

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Our Youth Our Community Trust

Jeff and Joy Macey, Community Workers for the Our Youth Our Community Trust which is based at and administered by the Linwood Baptist Community Church, addressed the Board on current initiatives the Trust is undertaking.

On behalf of the community and youth workers and the volunteers, Jeff and Joy Macey thanked the Board for funding the Our Youth Our Community Trust. The senior youth who went through the various programmes five years ago are becoming leaders and role models for the younger people. 2002 is the start of the sixth year for the programmes. It has been useful to have continuity of the community and youth workers as it is strengthening relationships with the young people.

Jeff and Joy Macey said the Trust provided people who can advocate for the young people and provide empathy. A number of different programmes are run including Kids Time for 5-10 year olds, Awesome Time for those aged 11 and older, Friday Family, an annual Family Camp and other activities throughout the year. Over 130 children aged from 4-16 attend their Friday Family programme.

They would like to try and meet the needs of the children of Linwood in Linwood rather than them having to get access to assistance from agencies in the city centre.

The emergence of a group called tweenagers (aged between 8-12) is of concern as many are developing relationships at a much younger level. Jeff and Joy Macey are also working closely with Richard Wisnesky from Linwood Intermediate School and looking at the idea of how middle school may assist third and fourth formers to take more of a leadership role.

The Board thanked and commended Jeff and Joy Macey for the effort and time they put into the Our Youth Our Community Trust and the people of the area