

9. **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 16 APRIL 2003

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

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**Report of a meeting of the SCAP Committee
held on Wednesday 16 April 2003 at 4.30 pm
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: George Hampton (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Yiyi Ku, Mike Wall, Ruth Nathan, Jian Li, Gary Manch and Siew-Ngor Chen.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Annie Smith, Mark Kunnen and Keith Turner.

Apologies for lateness were received and accepted for Gary Manch, Sally Buck and Siew-Ngor Chen

1. SCAP FUNDING - UPDATE

The Community Development Adviser presented a report outlining the current balance and expenditure from the 2002/03 budget which ends on 30 June. It was also brought to the Committee's attention that \$36,000 remained available from a carry forward amount from the 2001/02 year.

The Committee was asked to endeavour to make a commitment to allocate these funds to projects before the end of the current financial year.

2. PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES

The Community Development Adviser updated the Committee on the progress of the Parent Education programme which had been offered to local schools last year. The feedback received was that the programme was offered late in the school year which caused logistical problems for the schools. As a result seven of the eleven schools who took up the offer were only able to run the programme at the beginning of this year. This meant that only four schools to date have completed their programmes. Of the remaining schools offered the programme, three schools advised that should the offer be made again this year they would be interested in taking up the offer.

There was discussion on whether this programme should be re offered this year.

It was **agreed** that a report be made available to the Committee at the next meeting with feedback from the schools who had completed their programmes. The decision whether to recommend reoffering the programme would then be made.

3. REFERENCE CARD AND YOUTH BOOKMARK

The Committee was updated on the success of this project and of a reprint of the bookmarks due to popular demand. Certificates had been presented to the children at Cobham Intermediate to commemorate their participation in this project. The satisfaction on the part of the pupils involved reinforced the value of working with the school.

4. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES OUTCOMES

The Committee was provided with a list of suggested initiatives/projects with an estimated cost for each.

After consideration, the Committee **agreed** to support the proposals in principle and that further details be provided at the next meeting, for the projects listed below, so that recommendations for funding allocations could then be made.

Project	Comments
Community Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database update to be contracted out. • New edition to be ready for distribution by early 2004.
A4 Posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To highlight Parent Support Agencies. • To be distributed to medical waiting rooms, support agencies etc.
Life Skills/Mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate partnership with Presbyterian Support Services. • Mentoring to follow "friendship" model • Community Development Adviser to meet with Presbyterian Support and to report back to the Committee at the next meeting.
Local Seminar Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Workers and Youth Workers monthly and bi monthly seminars
Ethnic Support Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New proposal - to work in a similar manner to the Community Workers and Youth Workers seminars • Target Ethnic organisations first to hear what the people want/need rather than what we think they want/need. • Further research and background info to be gathered and reported on at next meeting. • If responses show need for individual support groups then this approach could be developed.
Parent Education Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decision after the next meeting on 28 May 2003
Community Workers Vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If criteria fit the goals and objectives of the SCAP Committee • Report to be put before the Committee at the next meeting in regard to this matter.

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday 28 May at 4:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.08 pm.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received.