



10. MULTICULTURAL CENTRE, HORNBY: COUNCIL PURCHASE

The Community Advocate, Martin Maguire, presented the Board with a report detailing the purchase by the Council of the disused “Friendship House” (a community facility) from the Hornby Presbyterian Church in Gilberthorpes Road.

A major outcome of the 1997 social research undertaken in the Broomfield area was the lack of a community building for this residential area. A Working Party pursued this further, resulting in a recommendation that the Council negotiate the purchase of Friendship House (which was offered for sale by the Church). This building offered exciting possibilities for local community organisations as a place to offer programmes in the local community.

In September the Council approved the purchase “...of Friendship House for use as a Multicultural Centre”. A management committee will shortly be established to run the facility; it is not envisaged to have the new facility open before March/April.

In **receiving** the information the Board expressed its thanks to the Community Advocate and his team for their^{9*}- work in securing this important community facility.