

5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1. MR PAUL TRAYNOR, CCCAD

Mr Paul Traynor spoke regarding the possibility of holding a “treatment works” week in Christchurch in 2000, similar to those undertaken in Australia, which are designed to raise public awareness of alcohol and drug issues, including treatment.

There had been interest in the concept also in Auckland and it might be possible that this could become a national awareness week.

Mr Traynor sought support of the concept from the Committee and indicated that planning was still at a preliminary stage only, with more detailed work required.

The Committee requested the Community Relations Manager to arrange for appropriate staff to liaise with Mr Traynor and to report back on what assistance would be appropriate from the Council towards this project.

2. MR RICHARD COWIN – COWIN CARAVANS

Mr Cowin spoke regarding the concept of using mobile homes to form a retirement complex for retired people who did not qualify for Christchurch City Council housing, but who wished to move into smaller, more appropriate accommodation.

Residents would buy their own units and he saw the advantage of this proposal as offering independence, security, privacy and affordability.

Mr Cowin was advised that issues such as resource consents and building consents would obviously need to be addressed. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Housing Working Party for consideration and that the Property Manager be asked to report on the implications of this proposal, in terms of the Council’s housing policy and other relevant planning issues, including the possibility of private sector involvement.

3. MR GERALD ATKINSON, MOLTON MEDIA TRUST

Mr Atkinson addressed the Committee on the “computers for the Christchurch community” recycling project, and the need for working capital to allow the programme to continue.

Mr Atkinson explained the benefits of the scheme in terms of recycling unwanted computer equipment, minimising waste and landfill dumping, job creation and providing low-cost computer equipment to community groups and schools.

The Committee requested that the Community Relations Unit Manager and appropriate staff consult urgently with the Molton Media Trust, Canterbury Development Corporation and company rebuilders, and report back as necessary on what assistance should be provided to the Trust. As part of the above process, detailed budget projections should be provided by the Trust for consideration.