# 22. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -REPORT OF 22 JANUARY 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the results of the Committee's meeting held on 22 January 1999 as **follows**.

Matters addressed included a Community Action Plan, Scenarios for Local Government To 2010, 1998/99 project funding and noise pollution concerns of Mr Brian Rowe.

# FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held on Friday 22 January 1999 at 3.00pm in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre.

**PRESENT:** Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Keith Nuttall,

Barbara Stewart, Ron Wright

**ALSO PRESENT** Pat Harrow

## 1. APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Yiyi Ku.

# 2. COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS

The Committee considered a report from the Community Advocate setting out the background and a process aimed at assisting the Board in developing its own Community Action Plan (CAP).

The report addressed the purposes behind developing such a Plan viz:

- to improve peoples sense of belonging to and being part of the community
- to reduce crime and peoples fear of being the victims of crime
- to support people, communities and neighbourhoods to identify and achieve their own aims.

A key role of the Board in ensuring active community involvement was crucial to the success of the CAP. The means of achieving this was to:

- encourage and support communities to do things for themselves,
- find and support community organisations, groups or structures which provide (or have the potential to provide) community based responses,
- strengthen relationships and encourage people to use their resources and energies more effectively,
- provide leadership when needed,
- facilitate collaborative approach by range of agencies, groups and individuals.

The starting point in bringing all this about was to decide on the core and advisory groups that the Board may wish to establish to assist in its overall aim of developing its Plan.

A model was suggested proposing that perhaps two advisory committees (possibly Ward based) could be established to assist the Board in the process of compiling its Plan.

Members considered various scenarios and the one preferred was for the Committee to work as a joint core and advisory committee alongside invited community

representatives. The success of such an arrangement could be later reviewed and modified if necessary.

Staff indicated that possible terms of reference and membership of the advisory committee would be reported to the February meeting of the Community Services Committee.

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. That the proposed process for developing the Board's Community Action Plan as set out in the officer's report, be adopted.
- 2. That the information advised relating to the Board's community be noted and that further work on developing additional information be undertaken and reported back to the Committee.
- 3. That the Board's Community Services Committee act as the joint core and advisory committee and that the Committee give further consideration to other community groups who should join the Committee for the process in developing the 1999/00 Community Action Plan.
- 4. That officers prepare a draft terms of reference for the joint core and advisory committee and report back to the Community Services Committee in February.
- 5. That an informal session for all Board members be held with a view to identifying "issues" in the community.

# 3. SCENARIOS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO 2010

In a submitted report, the Community Advocate explained that the sponsors of the discussion document were seeking input from the wider community and that Boards have been requested to "champion" the opportunity for such input where possible.

As part of this process of encouraging wider community input, steps had been taken during the new year period to distribute copies of the document to various sectors of the local community.

The Committee indicated its support for what had been done and it was generally felt that no further action was required in terms of enlisting further community responses, particularly given the difficult timetable providing for community input.

The Committee was in favour of the Board making its own submission on the document and in this regard several matters were suggested for inclusion in a Board response.

Staff undertook to prepare a draft submission for consideration by the Committee in February and in turn recommending to the Board in March.

# **Recommendation:**

That a draft submission on the Scenarios for Local Government to 2010 document be prepared and submitted to the February meeting of the Committee.

# 4. 1998/99 FUNDING ALLOCATION

Further to what was reported to the Board's Finance and Planning Committee on 2 December 1998, it was noted that with regard to the community initiatives and millennium project(s) categories of the Board's project funding, a sum of \$5,000 still remained available for allocation within each of these items. In addition \$4,000 was available as a community support seeding fund having earlier been allocated by the previous Board from its 1998/99 discretionary funds.

In summary of the above, the following funding was therefore now available for allocation.

**Project Funding** "Community Initiatives"

"Millennium Projects"

**Discretionary Funding** "Community Support Seeding Fund"

The Community Development Adviser requested that the Committee consider applying the remaining \$5,000 from the community initiatives fund to expand an existing successful programme being run at the Avice Hill Arts and Craft Centre for people with special needs.

From the information submitted, the Committee was supportive of such funding being applied.

## **Recommendations:**

- 1. That the remaining \$5,000 from the community initiatives fund be allocated towards developing further programmes at the Avice Hill Arts and Craft Centre for people with special needs.
- 2. That likely projects aligned to the community support seeding fund of \$4,000 be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 3. That the \$5,000 allocated for millennium projects be referred back to the Finance and Planning Committee with a recommendation that further funds be allocated through the Board's 1999/00 project funding and that decisions on such projects be finalised by the middle of this year.

# 5. NOISE POLLUTION-CONCERNS OF MR BRIAN ROWE

Further to submissions presented to the Board last November, the Committee considered a technical report from officers in response to the matters raised by Mr Rowe.

Although generally in support of the response from the staff, members highlighted ongoing problems associated with the ring road in this general area and that what had been raised by Mr Rowe should be further pursued through the City Services Committee. One option suggested was for heavy motor vehicles in particular being required to use Johns Road.

# **Recommendations:**

- 1. That the reports be received.
- 2. That the Board pursue through the City Services Committee a means of enhancing traffic use especially heavy motor vehicles onto State Highway 1 (Johns/Russley Roads) thereby leaving lighter vehicles only to use the inner ring road route.

# 6. **NEXT MEETING**

It was **agreed** that the Committee next meet at 9.30 am Wednesday 17 February 1999.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

## Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be

adopted.