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Community Support

Activity: Cemeteries

New/Increased Requests

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Cemeteries - Burial Sites for Chinese Culture		<p><i>Council staff have met with the Chinese Society at the cemetery and a possible site identified. Staff are discussing the implications of changing the sequence of burial at the cemetery with the Chinese Society and the cost implications of this.</i></p> <p>246 - Council need to be aware of cultural significance of burial sites for the Chinese culture. Chinese Assn would like to part of process.</p>
Cemeteries - Maori Section		<p><i>Council staff will arrange to meet with you to discuss the options available.</i></p> <p>273 - Would like a Maori section within the cemetery to meet cultural needs of Maori when they are laid to rest.</p>
Cemetery Tours		<p><i>This is something that could be organised by local historians. Council officers would be happy to cooperate where possible to assist.</i></p> <p>235 - Should investigate conducting tours similar to Woodville. Early history of Manawatu Block purchase and development is fascinating and the graves tell a story of early settlers and the origins of urban, commercial and rural growth.</p>
Eco-Cemetery		<p><i>The Council has investigated this option in previous years. There have been no requests for eco burial in the City to date. If the demand for eco burial increases, the Council will investigate the feasibility of offering this service.</i></p> <p>336 - Recommend considering options as part of the increased emphasis on an environmentally sustainable city. Alternative environmentally friendly burial options have occurred in other cities such as Waitakere.</p>
Kelvin Grove Cemetery - Path Between Block 02A and Plot 046		<p><i>The concern you have raised about the uneven path and the raised grate on the toby cover will be rectified as part of the 2009/10 Cemeteries renewals programme to replace uneven pathways.</i></p> <p>532 - Uneven path is cause for concern. Also raised grate on the toby cover is a hazard.</p>

Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
(CR) Kelvin Grove Cemetery - Roading and Footpath Upgrade		<p><i>This issue will be addressed under this programme. The limestone path will be replaced with a hard, nonslip surface.</i></p> <p>47 - Disgusting limestone paths at the bark gardens are dangerous to walk on when wet.</p>
(CR) Terrace End Cemetery - Site Enhancements		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council will investigate the suggestion you have made.</i></p> <p>58 - Perhaps make a built-up garden pathway alongside or in front of present garden of remembrance.</p>

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(UF) Ashhurst Cemetery - Frontage Upgrade		<p><i>Your support for this programme is noted. It remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan. The cemetery frontage would need to be defined and distinct from other areas of the domain. The hedge has not been well maintained and may not be able to be retained, hence the Council's plans to remove it.</i></p> <p>388 - Support, but not removal of the hedge, the cemetery does not need to be opened up to the playground.</p>
(UF) Kelvin Grove Cemetery - Information Booth for Grave Location Enquiries		<p><i>This programme remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan. For your information, the booth would have been a computer based system similar to the ATM style information booth at the iSite in The Square. The cemetery is prone to vandalism therefore any structures built at the need to be robust and well designed.</i></p> <p>400 - How can a simple booth and computer maps or lists cost this much. Idea is excellent but a simple shelter could be built for way less than that.</p>
(UF) Kelvin Grove Cemetery - James Line Boundary Fence		<p><i>This programme remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan. For your information, the cemetery is locked at night to keep vehicles out. A new fence would need to be robust for security purposes, but also of a quality that is in keeping with the City's public cemetery and crematorium facility.</i></p> <p>400 - Why do we need to spend this on a boundary fence? How many people jump the fence to get into the place?</p>

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Activity: Civil Defence

General Issues, Policy and Planning Matters

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Flood Protection		<p><i>The Council continues to maintain and enhance flood protection work within the City and has made provision for these works within the 10 Year Plan. The Council also advocates for systems and stopbanks protection works undertaken by Horizons Regional Council.</i></p> <p>253 - Continue protection work. Note 2004 flood brought the Manawatu close to the top of some stopbanks.</p>
Rural Fire Service - Removal of Service		<p><i>Councils are required under legislation to provide rural fire services for forestry and vegetation fires in rural areas. Property and rescue is the responsibility of the NZ Fire Service. The NZFS will assist for up to one hour for non-property fires in rural if they are available after which they will charge for attendance. The recent review of the Rural Forestry and Fire Act retained the separated fire authorities and local council involvement with rural fire. This Council's submission to the review of the Act was that both rural and urban fire authorities should be integrated into a national fire service independent of local councils. This submission was not upheld.</i></p> <p>535 - Both PNCC and MDC operate rural fire service. What do these two do that the national fire service cannot? Take a lead and seek to abolish this expense and sell all the equipment.</p>

