

**8. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF 16 APRIL 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 16 April meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee  
held on Wednesday 16 April 2003 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

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

George Hampton, Ron Wright and Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.12 am, 8.20 am and 8.28 am respectively.

Sally Buck left the meeting at 8.20 am.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from Sally Buck and for lateness from George Hampton, Ron Wright and Mark Kunnen.

**2. AVONHEAD COMMUNITY TRUST**

The Community Development Adviser reported that the Avonhead Baptist Church had formed the Avonhead Community Trust in 1996 for the purpose of providing and responding to community needs including activities, social and community support programmes.

It was mentioned that the Church was very responsive with its outreach activities in the wider Avonhead area albeit that the Church is situated in the Riccarton/Wigram community.

The Trust's Chairman, David Weusten, was in attendance and he elaborated on the contents of an accompanying report detailing a desire to increase the extent of the Trust's proposed services for which financial assistance from the Council was now being sought.

**Recommendation:** That the proposals submitted by the Avonhead Community Trust be received and referred to the SCAP Committee and further that discussions be arranged with representatives from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board/Advocacy Team on the opportunity for joint support of the Trust's initiatives.

**3. BISHOPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL – COMMUNITY WORKER ALLOCATION MONITORING UPDATE**

The Community Development Adviser reported that both the OSP after school programme and the SPARK project were operating successfully and achieving the agreed outcomes. Likewise the Parent Support initiative was progressing well with many of the participants moving on to achieve or become involved in other local groups. The school was now looking to extend the programme by targeting those new to the community or from other ethnicities that will have children attending Bishopdale in the next financial year.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the remaining balance of \$1,200 allocated for the Parent Support Group initiative at the Bishopdale School be made available for re-allocation.

**4. BRYNDWR YOUTH WORKER**

Malcolm Falloon, on behalf of the Bryndwr Churches Community Support Society, commented on the effective work being carried out by the Youth Worker and of the Society's wish to extend the benefits being achieved by increasing the Youth Workers role from 30 to 40 hours per week.

Members indicated their support for the request based on the information presented.

**Recommendation:** That a grant of a further \$4,500 be made to the Bryndwr Youth Worker project subject to staff satisfactorily reviewing the necessary details of the request including funding sources.

#### **5. BURNSIDE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION TRUST**

The Committee was advised that the original project agreement had now been updated through to 30 November 2003. The required monitoring updates would be submitted to the Committee in July with a summary report made in November.

The anticipated outcomes remained the same, namely:

- a) Complete a report/study to identify community needs
- b) Develop programmes and opportunities to meet identified needs
- c) Establish training and support for local volunteer workers
- d) Assist the Trust to facilitate community agency/support group liaison meetings

The Trust is moving to appoint a Community Worker and to establish its own office along with identifying and developing new partnerships and strengthening existing relationships.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **6. COMMUNITY WORKER SUPPORT VOTE 2003/04**

The Community Development Adviser provided a summary of the current 2002/03 Community Worker Support allocations including details of those projects likely to be submitted for ongoing consideration. Preliminary indications are that the amounts requested will exceed the funds available for next year.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **7. CROSSFIRE TRUST – SUMMARY REPORT**

The Committee was presented with the outcomes and achievements of the Crossfire Trust Youth Worker position based at St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Bishopdale. It was recalled that the Board had assisted the Trust with residual funding remaining from the 2001/02 allocation and a contribution to wage costs to the end of March 2003. The main outcomes of the project had been achieved and the issue of volunteer commitment and support was shortly to be addressed in consultation with the Trust.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **8. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES**

The Community Development Adviser presented a monitoring report on the status of existing programmes funded by the Board. The report also proposed the reconvening of the Board's OSP Working Party to evaluate potential support for the 2003/04 period and in so doing, to also analyse the impacts of the Government's funding contribution to such programmes.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board OSP Working Party give further consideration to the funding requests outlined in the submitted report.
  2. That staff ascertain and report to the OSP Working Party on the level of Ministry of Social Development funding support received by OSP groups.

#### **9. LIFE COACH PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report outlining the outcomes of the Life Coach Mentoring Programme undertaken by the Youth Worker at St Christopher's, Avonhead.

Due to a change in circumstances, not all of the funds allocated to the project had as yet been utilised.

Training of mentors, supervision and management of the programme were potential options for the use of these funds.

The Committee supported referring this matter to the SCAP Committee on the basis that mentoring/peer support initiatives were part of that Committee's three strategic target areas.

**Recommendation:** That the Life Coach Programme be referred to the SCAP Committee and that as part of that process, staff review utilising the balance of the existing funding allocation.

#### **10. ST AIDAN'S YOUTH ADVOCATE – RESEARCH PROJECT**

Matthew Newton, the St Aidan's Youth Advocate, presented an executive summary outlining the initial outcomes of the research project for which it was suggested that a Board seminar be held to receive full details of the findings.

The Committee was also asked to consider the possibility of the Board supporting an extension of the project so as to progress the priorities identified.

**Recommendation:** That an extension of the St Aidan's research project be supported and the funding requirements of \$6,150 be sourced from the \$1,200 re-allocation ex Bishopdale Primary School Parent Support Group, with the balance being funded from the Board's 2002/03 discretionary budget.

#### **11. CULTURE GALORE**

The Committee received a detailed report from the Community Recreation Adviser on the Culture Galore multi cultural event staged at Ray Blank Park on 22 February 2003.

The Committee congratulated those involved in organising another successful community event.

Relevant issues arising from the holding of the event would be evaluated by the Joint Working Party.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **12. OLDER ADULTS LEISURE CLUB**

The Community Recreation Adviser submitted details of a new Leisure Club due to commence in Term 2 at the Fendalton Community Centre offering a weekly programme targeting older adults.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **13. JELLIE PARK SKATE/BMX FACILITY - UPDATE**

The Committee was advised that feedback had now been received from local BMX riders on the Jellie Park skate facility.

This followed the Board's earlier request that staff carry out an assessment of the needs of local BMX riders and report back on the findings. The Committee was asked to consider receiving a presentation from local BMX rider representatives in the near future.

**Recommendation:** That representatives of local BMX riders present their submissions to the Community Services Committee.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 am.

#### **Chairman's**

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