

8. TEMPLETON COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

On behalf of the Leisure Unit, Peter Walls was in attendance to seek the Board's financial support in respect of some unbudgetted expenditure that is required if the Templeton Pool is to open for this summer season.

The report was also referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for recommendation to the Council.

As with other suburban pools, the Templeton Pool is supported by the Council with the provision of operating costs and ongoing maintenance of the pool.

Over the last two seasons concern has been expressed with the amount of water loss, this being attributed to a major leak problem on the top part of the pool. When the filter system was installed a new section was added to the top of the pool and this is now seen to have not been done correctly. Remedial work was in the order of \$26,000.

In receiving the report for consideration, the Community Board was concerned that the need for funding this essential work had not been recognised early, and that no financial provision had been made.

Closing the pool for the forthcoming season was not an option; nor did members feel that the financing should now be the Board's responsibility.

The Board **decided**:

1. That the Board Chairperson and Community Advocate be authorised to discuss with the Director of Finance his decision not to fund the Templeton Pool remedial work from the Contingency Fund.
2. That if those discussions were unsuccessful, the Board Chairperson and Community Advocate be authorised to negotiate a cost sharing arrangement with the Director of Finance to provide partial funding to enable the Templeton Pool remedial work to be undertaken.

(Bob Shearing declared interest in this matter and took no part in the discussions and decisions.)