

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū
Banks Peninsula Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Monday 6 May 2024
Time: 10 am
Venue: Wairewa Little River Boardroom, 4238 Christchurch
Akaroa Road, Wairewa Little River

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Firstly, apologies for not being able to present this report in person.

The Awa-iti Reserve Committee have 3 capital expenditure projects that we would like to request council funding for.

First and the most urgent is the repair and maintenance of the heritage tennis pavilion located by the tennis courts in the Awa-iti Domain. A few years ago, the council repaired and reinstated the tennis and netball courts which is much appreciated by the community, these courts are well utilised. The tennis pavilion, which is beside the courts, has historical significance and is a community asset that after some neglect over the years is in need of repairs to ensure its longevity. The funds requested will be used to prevent further decline in the state of the building including weather board repairs, ensuring the building is weather tight and painting. This will overall improve the domain both in function and look by not having a building that looks unkept. It currently is used for storage but would be able to be used as a sport pavilion base in the future for changing and social gathering. If required I am happy to get quotes from local builders for a quoted cost. But we have estimated the repairs at \$30,000.

Second request is for funding for new field lights for sports training and emergency helicopter landing. The current field lights are outdated and inefficient, and the addition of new lights would not only enhance the safety and security of the area for sports training but could also provide a necessary landing zone for emergency medical helicopters. This is crucial for ensuring the timely and effective response to emergencies in our community. Currently the Banks Peninsula Rugby and Netball clubs utilise substandard lights for training. A quote was obtained a few years ago at \$150,000 to replace the existing lights.

We would also request some funding to erect several historical information boards around the domain for visitors and locals to appreciate and learn about the history of the Awa-iti Domain. In particular they would reference the Coronation Library, Memorial Gates and other historical uses of the Domain in the past. An estimated cost for this is \$5000.

I believe that investing in these projects will not only preserve our heritage and enhance our domain but also contribute to the overall health and well-being of our community. I urge the council to consider allocating the necessary funds for these important initiatives.

Also, the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Board, Little River Wairewa Community Trust and Christchurch City Council for the work on reinstating the Coronation Library. We look forward to this being an integral asset again in the Awa-iti Domain. We appreciate the hard work has gone and will be going into this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dean White and the Awa-iti Reserve Management Committee