

13. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 14 MAY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the report and recommendations of the Committee's 14 May 2002 as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Tuesday 14 May 2002 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Cheryl Colley (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen and Mike Wall

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME – BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

The Committee was provided with an update report from Claire Phillips of the Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) on the operation of Burnside High School's Youth Assistance Programme that had now been in place for 12 months.

Claire, along with Niall Coster, Head of Guidance at the school were in attendance and they elaborated on aspects of the programme and answered a number of questions from members.

The submitted report indicated that for the forthcoming 2002/03 year, costs would be considerably less as CDC had successfully accessed funding from the Community Trust to provide evaluation, training, supervision and promotions of the "sister" schools employment programme. As such, the CDC would not be seeking the management fee component from the other partners (ie the Board and the school) which would now be met from the allied programme.

The Committee noted the success of what was being achieved within the current two day per week timetable and of the intention to continue on this basis for the next financial year.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received
 2. That the Board/Advocacy Team continue to support the Youth Assistance Programme at Burnside.
 3. That it be noted that the Community Workers allocation of \$5,000 approved by the Board on 30 April for this project, is no longer required and is therefore available for reallocation.

3. BISHOPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Community Development Adviser submitted a report on the Board/Advocacy Team's involvement and support provided to the school in the development of what has developed into an extremely successful community partnership.

The report detailed the range of school/community support programmes now being delivered and proposed for the immediate future.

Suggested changes in the mix of Board funding support for the coming year were also elaborated on.

The Committee **agreed** on the merits of visits being arranged for it to view this and other such programmes and for the staff to make the necessary arrangements.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received and a letter be forwarded to Bishopdale's Board of Trustees acknowledging the success of the project.
 2. That the Board approve the funding change as listed in the summary table.
 3. That the surplus funds of \$2,450 be returned for reallocation as part of the Board's 2001/02 discretionary budget.
 4. That the request to the SCAP Committee to contribute \$6,350 be withdrawn.

4. RAY BLANK PARK – CULTURE GALORE

A report was submitted on the multi-cultural event staged at Ray Blank Park on 16 February 2002. A video of the event was also shown.

Members expressed their support for the continuation of the event. Mention was also made of the need to provide additional seating and to more effectively manage carparking arrangements. A review of the promotional details was required along with looking at possible alternative venue options to overcome parking problems.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Kate Rathbun for her involvement in the planning and running of the successful event.

- Recommendations:**
1. That Culture Galore be again staged in February 2003.
 2. That Val Carter and Yiyi Ku again represent the Board on the planning team.

5. CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY

At its meeting on 30 April, the Board decided that the proposed Public Health Charter and Strategy be referred to the Committee for further consideration.

Members noted that the Board had earlier expressed some unease about the implications especially in relation to the probable long term costs to the Council and a belief that the District Health Board should be leading this process rather than the Council.

These views were shared by the Committee who although supporting the principle of what was being proposed questioned how the strategy and charter would work in practice in successfully delivering health and well-being outcomes.

Comment was made that the health sector and other aligned agencies already worked closely together and that what was being proposed represented a duplication of existing practices especially in relation to the Strengthening Families initiative. Overall therefore it was felt that what was being proposed was not a good use of the Council's resources and in particular the future consequences for ratepayers.

Recommendation: That the above comments form the basis of the Board's response on the proposed Public Health Charter and Strategy for Christchurch.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS

The Committee considered a report proposing alterations to the criteria and running of the Community Board based Community Service Awards programme.

Details of the criteria applicable to the Fendalton/Waimairi scheme were advised and the Committee indicated its support for the retention of the status quo including the closing date for nominations being the end of July.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the existing eligibility criteria for the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Service Awards scheme be retained.
 2. That the closing date for Community Service Award nominations be the last Friday in the month of July.

7. BISHOPDALE MULTI-USE FACILITY - UPDATE

Further to the Board's presentation to the Pools and Stadia Sub Committee and the resulting report to the Community and Leisure Committee on 6 May 2002, members indicated their agreement to a suggestion from staff that a draft concept plan(s) now be prepared for later use and assessment.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 am.

Deputy Chairman's

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