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**FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD  
30 APRIL 2012**

**Report of a meeting of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board  
held on Monday 30 April 2012 at 4.30pm  
in the Resource Centre, Heaton Intermediate School, 125 Heaton Street, Merivale.**

**PRESENT:** Cheryl Colley (Acting Chairperson), Faimeh Burke, Sally Buck,  
David Cartwright, Jamie Gough and David Halstead.

**APOLOGIES:** An apology was received and accepted from Val Carter.

The Board reports that:

**PART A - REPORTS REQUIRING A COUNCIL**

**1. FLETCHER'S HUB EXTENSION IDRIS RESERVE**

This item was considered by the Council at its meeting on 17 May 2012.

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**2.1 SILVER BIRCH TREES ALONG ARLINGTON WALKWAY**

Anna Engelbrecht and Nick Beard were in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding the silver birch trees along Arlington Walkway from Arlington Street to Memorial Avenue. They had previously sent correspondence to the Board which had been signed by all residents which bordered the walkway requesting that the trees be removed (refer clause 6 of the agenda).

Staff agreed that the 21 silver birch trees along the walkway were in decline and recommended that all the trees be removed and a new concept landscape plan be developed to improve and beautify the walkway.

(Refer clause 10 for a decision on this matter.)

**2.2 BISHOPDALE CRÈCHE**

Sarah Straver, Centre Manager was in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding the future of Bishopdale Crèche.

Ms Straver informed the Board that the Crèche had been forced to close following the Council's DEE assessment. Children, parents and staff had been seriously affected by the closure with many now experiencing hardship. Ms Straver sought the Board's support in securing an early decision on the future of this council owned facility and for the crèche to be kept informed, and involved at an early stage. Ms Straver also presented a portfolio of letters of support in this regard to the Board which were **received** and duly considered. Ms Straver also advised the Board that a petition was in progress and over 1,000 signatures had been received to date. The petition was aimed at encouraging the Council to keep the centre management and community fully informed on the timelines of the work and any possible date for re-opening this vital service.

The Board thanked Ms Straver for her presentation and assured her of the Board's continued support.

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The Board **decided** to send a letter to appropriate staff to reiterate the Board's desire for a quick resolution to decisions surrounding the work and reopening of the Bishopdale Crèche and community centre (including the library). The Board further requested that the community and stakeholders be consulted throughout the process.

2.3 **VEHICLE DRIVEWAYS**

Jan and Ray Ford were in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding the repairing of damaged vehicle driveways on roads that do not have footpaths.

Mr and Mrs Ford advised the Board that many people used the berm outside theirs and other properties in Althorp Place as a footpath and that when work had been undertaken to renew the formal footpath and vehicle entranceways on the opposite side of the road, they had been advised that theirs would also be renewed (a job number had been assigned). Following a further call to check on progress they had been contacted to advise that an error had occurred and that the work could only be undertaken at their own expense under the current Council Policy.

Mr and Mrs Ford fully understood the policy but wished, once more on behalf of many city residents, to raise the issue and seek to remind the Board and Council of the significant detrimental impact such a policy was having for homeowners with earthquake damage to their vehicle entranceways.

The Board reiterated their support to residents impacted on by the Council policy regarding replacement of vehicle crossings and the Chairperson thanked the Fords for their presentation which would highlight once more to the Council the continued concerns regarding this policy.

3. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil.

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **SILVER BIRCH TREES ALONG ARLINGTON WALKWAY**

The Board **received** correspondence from Anna Engelbrecht regarding the silver birch trees along the walkway between Arlington Street and Memorial Avenue. This correspondence was in support of the deputation by Ms Engelbrecht and Mr Beard.

5.2 **BISHOPDALE CENTRE ASSOCIATION INC**

Correspondence from the Bishopdale Centre Association Inc. was tabled.

The Board **received** the correspondence noting its support of the Bishopdale Crèche in its efforts to get the facility reopened as soon as possible and further noted the concerns raised by the Mall business community at the ongoing continued closures of important business and community facilities within the area.

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6. BRIEFINGS

6.1 HARPER AVENUE/PARK TERRACE INTERSECTION

Sean Lewis, Team Leader Traffic Systems was in attendance and briefed the Board on their request for reinstatement of the right turn at the intersection of Harper Avenue and Park Terrace.

Mr Lewis explained the impact of the right turn into Park Terrace and the increased volumes of displaced traffic that hampered the reinstatement of this option. General discussion ensued on the right turn options at other intersections within the city with emphasis on pinch points within the ward.

Following discussion of a number of these in more detail and as advised by Mr Lewis, the Board **decided** to request staff to investigate the feasibility of a right hand turn arrow at the Papanui Road/Bealey Avenue intersection to alleviate traffic congestion during peak times, and that this report be presented to the 12 June 2012 meeting.

The Board also noted the intention of staff to provide a more rounded presentation on the issues/options for right turns in the ward including the Greers/Memorial and Grahams/Memorial intersections to the Board at one of its September meetings.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

- reminder of the drop in session on the Draft Annual Plan on 5 May 2012 at Russley Golf Course
- reminder of the site visit at 4pm to 30 Leinster Road prior to the 15 May 2012 board meeting at 4.30pm
- the report of the 16 March 2012 Housing and Community Facilities Committee was circulated to members for information.

8. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Council Committee membership was discussed and members were informed that all committee memberships were to be revised in the near future. Members were also reminded that all councillors were able to attend any council committee meeting but could not vote on any items. Further to this all Council and Committee meetings were open to the public and any Board members who wished to attend.

**PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS  
TAKEN BY THE BOARD**

9. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES – 17 APRIL 2012

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of its ordinary meeting of Tuesday 17 April 2012, be confirmed.

10. SILVER BIRCH TREES ALONG ARLINGTON WALKWAY (CONT'D)

Refer clause 2.1.

Following staff advice the Board **resolved** to remove all trees bordering the Arlington Walkway (from Arlington Street to Memorial Avenue) and asked that staff work with residents directly affected to achieve a landscape plan prior to any consultation within the wider community.

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**11. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – WILLIAM FRASER**

The Board considered a request for funding from its 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme from William Fraser towards the costs of competing at the Australian Gymnastics Nationals to be held in Sydney.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$350 to William Fraser towards the cost of competing at the Australian Gymnastics Nationals.

**12. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – TAYLOR ALDRIDGE**

The Board considered a request for funding from its 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme from Taylor Aldridge towards the costs of attending the Spirit of Adventure voyage.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$200 to Taylor Aldridge towards the cost of attending the Spirit of Adventure voyage.

The meeting concluded at 5.36pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2012**

**VAL CARTER  
CHAIRPERSON**