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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
21 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
held on 21 September 2012 at 8am in the Board Room,
Pioneer Stadium, 75 Lyttelton Street**

PRESENT: Tim Scandrett (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Paul McMahon, Helene Mautner, Karolin Potter, and Sue Wells.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Phil Clearwater.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Paul McMahon who arrived at 8.06am and was absent for clauses 11, 12 and part of 3.

The Board reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Karolin Potter.

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board requests the Christchurch City Council **to provide urgent support for** not for profit agencies in engaging with the DEE (Detailed Engineering Evaluation) and consent processes (Facilities Rebuild, Temporary Accommodation Approvals, Building Consents etc) of the Council.

The Board **received** and accepted the Notice of Motion and with the consent of Karolin Potter the alteration of the words as follows, the deletion of the words, " to establish a portal (a small group of council staff) specialising in the concerns and interests of " and the inclusion of the words, "to provide urgent support for".

Note: There is evidence in the literature to show that Non Government Organisations (NGO) and Not For Profits (NFP) collapse following catastrophic events not because they are no longer deemed to be useful to the community but because of their vulnerability in terms of infrastructure and funding. Once an NFP has lost its infrastructure it loses its ability to serve the community and immediately, ipso facto loses its funding. Their month by month funding means they lack the resources and in particular business and facilities insurance (many do not own their own building) that enable business organisations to continue to ride out a storm. Further they often lack the kind of business skills that would enable them to navigate and fund government and local government consent processes in a rebuild situation. And finally most agencies may at most have one or two paid employees and are dependent on volunteers from the community who themselves have demands placed on them for their families and themselves in surviving the same crisis. Many of the small community services are an emotional home for people in the community that is within walking distance and on the same route as the supermarket, the hairdresser and the bank. Without these facilities people are left bereft, vulnerable and lonely.

2. BARRINGTON STREET PROPOSED SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council to approve the removal of the central island pedestrian crossing facility on Barrington Street, adjacent to the Cashmere High School entrance, and upgrading this facility to a signalised pedestrian crossing, (refer **Attachment 1**).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Cashmere High School – with approximately 1700 students - has the second largest student roll of all secondary schools in Christchurch. An assessment of secondary schools within the city revealed that Cashmere High School was one of only a few secondary schools that is not provided with a signalised crossing facility on the road along any of its frontages.
3. In recent years, school staff have raised concerns about the safety of students who need to cross Barrington Street to gain access to and from the school grounds. In response to this, an upgrade of the crossing facility was put on the pedestrian request priority database (a list with approximately \$10 million worth of requests).
4. The top priority signalised crossing project is on Shirley Road at Shirley Primary School, which is finding the operation of a school patrol more and more difficult due to the increasing traffic volumes. Shirley Road has, however, suffered significant infrastructural damage to both surface and underground facilities.
5. As a result, Council staff have been requested to put the signalised crossing project at Shirley Road on hold until earthquake repairs are completed. The next priority project of similar value and achieving similar objectives for road safety at schools is Barrington Street at the Cashmere High School entrance. While Barrington Street has suffered some earthquake damage extensive enquiries with Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT), water and waste engineers, and roading engineers, reveal that the signalisation project will not be affected by any earthquake repair work on Barrington Street.
6. An independent investigation of the planned signalised crossing at Barrington Street supported the existing proposal and stated that signals are the only practical / safe option for this site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Funding for this project will be allocated from the Road Safety at Schools budget within the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The installation of any traffic control, parking restriction signs and/or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community Outcomes – Safety and Community.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. This project aligns with the Council's Pedestrian, Cycling and Road Safety strategies.

