

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF 18 FEBRUARY 2005**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 18 February 2005 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee  
held on Friday 18 February 2005 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Cheryl Colley, Pat Harrow, Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

Pat Harrow departed at 8.56 am and was absent for clause 5.

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for early departure was received and accepted from Pat Harrow.

**2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Val Carter was elected Chairman of the Committee for the current Board term.

**3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Andrew Yoon was elected Deputy Committee Chairman for the current Board term.

**4. LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Kevin Grimwood, the Youth Worker for the Bryndwr Community Churches Support Society made a presentation to the Committee outlining his activities and programmes for local young people.

Specific mention was made of the regular contacts now being made with students at both Burnside High and Cobham Intermediate Schools and of the social and recreational programmes being offered to students.

Mr Grimwood referred also to the positive connections being made with local youth in the form of events such as Jellie Skate Jam and Fruitboots of Fury as well as the recently completed legal art project involving local youth at the Jellie Park skatepark.

Members asked a number of questions and extended their congratulations to Mr Grimwood for the successful work he was undertaking.

In **receiving** the information presented, the Committee indicated to Mr Grimwood its interest in receiving regular progress reports.

**5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Community Development Adviser presented an update to the Committee on the status of current activities and projects as well as new community development initiatives that had commenced in 2004.

The operations of the various community trusts, including details of the funding provided by the Board were highlighted along with the programme of scheduled liaison meetings involving the community agencies, youth liaison and ethnic liaison networks.

Other initiatives to be addressed in 2005 included progressing the Combined Trust Forum, YETA (Youth Access to Alcohol), youth development initiatives and the volunteers project.

The Committee **received** the information and thanked the Community Development Adviser for her report.

The Committee then undertook a general discussion on community development issues as a basis for its preferred work programme for the balance of the Board term.

Specific issues highlighted for ongoing involvement/support included:

- Promotion of volunteerism through the volunteers project
- Parenting and family support including early intervention initiatives via community providers such as North West Mentoring Trust, community based youth workers etc
- Addressing isolation issues and the promotion of safer communities
- Facilitation and the improvement of induction programmes for migrant communities
- Continue to facilitate communication links amongst local agencies
- Promotion of available services

The Committee was keen for the Board to continue to consolidate its support for local youth based initiatives and any assistance for local ethnic groups.

An update report was also requested for a future meeting of the Committee on the high priority recommendations remaining to be addressed from the youth consultation study undertaken in 2003.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 am.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received.