was invited to have the school undertake its own survey as to the number of children crossing Highsted Road at key times of the school day.

The Committee was also presented with submissions from Messrs Dennis Rich of I Cardome Street and Russell Englefield of 55 Highsted Road who outlined concerns and opposition to the Council's proposal to install two islands in Highsted Road.

Messrs Rich and Englefield each tabled and spoke to their written submissions setting out the reasons why they opposed the Council's plan. Key issues were the low numbers of pedestrian movements across Highsted Road, the loss of on street parking due to associated no stopping restrictions and traffic safety concerns due to the physical presence of islands in a street not having an existing accident history.

The submitters at the conclusion of their respective presentations, retired from the table.

In considering the officer's report, the Committee asked a number of questions including the possibility of providing only one pedestrian island, requested further information on vehicle speed history in Highsted Road, daily vehicle volumes especially around school arrival and departure times, survey data on pedestrian movements across Highsted Road and the impact on residents parking with the introduction of any no stopping controls.

Other aspects mentioned during the ensuing discussion included a suggestion to lessen the extent of the intended painted median and what assessment was given to other options such as traffic controlled lights, zebra crossings, parking bay options etc.

The reporting officer, Michael Thomson, indicated that the two island proposal was the preferred technical option and that a departure from this, such as a single island, would be considered a compromise.

A proposal that a zebra crossing be installed was not supported by the majority of members present.

The Committee having heard from the submitters and the technical officer, agreed that further information on the various matters canvassed should be gathered and reported back to the Committee to allow an informed decision to be arrived at.

The Chairman thanked the submitters for their presentations.

**Recommendation:** That the City Transport Unit be requested to provide the Committee with further information on Highsted Road covering:

- a. speed survey data
- b. vehicle numbers especially prior to and after school times,
- c. pedestrian movements crossing Highsted Road
- d. parking related issues
- e. consideration of the single pedestrian island option.

## 2.2 Royds Street Kerb and Channel Renewal

Mr John Caldwell of 7 Royds Street presented the outcomes of a recent street meeting attended by the majority of street residents aimed at addressing some lingering design features associated with the project.

Mr Caldwell tabled a submission outlining a meeting held on Sunday 15 February at which the Project Consultation Leader (Lorraine Wilmshurst) was also in attendance.

Points to emerge from this meeting were generally strong support for the project, retention of the existing maple street trees, the enhancement of the existing fountain, the removal of the proposed islands from the plan and more attention to lighting needs in the street. Subsequent to the Sunday meeting, a number of residents had since asked that consideration also be given to providing some form of parking bay in the design akin to what exists in Fendalton Road.

The Council's Assistant Electrical Engineer was in attendance and he responded on issues raised by residents and answered questions from members regarding lighting in the street.

Aspects of a road carpet treatment compared with the usual chip seal road surface were also raised.

The provision of a threshold treatment or similar recognition at the Straven Road intersection was also mentioned for further investigation.

The **attached** revised plan refers.

**Recommendation:** That the revised plan TP1625ID for the kerb and channel renewal in Royds Street be conditionally approved subject to staff addressing and reporting back on the lighting issues raised by the residents, costings to be checked for the road carpet surfacing option and consideration of a threshold type treatment at the Royds/Straven intersection being evaluated for inclusion in the project.

**(Note:** Val Carter declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the discussion and voting thereon. Cheryl Colley as Deputy Committee Chairman, assumed the Chair.)

## 3. WINCHESTER STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

The Project Consultation Leader, Brian Boddy, requested that the Committee approve for construction the renewal of the kerb and channel in Winchester Street between Merivale Lane and Andover Street.

At its meeting at 3 February 2004, the Board authorised the Committee to approve the work for construction subject to the evaluation of further requested information on several issues associated with the project as set out in the officer's accompanying report.

The Committee **decided** that the information be received and that the plan as amended, be approved for construction.

#### 4. MEMORIAL AVENUE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

The Committee was provided with an update following on from the Board's Seminar on Memorial Avenue conducted in October 2003.

The Urban Design Landscape Architect, Andrew Craig, highlighted key points in his report which covered the plantings at Burnside High School, ongoing discussions with the RSA regarding the possible repositioning of the existing war memorials, the berm treatments, the Memorial/Russley intersection, median planting and the results of a tree inventory of berm plantings along the avenue.

The Committee expressed a preference to have a mix of planting styles with the formal treatment occurring in the existing median sections of the avenue with more informal berm treatments alongside. The end result would resemble a continuation of the character from Fendalton Road.

The Transport Planner Policy, City Transport Unit, Mike Calvert presented for the Committee's information two indicative cross section scenarios for the Clyde to Greers Road section of the avenue.

The Committee acknowledged that the Sustainable, Transport and Utilities Committee would be responsible for overseeing any options assessment for the overall street layout but that the Board should seek to be involved in such considerations.

**Recommendations:** 1. That the Sustainable, Transport and Utilities Committee, in conjunction with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, develop cross section options for the Clyde Road to Greers Road section of Memorial Avenue.

The above motion was moved by Pat Harrow, seconded by Mike Wall and was declared **carried** on division number 1, by 4 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

**For (4):** Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall, Ron Wright.

**Against (2):** Val Carter, Mark Kunnen.

2. That the Board supports a mix of formal planting in the Memorial Avenue medians and enhanced informal plantings in the berms along the Greers Road to Airport sections of the avenue.

#### 5. JELLIE PARK POND PLANTING

The Team Leader Landscape, City Solutions Unit, Allan Cutler, presented for the Committee's consideration and recommendation to the Board, the revised plan for the Jellie Park pond project.

Whilst supportive of most parts of the plan, members felt that enlarged access points to the waters edge were important to include in the plan and options as to where this might occur were canvassed.

The inclusion of Gunneras and Bearded Irises in the planting plan were also requested.

**Recommendation:** That subject to the creation of enlarged open space access points being provided along the southern edge of the pond and the inclusion of Gunneras and Bearded Irises, the planting plan as amended, be approved for implementation.

## **6. BISHOPDALE ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENTS**

The Consultation Leader, Lee Kelly, updated the Committee on possible road design changes in the immediate vicinity of the Bishopdale roundabout and of the intention to communicate such details to local community representatives as a prelude to initiating through the Board, the more formal consultation process.

The meeting concluded at 10.58 am.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.
  2. That the Royds Street project be finalised under delegated authority by the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee at its 16 March 2004 meeting.