

**14. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
– REPORT OF 17 JUNE 1999**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the results of the Steering Committee's latest meeting held on 17 June as **follows**:

Report of a meeting held on Thursday 17 June 1999

at 8.00 am in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Yiyi Ku,
Keith Nuttall, Senior Sergeant Geoff Kenna,
Arthur Grayburn, Ruth Nathan, Gina Williamson

ALSO PRESENT Ron Wright

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Inspector Graeme Cairns.

2. LETTER TO COMMUNITY - UPDATE

It was reported that some 134 letters of invitation for comment were distributed on 1 June to those sections of the community identified at the Steering Committee meeting on 6 May. Additionally 150 letters were distributed by the Police to local Neighbourhood Support Group Co-ordinators inviting their responses to 'issues/concerns' in the community and asking what may already be in hand that is aimed at developing a better community.

A résumé of responses received to date was shared with the Committee and it was noted that replies were open through until 2 July.

For those who had not replied by the due date, it was **agreed** that a follow-up letter be sent to cover those instances where the initial letter may not have been received or dealt with.

In a general discussion which followed, the Committee talked about utilising the community based media to better inform and promote what was being done to develop a Community Action Plan and thus let the community know of the Board's interest in wanting to work more closely with them.

The resourcing difficulties of keeping the Neighbourhood Support Group database up to date were re-emphasised and it was **agreed** that contact be made with the likes of Workbridge to see whether resources could be made available at essentially minimal cost. Dependent on the response received it may be that a case needed to be made to the Council for funding aimed at both reactivating and establishing Neighbourhood Support Groups in the Fendalton/Waimairi area, at least initially.

On the matter of a Board hosted function for Neighbourhood Support Groups, it was noted that the co-ordination of arrangements for such an event were being worked through with the Christchurch Safer Community Council.

3. SCAP FORUM

It was reported that on 10 June, a forum was held for members of the six Boards core groups and took the form of a round table sharing of views and experiences on the processes being followed and the results achieved to date.

The general feeling of members was that the progress and the direction being taken by this Steering Committee was very encouraging.

It was **agreed** that the various contributions presented at the forum be circulated to members.

4. DRAFT FORMAT FOR PLAN

It was advised that a draft format for the Board's Action Plan was currently being worked on and it was intended to submit an outline to the Committee's next meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mention was made that crime continued to rate as a real concern, especially in relation to elderly people feeling unsafe in their homes. The amount of petty crime and a noticeable increase in the incidence of graffiti was also concerning.

On the matter of graffiti, it was noted that the Council had a strategy for dealing with graffiti in public places details of which would be reported back to the Committee.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15 July 1999 at 8.00 am

The meeting concluded at 9.30 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received.