

19. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

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Jean Bagby was in attendance to request Board consideration for a community house in New Brighton. The Residents' Association believed that it could run a community house out of the old New Brighton Library building. Jean felt that the community house could be utilised to hold local community meetings and promote New Brighton by making information such as leaflets, phone numbers and contact addresses for local organisations available. It could also act as a drop-in centre for people to meet and share views on a daily basis, provide space for mothers and a place for people to generally meet. The New Brighton Residents' Association felt that funding for the community house could come from the sale of souvenir items, rental of the rooms to hold classes, resaleable artwork and the sale of artwork on a commission basis for local artists. Finally, Jean noted that the Residents' Association would be eager to put in the time and effort to establish a community house and requested the Board's consideration of this proposal.

The Board **decided** to request the Community Development Adviser to report on the feasibility of establishing a community house in the old New Brighton Library building.