

**8. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
- REPORT OF 21 MAY 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 21 May meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Wednesday 21 May 2003 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

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

Sally Buck arrived at 8.05 am and departed at 9.22 am. Val Carter, George Hampton and Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.10 am, 8.12 am and 8.15 am respectively.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Yiyi Ku.

2. REWI ALLEY EDUCATION AND CULTURE CENTRE

Mr Qiangfu Jin, Co-ordinator of the Rewi Alley Education and Culture Centre addressed the Committee in support of an application for funding assistance of \$5,000 towards the employment costs of the centre/school administrator.

Further details of the request, along with possible funding options, were set out in the accompanying agenda report from the Community Development Adviser.

Staff indicated that this approach was being made on a 'one off' basis and that a more co-ordinated strategy in terms of the Council's funding of such organisations was warranted under the auspices of the Community Relations Unit. Also mentioned was the intended cross boundary meeting currently being arranged with representatives of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and Advocacy Team on both this and other joint matters of interest.

From the ensuing discussion, the Committee's preference was for this request to be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Funding Committee for consideration under the community enhancement category.

Recommendation: That the Rewi Alley Education and Culture Centre request for financial assistance be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Funding Committee.

3. COMMUNITY WORKER SUPPORT 2003/04

The Community Development Adviser reported on the requests received from external organisations for funding support covering the 2003/04 period. A budget of \$40,000 was available for allocation by the Board.

As the amounts requested considerably exceeded the funding available, staff presented further information outlining scenarios for prioritising the requests along with possible funding recommendations for consideration.

The Committee also took into account during its discussions, the outcome being recommended to make available for re-allocation the \$14,000 earmarked for the Board's computer project (Clause 6 refers). In this regard, an amended budget of \$54,000 (\$40,000 Community Workers and \$14,000 ex computer project) was therefore available for allocation towards meeting more of the requests received for community worker support.

The Committee noted that the theme of the requests was essentially for ongoing funding support beyond just the establishment phases for which earlier funding had been provided by the Board. Also noted was the fact that the community worker initiative was still subject to review by the Council at the conclusion of the three year trial period.

The Committee therefore asked staff to ensure that the recipients of financial support be informed that future ongoing funding of this magnitude from the Council via the Board, could not be guaranteed.

Recommendation: That the Community Worker budget for 2003/04 of \$54,000 (\$40,000 ex community workers and \$14,000 ex computer project) be allocated as follows:

• Bishopdale Community Trust	7,350
• Bishopdale School Community Development Initiative	7,280
• Bryndwr Churches Community Support Society	21,840
• Burnside Community Transformation Trust	11,200
• Crossfire Trust (St Margaret's Presbyterian)	5,600

4. BISHOPDALE MULTI-USE FACILITY - UPDATE

The Community Advocate provided the Committee with a verbal update on work in progress and advised that a more substantive report would be made to the Board on 3 June as a prelude to also reporting to the appropriate Council Standing Committees.

The Committee **received** the information.

5. JELLIE PARK SKATE/BMX FACILITY – BMX SUBMISSION

Representatives of the local BMX Focus Group outlined to the Committee, details of their expectations aimed at enhancing the existing skate/BMX facility at Jellie Park.

The suggestion of establishing a working party to evaluate the various issues involved was supported.

Recommendation: That a Working Party comprising George Hampton, relevant Council staff and representatives from the facility users be formed to further identify the needs of BMX'ers and skateboarders and to develop a strategy to enhance the Jellie Park facility to meet local needs.

6. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMPUTER PROJECT - RESEARCH

The Community Development Adviser reported that a small community project team had continued to investigate the setting up of the project, however the main stumbling block to date had been to locate a suitable facility in which to operate from.

In order to continue to progress the project, it was now proposed that an external contractor be engaged to carry out an assessment of the work so far undertaken with this work to be funded from the project budget.

The engagement of an external party to carry on the project was not favoured by the Committee and it was also noted that staff resources were not readily available to progress the project in a timely manner.

Accordingly, the Committee supported a suggestion made that the \$14,000 of project funding be recommended to the Board for reallocation in the 2003/04 year.

Recommendation: That the computer project allocation of \$14,000 be returned to the Board's project/discretionary fund for re-allocation in the 2003/04 year.

7. CONNECTING ACROSS THE FENCE – COMMUNITY EVENT

The Committee **received** information on the success of the Burnside Elim Church's "Connecting Across the Fence" community event held on 6 April 2003 for which a grant of \$1,000 had been made by the Board.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMMES

The Community Recreation Adviser submitted a report on the outcomes of the recent review undertaken of the Board funded YMCA youth holiday and term programmes including a breakdown on costs per participant. The programmes involved were Live Wires, Ys'Guys and Lets Go.

The Committee noted that from the review undertaken, a revised operational budget of \$5,000 per programme was achievable for the future. A surplus of \$2,500 remained from the 2002/03 programmes and it was requested that this funding be utilised for youth initiatives in the 2003/04 year.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the surplus funding of \$2,500 be targeted for future youth initiatives.

9. YOUTH EVENTS

The Committee **received** the information detailed in a report from the Community Recreation Adviser on the delivery of youth event programmes funded by the Board in the current financial year.

The meeting concluded at 9.41 am.

Chairman's

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