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SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
18.5.2012

Minutes of a meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
held on 18 May 2012 at 8.10am in the Board Room,
Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Beckenham

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Paul McMahon and Karolin Potter.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Tim Scandrett and Sue Wells.

An apology for early departure was received and accepted from Barry Corbett who departed at 10.25am and was absent for clause 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.03am and resumed at 10.11am.

The Board reports that:

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 DUANE MAJOR

Duane Major updated the Board on the West Spreydon School Pool.

The Board previously allocated a small grant to investigate repairs on the pool. Duane outlined how successful the campaign to raise funds to repair the pool had been. He provided a presentation showing the community development approach the school took to repair the pool which resulted in full use of the pool until the earthquake of 22 February 2011. The pool presently needs a geotech report and the school is keen to get the small pool up and running by Summer 2012/13.

The Board expressed its support for the school getting a geotech report on the pool and investigation of further funding options.

2. PETITIONS

Nil.

3. EARTHQUAKE DESIGN AND CAPABILITY

Nil.

4. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISOR'S UPDATE

The Board received information on the following:

- Manuka Cottage

The Board **decided** to support an application by the Addington Community House Incorporated to the Department of Building and Housing or other provider for a suitable two bedroom house to be used as a community cottage.

The Board **decided** to request the Housing and Community Facilities Committee of the Council to consider the Council purchasing relocatable housing from the Department of Building and Housing or other suitable providers for use in the community based social service sector.

- Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Annual Plan Submission

The Board **decided** to approve its submission to the Council's Annual Plan 2012/13 (**attached**).

7. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Matters that were mentioned included:

SOCIAL HOUSING

The Board discussed damage to social housing in the Spreydon/Heathcote ward.

The Board **decided** to request a briefing on all social housing in the Spreydon/Heathcote ward in relation to earthquake damage and the rebuild.

KIWIRAIL GOODS SHED CASS/COLOMBO STREETS

The Board **decided** to write to CERA regarding the accreditation of the contractor and the consequences of the demolition material in the Cass/Colombo Street Goods Shed and pointing out that the Board does not wish to see a repetition of this situation in relation to demolition materials in other areas of Canterbury.

SELWYN MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP

The Board discussed the additional consultation workshop with the community under the plan.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Notice of Motion submitted by Paul McMahon did not proceed in the absence of a quorum at 10.26am, and will be resubmitted as a Notice of Motion in writing to the 5 June 2012 Board meeting

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 1 MAY 2012

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the Board's ordinary meeting of 1 May 2012 (both open and public excluded sections) be confirmed.

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10. APPLICATION TO THE SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – REBECCA HOWIE

The Board considered a report seeking its approval for an application for funding assistance from its 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund by Rebecca Howie, 16 years old from Spreydon, to represent the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir (NZSSC) at the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival from 1–17 July 2012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate Rebecca Howie \$400 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir at the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival from 1–17 July 2012.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board **resolved** to allocate Rebecca Howie \$500 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir at the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival from 1–17 July 2012. The reasons for the increase include the level of fundraising, it is an overseas event and \$500 is the normal amount that the Board allocates for overseas travel which meets the criteria.

11. CHRISTCHURCH CITY RESIDENTS GROUP FORUM – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE

The Board considered a report seeking its retrospective approval for Board member Phil Clearwater to attend the Christchurch City Residents Group Forum held at the Canterbury Netball Centre on Saturday 21 April 2012.

The Board **resolved** to retrospectively approve the payment of \$50 for the attendance of Phil Clearwater at the Christchurch City Residents Group Forum held at the Canterbury Netball Centre on Saturday 21 April 2012.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.

CONSIDERED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2012

**PHIL CLEARWATER
CHAIRPERSON**

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Attachment to Clause 6

Submission: Christchurch City Council

On: Draft Annual Plan 2012- 2013

By: Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board

Date: 21 May 2012

Pages: 4

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The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board makes the following submissions on the Christchurch City Council **Draft Annual Plan 2012-2013**.

The Board **would like to be heard** in support of its submission.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board wishes to recognise that all Council staff have been an inspiration in the way they have gone about their work during the continuing earthquake response and recovery.

Overall the Board congratulates the financial planners and the Council on their reorganisation of the budget. The Board supports the rates increase of 7.5 per cent to cover standard services and projects and the overall costs associated with the earthquake impact and the rebuild of the city major facilities. At the same time the Board expresses its regret and understanding that this rate increase will be onerous for people on fixed incomes and further a sale of assets would lead to additional increases in rates in the future. It recognises that the City is in an extraordinary position in which the rebuild will provide the City with 25 per cent of its infrastructure renewals in the next five years.

Furthermore the Board recognises that the Council has prudently managed its budget and retained its portfolio of assets over the recent past now placing the City in a strong financial position to help refund the recovery. The Board considers that this is a position worth celebrating in an otherwise austere earthquake recovery period.