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Activity: Community Development

General Issues, Policy and Planning Matters

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Community Events</p> <p><i>The Events Funding Scheme budget remains at \$135,000 for 2009/10, but is adjusted for inflation during the 10 years. This does not necessarily mean that individual contracts will be adjusted for inflation annually.</i></p> <p>337 - We note the budget on page 78 has been reduced. A massive reduction - does this signal Council is looking to fund fewer community events, or to fund them at a lower level, or both?</p> <p>338 - It would appear Council is signalling a major cut in funding from next year onwards. How will community organisations fare in future, and especially during next three years?</p> <p>475 - All organisations funded by Council should support City wide events to promote their services to the wider community who rarely or never access their services.</p>		
<p>Community Funding</p> <p><i>Council has six staff in the Community Development team. Since the restructure that occurred during 2008 the Community Development team is now located with the City Library. The team are building strong connections and relationships with the community sector. It is working in partnership with a number of organisations. Council will be providing two staff members to work with the restorative trust and the Ethnic Council Manawatu. This opportunity is being funded by the Department of Internal Affairs. The team is working on a number of initiatives in the City, and has jointly applied with the Community Services Council for a community development project to work with the whole community voluntary sector. Funding assistance to community groups is available through the major grants process.</i></p> <p>176 - Continuing support for community groups is vital. We see many people who do not feel comfortable about approaching more formal organisations directly and our services are appreciated by service users.</p> <p>247 - Council has cut support to community based organisations making it difficult for them to function properly.</p> <p>270 - Support services needing to be more people focused. Should put more emphasis into community development rather than planning the same amount of effort as in previous years.</p> <p>297 - Important to continue community grants to organisations working with those with disabilities.</p> <p>304 - Pleased to see Council is dedicated to continuing supporting community organisations through funding to enable such organisations to continue working with people in need.</p> <p>324 - Support of community organisations will be of increasing relevance in the difficult financial times ahead for many PN citizens.</p> <p>325 - Support ongoing funding of community groups so that all citizens are empowered into Mauri Ora, vigorous wellbeing.</p> <p>381 - Ask Council to continue or increase supporting community groups during recession and advocate to central govt to do likewise.</p> <p>413 - Hope there is enough funding to adequately address rising social issues in tough economic times, through direct funding and also through collaborative and strategic partnering.</p> <p>428 - Do not support slashing of funding grants to valuable groups and organisations.</p> <p>528 - Support increasing financial support to non commercial social groups that enhance the City and citizens.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Community Funding - Contestable Funding vs Fee for Service		
<p><i>The Council is pleased to advise that it has increased funding to the Youth One Stop Shop and the Highbury Whanau Centre to enable them to take a greater role in youth development in the City. In 2009/10 each organisation will get an additional \$15,000. From 2010/11 onwards the two organisations will receive \$100,000 in total between them a year, and this will be inflation-adjusted each following year.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">413 - Request fee for service be paid instead of current contestable funding.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">430 - Request current process be trashed and new model developed that takes into consideration the long term partnerships and the long term development of our City. (See submission for detail.)</p>		
Community House - Initial Partnership and Expenses		
<p><i>The Council confirms \$25,000 is provided for and has been carried forward in existing budgets. Council staff are already in contact with the Pitt Street tenants regarding the need to move and when this may occur, and are working on options on where they may be located on a temporary basis where they will be supported by rental assistance. The Council has a working party who are looking at the operational planning for the running of the community house. The Council will be inviting expressions of interest from interested groups who will tender for the operation of the community house, and the Council will be looking for an organisation that can clearly demonstrate community development principles. We are seeking an organisation that has sound governance structures and sound knowledge of tenancy and building management.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">390 - Community House Trust requests from Council: an officer becomes a trustee; Council confirms the \$25,000 contribution to moving expenses and establishment for the groups from Pitt Street; a fiscally neutral rent; redirection of current rental subsidies to existing Pitt St to new Community House.</p>		
Major Grants - Funding Support for Community Safety, Youth and Crime		
<p><i>Thank you for your support. The Council acknowledges the importance of approaching issues through a collaborative and strategic partnering. The Council is also pleased to advise that it has increased funding to the Youth One Stop Shop and the Highbury Whanau Centre to enable them to take a greater role in youth development in the City.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">237 - Ensure support is maintained if not increased for organisations engaged in successful collaborative efforts to reduce problems in these areas. Examples include Street Van, YOSS, Highbury Whanau Centre, Youthline, Team Extreme, Community Patrol and Neighbourhood Support.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">301 - Thanks Council for support. Receives endorsements from police and emergency services for enabling citizens to be part of an organisation that helps to reduce crime as well as being prepared for emergencies. network now in excess of 1,180.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">443 - Support programmes for city safety and neighbourhood support, and more funding for the youth worker at Highbury Whanau Centre.</p>		
Major Grants - Inflation Adjusted Funding		
<p><i>Funding remains the same as the Draft 10 Year Plan. Major grants are allocated to successful applicants every three years, with 2009/10 being the last year of funding for the current successful applicants. New applications will be called for in the last half of 2009, and funding will be distributed from July 2010 to June 2013.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">237 - Ensure funding is inflation adjusted to prevent in real terms a reduction in support to these important community groups and subsequent reduction in their ability to deliver their much needed good services.</p>		
Recognition of Young People		
<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Council has noted your comments about use of the Square Circular.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">297 - We hear when youth do wrong. When young people are helpful to others, give recognition of what they have done or are doing. These are the volunteers of the future.</p>		

