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**FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD  
15 MAY 2012**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board  
held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 4.30pm  
in the Staff Room, Heaton Intermediate School, 125 Heaton Street, Merivale.**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairperson), Faimeh Burke, Sally Buck, David Cartwright, and David Halstead.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cheryl Colley and Jamie Gough.

An apology for early departure was received and accepted from David Cartwright who retired at 5.07pm and was absent for part of clause 1 and clauses 2 to 11.

The Board reports that:

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**1.1 STEVE SUGRUE – LEINSTER ROAD**

Steve and Sue Sugrue of 30 Leinster Road were in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding their request for the removal of a tree on road reserve outside their property.

Prior to the meeting Board members and staff had visited the site to enable a better understanding of the issues being raised in the deputation, including the location of the tree and road reserve and proximity to the property. Members were also able to judge the height and canopy of the tree, damage caused to pavements and the location of overhead power lines through the branches of the tree.

Mr Sugrue tabled comprehensive documentation providing background to the situation, the issues now arising from the size and location of the tree, letters of support from their neighbours for the removal of the tree and some possible landscaping options that might be considered, were the tree to be removed. Mr and Mrs Sugrue were very complimentary of the various staff who had worked with them over many years to maintain the road reserve and tree, but now believed that the issues being encountered in Leinster Road and at their property necessitated its removal.

Matters of concern to Mr and Mrs Sugrue included:

- location of the tree and reserve causes neighbours and utilities to assume that the tree is on Mr and Mrs Sugrue's own property and this perception is now causing some unhelpful community issues
- root damage to properties and council owned footpaths
- leaking mains water pipes due to root ingress
- electrical and telephone wiring routed through the branches and that Orion have already served notice under the Electricity ( Hazards from Trees ) Regulations 2003 (indeed this was served to Mr and Mrs Sugrue rather than Council)
- safety and the health of the tree post earthquakes and its proximity to a number of properties and how it might also behave in future earthquakes to high winds
- cost of addressing these other associated issues for the Council and other utilities over the long term.

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Staff advised the Board that the tree was healthy and had grown considerably over the last few years and would continue to do so. It had been planted 90 years ago and could have a life expectancy of 150 years. It was further noted that there were additional complexities as the tree was located on road reserve. Staff further advised of a number of options that could be considered but required more investigation and discussion with Mr and Mrs Sugrue.

The Board **decided** to request staff to undertake this further investigation in conjunction with Mr and Mrs Sugrue and for a further update to be provided to the Board by the end of June 2012.

The Board thanked Mr and Mrs Sugrue for all their efforts to ensure that the road reserve had been so well maintained over the last 14 years and for their continued liaison with staff.

2. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

5. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

- A draft submission was tabled and amendments made regarding Bishopdale Community Centre, Library and Crèche.
- The Board **decided** that the amended submission would be circulated to members for approval and that the Chairperson be delegated to adopt the submission on the Board's behalf.
- Members were informed of the closure of Memorial Avenue from Roydvale to Russley Road from the 20 – 24 May from 8pm to 6am. This was a NZTA project and to enable the resurfacing of the Memorial Avenue/Russley Road intersection.
- Staff informed members that CERA had been approached to consider holding a public meeting in the ward. Members suggested that residents in TC2, TC3 should be a priority and also speakers and agencies that would be of interest to the community. Staff assured members that they would attempt to have this in place by the end of June.

The Board **decided** to delegate the Chairperson to work, on their behalf, with the Strengthening Communities Team to progress this initiative to a successful conclusion.

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**7. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- Members raised their ongoing concerns regarding the lack of library, community centre and crèche facilities in the Bishopdale area. The Board is conscious of the urgent need within the community for these facilities to be restored. The Board also discussed the possibility of temporary facilities.

The Board **decided** to ensure that these matters were highlighted to Council, particularly through the Submission to the Draft Annual Plan. The Board also decided to keep the situation under continual review.

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

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES – 30 APRIL 2012**

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of its ordinary meeting of Monday 30 April 2012, be confirmed.

**9. CROSBIE PARK - YOUTH ISSUES**

The Board considered an update report on the Youth Issues in Crosbie Park, which had been identified in the CPTED Improvement Report in June 2011. The Board had requested investigation of alcohol associated issues and any actions that could be taken to mitigate these. Staff advised that extensive work had been undertaken with residents, community police and the graffiti team and that the situation had improved. Community meetings had been held and residents were now more aware of how to raise their concerns with Council. Staff advised that an alcohol ban would not be appropriate.

The Board **received** the Youth Issues in Crosbie Park Report and **noted** that the further recommendations for graffiti removal and park maintenance contained within the report were to be incorporated into planned operational work.

The Board thanked all staff for their work in resolving this situation.

**10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

The Board **resolved** that the resolution set out on page nine of the agenda in relation to the following, be adopted:

- Community Service Awards Nominations 2012.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY 2012**

**VAL CARTER  
CHAIRPERSON**