

10. **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE**  
**- REPORT OF 17 MARCH 2004**

**Officer responsible**  
Community Advocate

**Author**  
Kay Rabe, DDI 941 6732

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 17 March 2004 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the SCAP Committee  
held on Wednesday 17 March 2004 at 4.00 pm  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** George Hampton (Chairman), Val Carter, Ruth Nathan, Mike Wall, Keith Turner and Mark Kunnen

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Jian Li, Gary Manch, Annie Smith and Siew-Ngor Chen.

**2. ALLOCATED FUNDING 2003/04 - UPDATE**

The Community Development Adviser presented his report regarding the progress of the projects allocated funds during the current year. It is expected that all the projects other than Bishopdale Primary Community Initiatives will be complete by June 2004.

The Committee was informed of the change of focus of Bishopdale Primary and that the funds totalling \$4,500, allocated to the school for community initiatives would now be available for reallocation.

The Committee noted that there was a residual amount of \$31,915 for the current year and that the option of a carry forward of funds was unlikely unless there was a definite commitment. The Community Development Adviser informed the Committee that a detailed report of the final residual amount would be presented to the May meeting to enable the Committee to (re)allocate the remaining funds before 30 June 2004.

**3. YOUTH FOREVER CLUB**

The Youth Forever Club has been operating in the Fendalton/Waimairi area for three years and was established to support the Arabic, African and Greek migrants, refugees or asylum seekers. To date the Club has managed on small grants from local community boards. The organisation has difficulties obtaining sufficient funding due to religious beliefs which excludes funding whose income is drawn from betting or gambling.

Details of the organisation's client base, which showed 26.5% of clients resident in the Fendalton/Waimairi area was submitted with a proposal that the Committee fund the organisation an amount of \$6,217 being a proportion of the \$23,459 of their operational costs.

The Committee considered the proposal and concerns were raised about a duplication of migrant and local ESOL group services. It was again reiterated the need for a city wide review to investigate such services, and staff undertook to investigate this further.

With a view to exploring the option for some interim local support the Committee also requested staff to set up joint discussions with the representatives of Shirley/Papanui and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards to seek a partnership to fund the organisation on a pro rata basis with the Fendalton/Waimairi share having a maximum of \$4,000. However if either of the other boards declines to offer funding then Fendalton/Waimairi would also decline to assist.

**4. GAIN PROGRAMME REPORTS – BREENS AND COBHAM SCHOOLS**

The Committee **received** the reports submitted by GAIN and requested staff to also obtain feedback from schools who had hosted the GAIN programme.

## **5. GAIN CANTERBURY – FUNDING REVIEW REQUEST**

In June 2003 the Committee allocated a grant of \$10,000 to GAIN Canterbury to subsidise Parent Skill Education programmes staged within the Fendalton/Waimairi community. (GAIN's co-ordinator has recently approached staff outlining difficulties to fund a deficit in producing the required programmes.) The allocation was made on the proviso of GAIN providing a minimum of 10 programmes during the 2003/04 year.

GAIN has also requested a minimum fee of \$400 to cover administrative costs where programmes fail to commence. The Committee asked staff to investigate actual costings in these cases and to report back.

In general discussion on which groups of young children should be targeted the Committee agreed to look further at opportunities, or needs, to target the 11 to 15 year age group with GAIN or similar, programmes.

Several options were provided to the Committee on how best to address the funding shortfall claimed by GAIN and, after discussion, it was agreed that the Committee reaffirm that the grant of \$10,000 was to subsidise a minimum of 10 programmes staged within the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

The Committee requested that it be reaffirmed to GAIN that the grant of \$10,000 is to subsidise a minimum of 10 programmes staged within the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

## **6. SCAP FUNDING 2004/05**

The Committee was advised that possible projects for allocation of available funding comprising residual funding from 2003/04 and \$40,000 for the 2004/05 period would be reported to the Committee during the May meeting.

Committee members were asked to put forward suitable projects to be included in this process. It was considered appropriate in this context that projects should remain aimed at "strengthening communities". The Committee agreed that the opportunity should be taken to utilise input from all schools in the Fendalton/Waimairi community. The option of hosting a meeting of all Principals was considered to be a mechanism worth pursuing.

Staff were requested to develop a matrix or guidelines to assist in ensuring that future requests retained a "local" focus.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 10 May 2004 at 4.30 pm in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.

The meeting concluded at 4.45 pm.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the outcomes therein be noted.