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<p>SafeCity Host Funding</p> <p><i>Major grants are allocated to successful applicants every three years, with 2009/10 being the last year of funding for the current successful applicants. New applications will be called for in the last half of 2009, and funding will be distributed from July 2010 to June 2013.</i></p> <p>237 - Ensure funding provisions are in place beyond current 2009-10 contract for the service of the programme, and ensure such provisions include inflation adjustment element to prevent reduction in service level as a result of inevitable increased costs over time.</p>		

New/Increased Requests

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Ashhurst Village Valley Centre - Community Centre</p> <p><i>There is an Asset Management Plan for the Council's community centres, which includes the Village Valley Centre. Improvements to the flooring will be carried out within the next 12 months. With regard to a community centre hub in Ashhurst, it is recommended that an application for such a project is lodged with the Council's major grants funding scheme. Alternatively, the community could apply to external sources of funding. Issues with booking the Village Valley Centre are acknowledged and are being addressed.</i></p> <p>235 - Of the almost \$2.4M available for community projects, how much is planned for Ashhurst? There is a need for a fully funded and manned community centre hub in Ashhurst that is Council run and provides a variety of Council and community services.</p> <p>389 - Ashhurst Community Centre is in dire need of some maintenance done in it.</p> <p>410 - Comes under funding of community centres. Appears to be no management plan for upkeep of this building. Budget is required to re-varnish the stadium floor and other maintenance items required in longer term.</p>		
<p>Community Development Section of Council</p> <p><i>The Council has six staff in the Community Development team. Since the restructure that occurred during 2008 the Community Development team is now located with the City Library. The team is building strong connections and relationships with the community sector. It is working in partnership with a number of organisations. The Council will be providing two staff members to work with the restorative trust and the Ethnic Council Manawatu. This opportunity is being funded by the Department of Internal Affairs. The team is working on a number of initiatives in the City, and has jointly applied with the Community Services Council for a community development project to work with the whole community voluntary sector.</i></p> <p>336 - Recommend Council allocates increased protected funds for rebuilding community development infrastructure within Council to enable re-establishment of specialist section with at least three staff. This should be in addition to current funding allocated. (See submission for detail.)</p>		
<p>Manawatu Community Justice Trust - Funding Support</p> <p><i>The Council suggests that you either apply to the major grants fund in 2010 or alternatively lodge an application with the Community Services Council for GAWP (Grant Allocations Working Party) funding. The Council is also providing an intern to work with organisations for three months to assist with policies and processes, funding of which is provided through Internal Affairs.</i></p> <p>449 - Manawatu Community Justice Trust has been operating for two years and need rent relief and access to a permanent and accessible office space in the proposed Community House.</p>		
<p>PN Green Bike Trust - Funding</p> <p><i>The Council has noted your comments. The Green Bike Trust can apply to the major grants funding round in 2010. The group is currently funded through the major grants and will receive \$30,000 for the 2009/10 financial year.</i></p> <p>432 - Council funded this scheme for many years but in recent years the scheme itself has not received Council support. Requests \$20k to continue operating at current level.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Soup Kitchen to Provide Evening Meals		
<i>The Council is in regular contact with the two major food banks in the City who monitor and respond to the needs of the community. There are regular meals provided throughout the week by a number of church based organisations.</i>		
309 - Would like to see a soup kitchen to provide evening meals 5 days a week.		

Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
(CN) Community House - Development for Community Groups		
<i>Thank you for your support. This project is a joint relationship with the Department of Internal Affairs, the Community Facilities Fund and other funders. It will enable a number of community groups to be located in the one area.</i>		
324 - Will be of increasing relevance in the difficult financial times ahead for many PN citizens.		
388 - Commend this project to Council for action and getting it completed.		
410 - Understand there will be major contributions from various agencies. Wide range of groups and their clients will benefit.		
418 - Commend Council for development of facility and for efforts being made to raise funds outside the Council contribution.		
493 - Congratulate Council for the development at a small cost to Council. Staff to be applauded for being innovative in seeking funding from outside Council rates.		

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Activity: Housing

New/Increased Requests

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Community and Public Housing - Increase in Stock</p> <p><i>The Council is currently in the process of refurbishing a number of units with the assistance of \$470,000 from the Housing Innovation Fund. There is also a long term plan to redevelop Papaioea Place and replace those units with strong emphasis being placed on energy efficiency. Planning of refurbishment also takes into account the elderly. Bathroom areas will be refitted with wet area showers, wide doorways, a focus being placed on accessibility. Council has no plans at this stage to increase its stock of Community and Public Rental Housing.</i></p> <p>336 - Recommend Council plans to increase community and public housing stock, that new housing stock be developed in new areas of town to ensure affordable housing is available, and include a programme to replace existing stock as it reaches the end of its useful life. And that a programme to introduce energy efficiency measures be adopted.</p> <p>493 - Recommend Council works to ensure that planning around housing for the elderly take into account future increased numbers of older people.</p>		
<p>Community Housing - Reinstatement of Tenant Liaison Officer</p> <p><i>Tenant liaison is undertaken by the tenancy manager. A major emphasis is being placed on tenant liaison. Council staff are in discussion with social service sector groups on how we can work together to provide social services/engagement with our tenants.</i></p> <p>493 - Recommend reinstatement of this service to improve the wellbeing of its tenants. (See submission for detail.)</p>		

Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>(CR) City Wide - Community Housing Upgrades</p> <p><i>The Council has made the decision to retain the community housing portfolio. Previous Council budgets have been set at minimum maintenance levels. The 2008 Asset Management Plan review established new service levels for housing and as a result budgets have been increased. Furthermore, the Council has established a renewal programme for its housing properties.</i></p> <p>27 - No money should be spent on cheap housing - waste of ratepayers money.</p> <p>176 - Appreciate continued provision of public and social housing, and fantastic progress with upgrading these services.</p> <p>418 - Support continued development of community housing for low income residents and encourage Council to maintain its interest in this activity.</p> <p>454 - Social housing is not a job for Council.</p> <p>455 - Social housing is not a job for Council.</p> <p>487 - Good to see commitment to housing stock. Less than 1 percent of all rental housing in NZ is provided by LAs. Most were built by loans with 3 percent and most loans have been paid off. Many LAs let their housing stock be run down due to total lack of maintenance.</p> <p>493 - Recommend that housing is adequately insulated and well heated.</p>		
<p>(CN) Papaioea Place Community Housing - Eco Friendly Unit Replacements</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome.</i></p> <p>161 - Higher priority than is reflected in proposed budget.</p> <p>305 - Strong support. Is wise for long term capital items to be built to suit the future not the past.</p>		



