

12. PAPANUI YOUTH FACILITY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration of a request for funding from Te Papanui Trust for \$27,000 to be used for capital items for the Papanui Youth Facility.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Te Papanui Trust is entrusted with managing the design and construction of the Papanui Youth Facility. The cost of construction of this facility is over \$1 million.
3. Recent increases in costs have seen a blow-out of \$27,000 take place. The Trust's Chairperson has called a halt on the inclusion of a kitchen (costing \$35,000) unless funds can be found to overcome this shortfall.
4. The facility is due for completion around March-April this year and will add significantly to the amenities of North-West Christchurch, especially in terms of youth amenities.
5. Although the Community Board and City Council have both provided significant funding for this project already, it is recommended that a further grant be made in order to enable this facility to get the best possible start it can.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The construction of the Papanui Youth Facility has seen a blow out of costs of approximately \$27,000, primarily from electrical costs, unmaterialised savings and extra costs associated with the climbing wall. This has necessitated cutting back on construction. One cut-back that has been identified is that of the kitchen, as the total costs of this, including joinery, appliances, ventilation, servery, bench tops, gibbing and vinyl is \$35,000, almost equivalent to the \$27,000 blow out.
7. However, Te Papanui Trust would like to be able to include a kitchen and is therefore applying to the Board for \$27,000 to enable the kitchen to be included.
8. Christchurch City Council has contributed significantly towards the construction costs of the Youth Facility - \$385,000 since 2004 as well as allocating a Community Loan of \$120,000. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board has also contributed significantly towards the project by way of a \$36,000 seeding grant. The Community Board has further contributed towards operational costs (especially salaries) by way of grants to Papanui Youth Development Trust. Since 2004 this has amounted to \$80,000, including a transfer of \$40,000 that had originally been allocated to the Papanui Community Facility.
9. Te Papanui Trust has obtained funding from numerous other sources, including Canterbury Community Trust, pub charities, many small trusts and private trusts amounting to well in excess of \$1/4 million. A major contribution is that of the gift of the land from St Paul's Church, valued at \$360,000 in 2004 dollars. It has also obtained well over \$80,000 worth of donated goods and labour.
10. The Board has \$30,665 remaining in its Discretionary Fund and a further \$28,675 in its SCAP Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board allocate a grant of \$27,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to Te Papanui Trust to enable a kitchen to be included in the Papanui Youth Facility.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND ON PAPANUI YOUTH FACILITY

11. The Papanui Youth Facility was initiated in 1998 from the desires of young people themselves. Te Papanui Trust has undertaken the task of overseeing the fundraising, promotion, design and construction of the facility. Papanui Youth Development Trust has responsibility for managing the facility and leasing it from Te Papanui Trust. Thus, although they are two separate identities, the two Trusts work closely together.
12. The project has also been an example of a unique partnership with St Paul's Anglican Church. St Paul's has gifted the land on which the facility is being constructed. The estimated value of this gift is \$360,000 (in 2004 dollars). Shirley/Papanui Community Board and the Christchurch City Council have also been strong advocates of this project.
13. As Board members will know, the facility is now almost completed and is due to be opened in March or April this year. The Youth Facility Programme Director has been appointed and began in that position in mid-January.
14. The Youth Facility includes: a climbing wall, meeting rooms, offices, a craft room, a music, recording, video room plus joint use of an upgraded hall with St Paul's. These facilities are intended to offer youth multiple recreation options catering for all tastes and interests. It is intended that youth will be heavily involved in the continued planning and direction of the facility.
15. A copy of the expected outputs and outcomes for the facility is attached. These indicate a number of community benefits, including:
 - Providing a positive link with schools and other youth agencies
 - Contributing towards social cohesion in the area
 - Helping to initiate youth initiatives
 - Strengthening a collaborative approach amongst youth agencies
 - Enabling lower cost of services for youth agencies
 - Fostering the artistic and musical expression of young people
 - Providing a safe "chill out" area for youth to meet and mix.
16. The inclusion of a kitchen will enable the facility to provide a fully-functioning community amenity. The kitchen not only means that functions and events can be suitably catered for, but also provides a facility that could be used for training purposes.

OPTIONS

17. The Community Board has three options available:
 - (a) To allocate a grant to the full amount requested, i.e. \$27,000.
 - (b) To allocate a partial grant.
 - (c) To decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

18. The Papanui Youth Facility has been strongly supported by both the Community Board and the City Council. The concept and design has had significant youth involvement. Te Papanui Trust is a very competent expert group with excellent management skills. It has been highly successful in raising in excess of \$800,000 towards the costs of construction as well as sourcing approximately \$80,000 worth of donated goods and labour.
19. With such a significant investment of time, effort, money and community support into this project over nine years, it would be disappointing to not have sufficient funding to enable a kitchen to be included.
20. For these reasons, Option (a) above is the preferred option.