2. BOARD SUBMISSIONS

2.1 Mid-Heathcote River/Opawaho Linear Park Master Plan / Council projects and infrastructure rebuild projects in the area

The Board wishes to express strong support for the continuation of the Mid-Heathcote River/Opawaho Linear Park Master Plan principles within the roll out of the infrastructure rebuild and within the scope of any plans for street renewals previously consulted on but not undertaken.

Specifically the Board wishes to draw attention to the need for a formal memorandum of understanding between SCRIT and the Board with regard to ensuring that the Mid-Heathcote Master Plan decisions are included in the rebuild.

2.2 Major facility QE II Replacement recreation facility – Aquatic Centre

The Board supports the establishment of a pool and leisure complex in the Eastern suburbs. This is an urgent matter given the consequences of the earthquake.

2.3 Waltham Pool repair

The Board reiterates its 2011-12 proposal that given that there has been a loss of school pool facilities in the area the Board points out that there is likely to be a large swell of community support for the re-establishment of the Waltham pool. The Board would like funding to be included which would cover this possibility.

2.3 Residents in the hills white zone area of the ward

The Board draws to the attention of the Council the social implications of the unknown circumstances of many residents whose houses are located in the hills white zone areas. The pressures on these residents are most concerning. Parallels may be able to be drawn to the increase in admissions to PMH and recent increases in elder abuse including financial abuse.

2.4 Springs in the ward – due to the earthquake

The Board points out the large number of springs which have come to the surface within the ward particularly in the vicinity of the Rapaki and Hoon Hay areas. These springs are not easily capped and their presence is unsettling for residents. This issue is a further earthquake related matter which is causing distress for residents.

2.5 Continuation of scoping work in relation to Cashmere Forest Park

Given the consequences of the earthquake in relation to recreation in the hills it is important for the Council to continue to work on ways of establishing other recreation areas in the hills such as the planned Cashmere Forest Park. There are continuing problems associated with the use of the Rapaki Track and Bowenvale recreation areas.

The Board supports the allocation of funding to assist with the continued development of Cashmere Forest Park.

2.6 Disposal of Council assets

The Board wishes to reiterate that it is totally opposed to any disposal of Council assets to fund any matters related to the earthquake.

2.7 Earthquake ward collaboration worker

The Board would like to draw attention to the promotion of local empowerment and engagement by working closely in a collaborative way with the affected population in coordinating and co leading the response effort.

The Board points out that in the perspective section of The Press 10 May summarising Peter Gluckman's advice to the Prime Minister regarding likely psychosocial effects of the earthquakes advice was given that "A feeling of self- efficacy and community efficacy assists the population in reactivating their coping mechanisms...local governance, empowerment and ownership have been shown to assist recovery" and further "... those involved in directing the recovery should create governance structures that understand and actively include community participation and enhance individual and community resilience". The Board is concerned that this approach has not happened at the ward level and points out that while a large amount of funds has been spend in a short period of time to re-establish a rugby facility little has been done to specifically develop earthquake self-efficacy or community efficacy at ward level.

Working in a collaborative manner with the community is high on the Board's agenda as this is about empowerment and engagement of the community in coordinating and co leading the response effort.

The Board supports the creation of a new position designed to work with the community coordinating all aspects of the recovery at ward level. The work of this position would be wide ranging. The work would include advocacy around the issues including the following, CERA, SCIRT, transport and greenspace, planning, business issues, social housing, social isolation, temporary facilities relocation, rock fall areas in the hills and resident wellbeing, Sydenham and Selwyn Master plan rebuilds and residents associations.

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2.8 Rent for Rowley House

The Board reiterates its strong support for the work of the Rowley House Community Cottage. The Board expresses a long term commitment to the Council securing a permanent building for the cottage to operate from. Although the Board recognises that with the current earthquake related problems finding a permanent home for the cottage will be difficult.

In the meantime the Board points out as it did in its 2010/11 annual plan submission that it understood that the rent for Rowley House would be paid as a line item rather than being paid from the Council's Key Local Projects. This issue has been raised by the Board since 2008.

The Board supports the Council's commitment to continuing to pay the rent on Rowley House.

2.9 Strengthening Communities Budget

The Board notes the end of the three year reduction in funding to the overall grants budget. The Board notes that at a time when the City is in disarray these cuts continue to impact on the overall grants budget. It points out that the information on page 99 regarding these cuts does not make it clear that this reduction is ending. The Board wishes to have this explained clearly.

Further the Board wishes to have an increase in its Strengthening Communities Fund allocation. This budget needs to increase to meet the growing demand from the community especially in the psychosocial area following the earthquakes which will continue for many years to come.

Phil Clearwater
Chairperson
Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
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