

#### 4. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT ON MEETING HELD 26 JANUARY 2005**

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 26 January 2005.

The meeting was attended by Mike Mora (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Bob Shearing, Neville Bennett and Tony Sutcliffe.

An apology was received and accepted from Helen Broughton.

##### 1. **SALVATION ARMY, HORNBY – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

On behalf of Salvation Army Hornby and Heartland Services Hornby, Wendy Mason and Linda McDonald were in attendance to discuss the following request for funding.

The Committee was in receipt of a report in relation to an application by the Salvation Army Hornby Community and Family Services for \$2,765 from the Community Board's 2004/05 Community Initiatives Fund.

Heartland Services is a Ministry of Social Development initiative, based in Shands Rd Hornby, providing a one stop shop service for people needing to access government and other agencies. The Co-ordinator works closely with Work and Income as well as other government agencies such as Inland Revenue, Department of Justice, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Careers Services, Christchurch Polytech, Workbridge, and Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. There are plans for other agencies, both government and non government, to operate from Heartland Services for a few hours per week at no cost to the agencies.

Many Work and Income clients use the Salvation Army Budgeting Advisory Service based at Hei Hei. The Salvation Army Hornby Community and Family Services have been asked by the Co-ordinator of Heartland Services to be a partner agency, by providing a budget advisory service one day a week based at the Heartland office in Hornby.

At present the Salvation Army has only one Budget Adviser who works thirty hours per week. In order to meet the demands of providing an additional service at the Heartland office the Salvation Army Hornby Centre would need to employ their Budget Adviser for an extra eight hours per week. The advantages of basing a Budget Advisory Service at Heartland Services are as follows:

- Easier access for clients, who live on the south side of Hornby
- Will be able to address client's issues directly with agencies that are based at Heartlands
- Form a closer working relationship with WINZ case managers
- Be able to get help straight away for clients instead of playing "telephone tag"
- The Salvation Army van will not need to pick up and deliver clients to Central, as they will be able to see them on site

The above project would commence as a six-month pilot. Evaluation of the project would include the recording of statistical data - ie the number of clients seen as well as feedback from clients via a survey form. During the pilot period decisions would be made about the long-term value of the budget advisory service as well as other sources of funding for the future sustainability of this project.

The Co-ordinator of the Heartland Service, Lynda Macdonald, supports the request from the Salvation Army for funding for this community initiative for a trial period of six months.

Given that the outcomes of this pilot project align significantly with the Long Term Council Community Plan Community Outcomes, Council Policies and Community Board objectives, the preferred option is to grant the full amount requested by the Salvation Army. The group has a stable history and Heartland Services is already making a significant impact on the local community. As a partnership they will be seeking funding from other sources if this pilot is successful.

The Committee was very supportive of the request and its recommendation is recorded under Clause 7 of this report.

**2. REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON OCTOBER 2005 ELECTORAL ISSUES**

At the 14 December meeting of the Community Board, a report was received from the Council's Electoral Office (Max Robertson) on the October 2004 elections.

The Board agreed to make a submission to Parliament's Justice and Electoral Committee.

West Christchurch Citizens Advice Bureau	Bob Shearing and Lesley Keast
Hornby Community Care Trust	Bob Shearing
Riccarton Volunteer Library	Helen Broughton
Sir John McKenzie Children's Library	Neville Bennett
Street Garden Competition Committee	Ishwar Ganda
Keep Christchurch Beautiful Committee	Mike Mora
Christchurch City Council/Selwyn District Council Water Race Committee	Mike Mora and Neville Bennett
Christchurch Neighbourhood Week	Neville Bennett and Mike Mora
Awatea Variation	Bob Shearing
Riccarton Business Association	Peter Laloli, Tony Sutcliffe and Neville Bennett
Community Funding Committee	Bob Shearing and Lesley Keast
Environment Canterbury Community Committee	Neville Bennett
Riccarton Bush Trust	Whilst the Committee recommended the following membership (Neville Bennett, Tony Sutcliffe and Mike Mora), the Council has yet to consider its representation.
Halswell Domain Sports Association	Peter Laloli and Mike Mora
Neighbourhood Support Canterbury	Mike Mora, Peter Laloli and Ian Gardiner
Templeton Holy Chapel Family Trust	Bob Shearing
Justice Juvenile Sex Offenders Committee	Mike Mora

The above schedule now requires Community Board approval and this is requested under Clause 7 of this report.

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. The Committee received a request from the Community Watch Riccarton Group seeking a financial contribution towards their celebration of five years service in the local Riccarton area.

The Community Watch has had a very positive five years of operation, having a good level of business sponsorship, as well as maintaining a good relationship with Police, community and business groups.

The members were very supportive of the request; the Committee's recommendation is recorded under Clause 7 of this report.

2. A report on the Council property adjacent to the Hornby Library was also tabled; the Property Unit will be consulting with the Board (through this Committee) in the next month or so.

#### 6. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

The Committee agreed to confirm the following dates up to 30 June 2005:

Wednesday 8.30am  
February 23, March 30, April 27, June 1 and 29

#### 7. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Board approve a grant of \$2,765 to the Salvation Army Hornby for a six month budget advisory service, to be funded from the Community Initiatives Fund.

2. That the Board consider the attached draft submission on the October 2004 electoral issues.
3. That the Board continue the practice of appointing members to act in a liaison capacity with the listed residents' groups.
4. That the Board confirm appointments to the listed outside bodies and ad hoc committees, excluding the Riccarton Bush Trust.
5. That the Board approve a grant of \$400 to Community Watch Riccarton to be funded from the Community Initiatives Fund.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee recommendations be adopted.