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Geoff Carter

Via email: fyi-request-10026-ffef912c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Geoff

Response to official information request for Decision process for lighting on walkway from Discovery Drive to Resolution Drive in Whitby

I refer to your request for official information received 6 April 2019 relating to information on the decision not to grant an application to the Whitby Residents Association for lighting on the walkway from Discovery Drive to Resolution Drive in Whitby. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. I request any information on the decision not to grant an application by the Whitby Residents Association for lighting on the above-named walkway.

The Whitby Residents Association have not been declined a grant for lighting the pathway between Discovery and Resolution Drive. The project is a multiyear Village Planning project.

This initial 2017-18 project was to light the footpath from Discovery Drive to Latitude Close. Whitby Residents Association requested and was granted \$20,000. See the report attached. <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/meetings-minutes-and-agendas/?c=4&y=2017&m=8>

Due to the location of the light poles resource consent was required which included approval from the neighbouring property. Neighbours approval was not given which put the project on hold.

The second year funding request from the Whitby Residents Association was the continuation of lighting to include the whole pathway from Discovery Drive to Resolution Drive. The Whitby Residents Association received \$35,000 through Village Planning grants for the 2018-19 year. See the report attached. <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/meetings-minutes-and-agendas/?c=4&y=2018&m=8>

With the \$20,000 carried forward from the 2017/18 year this gave the Whitby Residents Association a total funding pool of \$55,000 to complete the lighting project. Bollard type lighting was costed so that neighbours approval was not required and neighbouring properties would not be affected by light spill.

The design cost estimate at \$92,000, exceeds the project budget by a considerable margin and this has prompted consideration of other more affordable options.

2. Surely the Council has a duty of care as a matter of public safety to its residents and users when this path, which has been there a long time, is now a direct access way from the densely populated "Banks" development to the local shopping centre?

As part of the Reserves Agreement with the developers Todd Property provision for lighting was installed from Resolution Drive to Discovery Drive on the shared pathway as this was considered to be the main pedestrian and cycle link to the Village and fully within the land to be vested as part of the development.

3. Does the Council have any plans to widen the path so that two people can easily pass without one person having to step off the path? If not, why not?

The Council does not have any current plans to widen the footpath as it sees the shared pathway as the main accessible route for the community.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Robyn Steel on 04 237 1422 or robyn.steel@porirua.govt.nz

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