

13. **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN
- REPORT OF 12 JUNE 2002**

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**Report of a meeting of the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee
held on Wednesday 12 June 2002 at 4.30 pm
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: George Hampton (Chairman), Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Mike Wall, Neil Johnson Gary Manch, Ruth Nathan and Suzanne Sanderson

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley and Keith Turner.

1. SCAP – TASK OUTCOMES

1.1 Promoting Available Community Services

At its meeting on 16 April 2002, the Committee decided to focus on the three areas of promoting available community services, enhancing services to young people and promoting services for parents.

The Community Development Adviser reported on the steps taken since the last meeting to progress these various matters.

In relation to the promotion of community services, samples of the intended bookmark and reference card were tabled and aspects of the format, content and costings were considered.

From the ensuing discussion it was agreed that copies of the final draft version be circulated to members for their "sign off".

The Committee noted the intention to produce 6,000 copies of the bookmark to be distributed through local schools and the Council's Fendalton and Bishopdale Libraries and for the Cobham school pupils to undertake the circulation of the 12,000 reference cards to local homes.

Recommendation: That the bookmark and reference card projects be approved at an approximate quoted cost of \$1,310 and \$1,760 respectively.

1.2 Enhancing Services for Young People

The Committee was advised that from the feedback received there were few local schools providing an active support programme, albeit that a number had indicated interest in participating.

The Committee was provided with details of the GAIN Programme and an indication of the willingness shown by Burnside High School to be involved.

Given the limited funding needed (\$1,050), members were supportive of a trial programme being run at Burnside High subject to an assurance being received that parental participation and commitment was evident. 75% of the funding would then be made available with the remaining 25% payable on the successful evaluation of the trial.

Recommendation: That \$1,050 be allocated to operate a trial GAIN Programme at Burnside High School with the funding to be advanced in accordance with the allocation formula.

1.3 Promoting Services for Parents

Details were submitted of city-based agency programmes aimed at assisting parents and it was noted that a number of local agencies have delivered Parenting Skill education programmes, albeit on an irregular basis.

The Committee acknowledged that the various programmes mentioned should be brought to the attention of all local schools but firstly some further work needed to be done to develop eligibility criteria as a basis for determining the level of funding allocations. In this regard it was agreed that a team comprising Gary, Suzanne, Ruth and Paul carry out further work on this aspect.

In acknowledging the importance of this aspect of the overall delivery and support programme, the Committee supported an allocation of \$30,000 being made from their available budget which in effect represented \$1,000 for each school in the Board's community should all decide to participate.

Recommendation: That \$30,000 be allocated from the SCAP budget towards the promotion of support services and programmes for parents and that individual allocations be based on \$1,000 per school in accordance with the criteria still to be established.

2. NEXT MEETING

It was **agreed** that the next meeting date be determined by the staff in liaison with the Chairman as required.

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm.

**Deputy Chairman's
Recommendation:**

That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.