

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -REPORT OF 15 MARCH 2000

The report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 15 March were submitted for the Board's consideration. On the various matters, the Board **decided** as follows.

BRYNDWR YMCA – UPDATE

1. That the joint study and the terms of reference as explained and in accordance with the funding scenario set out in the tabled report be approved.
2. That the Chairman of the Board's Community Services Committee and the Community Development Adviser join the project advisory group.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

- a) *Community Newsletter – “- an enhanced version of the present newsletter to be produced, and its effectiveness measured”*

That a survey of “effectiveness” be carried out in conjunction with the April/May issue of the community newsletter to be produced in a format similar to the present publication.

- b) *City Scene – “- Future issues to include more local community content”*

That the provision for community news in the 2000 City Scene editions be noted and the “effectiveness” of this be reviewed in late 2000 and that the Community Relations Unit be congratulated on their endeavours to include “local community” news in future editions of the paper.

- c) *Community Plan – “-the distribution of this to be reviewed together with other options for enhancing information to the community (possibly including CINCH, internet access, and a reintroduction of the earlier Community Directory”.*

That the review of the community contact list be noted and the extent of the distribution of the Community Plan be reviewed following the production of the 2000 edition and that officers report back on costs associated with a Community Directory and its relationship to the Council's website and CINCH.

- d) *Local Media – “-regular opportunities for ‘good news’ stories and local project happenings to be published”*

Details were submitted of a proposal to extend the circulation area of an existing local publication which would provide a regular means of conveying news to the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

That the enhanced opportunity for the further conveying of good news to the Fendalton/Waimairi community be noted and that the success of this be monitored over coming months.

- e) *Communication of Council Services to the Community – “-is ongoing and built around local ‘needs and aspirations’ of communities”*

The Committee had agreed that the sentiment behind this statement acknowledged the role already played by the Board in dealing with matters involving the community.

- f) *Promotion (eg: Fridge Magnets) – “-this provides the opportunity to promote the Council’s/Board’s/Police services in a permanent and user friendly manner”*

That the idea of developing fridge magnets continue to be investigated including possible sponsorship arrangements and a refining of costs for reporting back to the Committee.

- g) *Community Liaison Committee(s) – “-to be re-established/formed to enable community agencies and the Council to share and address community issues”.*

That the proposed re-establishment be reported to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

- h) *Neighbourhood Street Parties/Events – “-the idea, associated with Neighbourhood Week is a very good way in promoting the cause of strengthening communities and having people generally looking out for each other. The use of promotional banners associated with such events is recommended along with appropriate advance publicity*

That the holding of neighbourhood events/activities and community based events be endorsed.

COTSWOLD PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY UPDATE

That the information be **received**.

Clause 18 (Part C) of this report also refers.