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Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Cashmere High School has provided written support for the proposal to replace the current island pedestrian crossing outside its Barrington Street entrance with a signalised pedestrian crossing.
16. A memorandum sent by the Council's project team on 16 March 2012 advised the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board that plans for a signalised pedestrian crossing across Barrington Street, near the entrance to Cashmere High School had been fast-tracked after a similar crossing elsewhere could not proceed because of earthquake damage. Funding for this safety improvement project was available that financial year. As a result the project team was finalising plans so the proposal could go out for consultation.
17. Eighty five project information leaflets were delivered or posted to residents and owners of properties near the proposed signalised crossing outside Cashmere High School on Thursday 22 March 2012. Details of the safety improvement proposal were emailed or posted to other external stakeholders. Any comments were requested by the Council's project team before noon on Thursday 5 April 2012.
18. Those who wanted more information about the proposal were invited to meet the traffic engineer and other members of the project team at the crossing site on the evening of Tuesday 27 March 2012.
19. One resident who attended the drop-in session asked for an obscured no stopping line outside her driveway to be repainted and, if possible, for the no stopping restriction area to be extended slightly. The project team will repaint the obscured no stopping line but does not recommend extending the no stopping restriction.
20. Another resident at the meeting said she was comfortable with the proposed crossing design as long she could continue to reverse out her driveway. She asked whether the Council could introduce two hour parking on the section of road between Somerfield Street and Moana Street. This request is outside the scope of this safety improvement project.
21. A resident living in a property south of the school entrance requested no stopping lines so she could safely reverse out of her driveway. The project team does not recommend extending no stopping lines to outside 53b Barrington Street.
22. A spokeswoman for the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind commented that it was great to see signalised crossings like this being installed as visually impaired Cashmere High students and older adults in the area would also benefit. She was advised that the pedestrian crossing would have an audio-tactile call box to let visually impaired people know when it was safe to cross.
23. Another resident submitted that the proposed signalised crossing should be moved closer to the intersection of Somerfield Street and Barrington Street. He stated that since 2006 he and his wife had been hit six times – four times by motorists and twice by student cyclists – while backing out of their driveway south of the existing crossing. All six incidents occurred because the parent and students did not follow basic road rules. A signalised crossing near the high school entrance would cause further congestion, he said.

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24. After considering this submission the project team agreed that the best location for students living east of Barrington Street to access Cashmere High School is at the proposed location near the Barrington Street entrance. A signalised pedestrian crossing near the Barrington Street/Somerfield Street intersection would require more complex turning movements and also encourage heavier use of Rose Street and Somerfield Streets, both collector roads. Barrington Street is a minor arterial road. The project team believes that the answer to improving drop off/pick up issues is not denying a safe crossing point for the students and school, but working with the school, residents and parents to improve drop off/pick up behaviour. The situation would be monitored after installation.
25. An Environment Canterbury spokesperson requested that two bus stops be added to this section of Barrington Street as part of the signalised pedestrian crossing project. The project team have advised the Environment Canterbury spokesperson that this request was previously investigated when the bus route changed, however Council staff were unable to get resident agreement to having bus stops outside their properties. The project team have forwarded this request to the Council public transport infrastructure staff.
26. At the same time as consultation on this project, consultation was occurring on a similar project at Clyde Road adjacent to the University. This project involved a signalised crossing requested by the Ilam School community as part of that school's travel plan development. Several residents objected to those proposed signals and advised of legal action against the Council. As a result, both signalised crossing projects were put on hold pending an independent engineering evaluation by external consultants. The independent external report concluded that a signalised crossing at Barrington Street met the New Zealand Transport Agency Pedestrian Planning and Design guidelines, was economically viable, and after extensive surveying of school road supervising staff and road crossing activity, that signals are the only practical / safe option for this site.
27. Following the submission by one adjoining resident urging the Council to relocate the signals closer to the Somerfield Street intersection, further discussions have been held with senior school staff, who monitor /supervise the existing crossing point. They confirm the Council staff views that the proposed location is the most suitable and agree that the provision of signals to assist the students will not change the existing conflict that this resident has when backing out of his driveway, with students going to and from school.
28. All respondents who commented on the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing were sent a letter thanking them for their input and a copy of the plan to be considered by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board before making its recommendation to Council. The letter informed respondents when the plan would be presented to the Community Board. Details of the meeting (time, venue etc) were also provided so that any interested people could attend or address the Community Board before a decision was made.
29. Those who have commented on the proposal will be advised of the Council's decision.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board recommends that Council approve:

- (a) That a pedestrian crossing, controlled by traffic signals be installed on Barrington Street located at a point 66 metres northwest of its intersection with Moana Street.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends that Council:

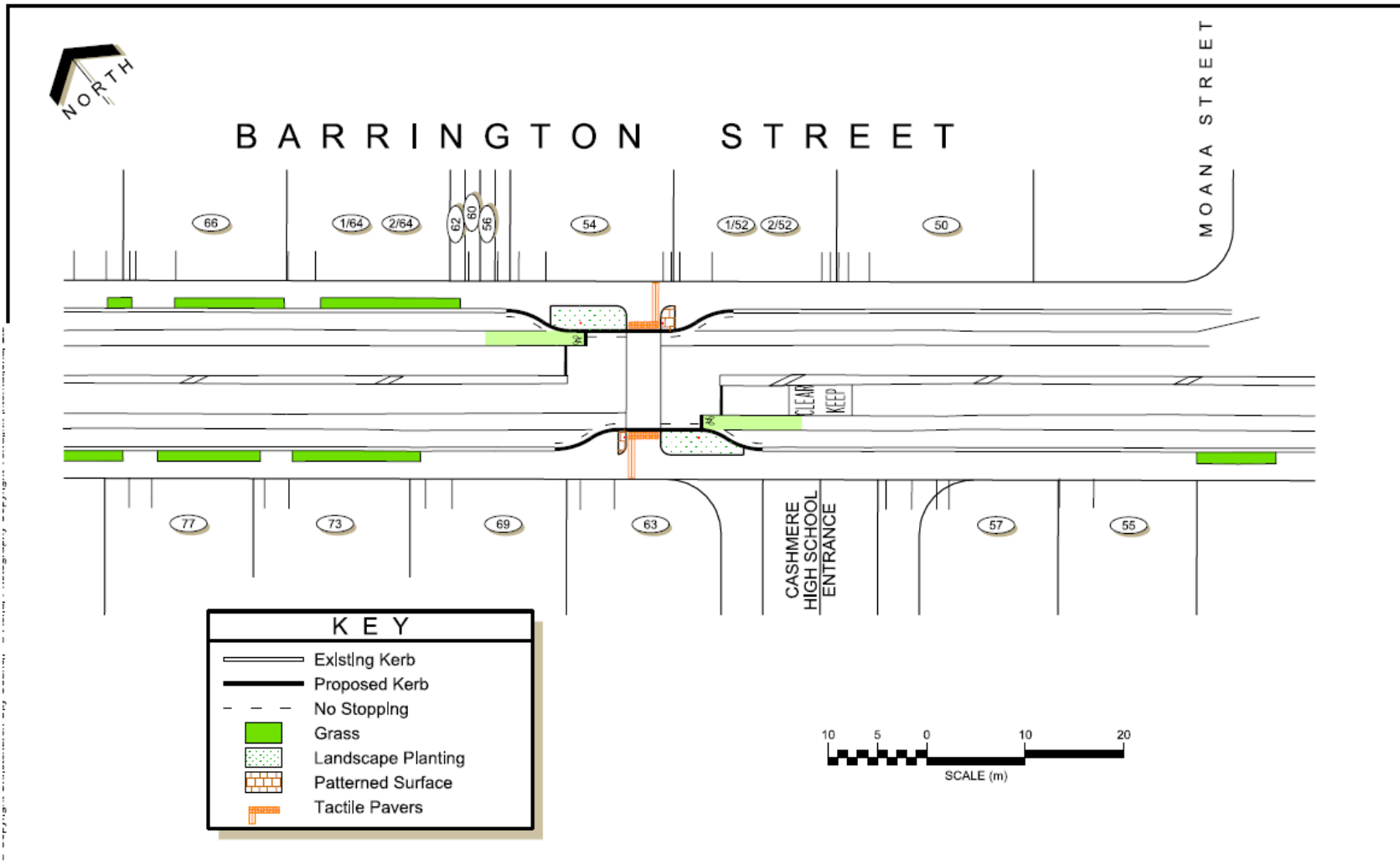
- (a) Approve a pedestrian crossing, controlled by traffic signals be installed on Barrington Street located at a point 66 metres northwest of its intersection with Moana Street.

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ATTACHMENT 1 TO CLAUSE 2



Barrington Street Signalised Pedestrian Crossing
Safety Improvement Plan
For Council Approval

Original Plan Size: A4
ISSUE, 1 04/04/12
TP327801 VMI CP501771

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3. DEPUTATIONS

Elaine Mayo Chairperson of Addington Community House Incorporated updated the Board regarding the relocation of Manuka Cottage. An application is being made to one of the earthquake funds to finance the purchase of a new cottage. Elaine reported that a new property has been located with expansion and growth plans for the work of the cottage.

Elaine Mayo expressed appreciation and thanks to the Board and staff for all their help with getting Manuka Cottage relocated and operational again.

4. PETITIONS

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 A letter was **received** from Barrington United Bowling Club regarding replacing the boundary fence between the club and the playground.

4.2 A letter was **received** from Cashmere Bowling Club inviting Board members to their opening.

6. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

7. EARTHQUAKE DESIGN AND CAPABILITY

Nil.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

- Ward earthquake matters
- Re-opening of South Library and Service Centre building.

9. BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mention was made of the following matters:

- Cashmere Bowling Club rooms
- Opening of St Martins New World
- Ministry of Education closure / merging of some Christchurch schools.

10. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 3 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the Board's ordinary meeting of 3 September 2012 be confirmed.

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 11 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the combined Riccarton/Wigram and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's meeting of 11 September 2012 be confirmed subject to amendments to record that apologies for absence were received and accepted from Phil Clearwater, Karolin Potter, Tim Scandrett and Sue Wells.

13. RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED - SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

The Board's approval was sought to submit a supplementary report for consideration at this meeting regarding an application to the Spreydon/Heathcote 2012/13 Youth Achievement Fund. The reason, in terms of section 46(vii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, why the report was not included on the main agenda was that it was not available at the time the agenda was prepared.

The Board **resolved** to accept the supplementary report (Clause 14 below), as detailed above.

14. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2012/13 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – SAMANTHA BROWN, TESSA STEEL, NICK SMITH, LAURA STEFFENS, FELICITY LOWEN, NATHAN CHAI, JIBRAAN SAFI AND HEJRATULLAH KHAN.

The Board considered a report seeking its approval for applications from Samantha Brown, Tessa Steel, Nick Smith, Laura Steffens, Felicity Lowen, Nathan Chai, Jibraan Safi and Hejratullah Khan from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Fund.

The Board **resolved** to approve to:

- (a) Allocate Samantha Brown \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Basketball at the national tournament in Wellington from 8 to 12 October 2012.
- (b) Allocate Tessa Steel \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete at level five rhythmic gymnastics at the Gymsports New Zealand national championships in Dunedin from 9 to 13 October 2012.
- (c) Allocate Nick Smith \$350 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Tasmania from 20 to 30 September 2012.
- (d) Allocate Laura Steffens \$350 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete in the Under 19 years age group at the Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final in Auckland on 21 October 2012.
- (e) Allocate Felicity Lowen \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete at the New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships in Wellington from 30 September to 4 October 2012.
- (f) Allocate Nathan Chai \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.

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- (g) Allocate Jibraan Safi \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.
- (h) Allocate Hejratullah Khan \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.

The meeting concluded at 9.29am.

CONFIRMED THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2012

**TIM SCANDRETT
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**