

16. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 10 NOVEMBER 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board’s consideration, the report and recommendations of the Committee meeting of 10 November as **follows**.

**Report of the Community Services Committee held on
Wednesday 10 November 1999 at 8.00 am
in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre**

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart

Yiyu Ku arrived at 8.37 am and was present for clauses 3 and 4.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Keith Nuttall, and from Yiyi Ku for lateness.

2. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 JAMES THORNE

James, a sixth form student from Middleton Grange, addressed the Committee on his experiences in recently attending the Global Youth Leaders Conference in the United States.

Members expressed their appreciation for the insights provided by James and it was **agreed** that the obvious benefits of the Conference be brought to the attention of the Christchurch Youth Council.

3. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DRAFT STRATEGY

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At its meeting on 26 October 1999, the Board decided to refer the Draft Strategy to the Committee for further consideration with power to act to respond on the Board’s behalf.

The Committee was assisted in its consideration of the strategy draft by Bill Binns (Property Asset Officer).

From the overview provided and from the resulting discussion, members indicated their endorsement of the proposed strategy.

Resolved: That the Draft Early Childhood Education Strategy be endorsed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 BRYNDWR YMCA

Further to the YMCA's presentation to the last meeting of the Committee, it was noted that a study brief was about to be prepared and would be brought back to the Committee in the first instance.

4.2 ASIAN WORKING PARTY

From the report submitted by Mike Wall and Yiyi Ku, the Board's two appointed representatives on the Working Party, it was apparent that not a lot of progress had been made in recent times to give effect to the recommendations arising from the earlier completed research.

Members agreed that the Board's present involvement as part of the Working Party, and the funding earlier allocated, should be reviewed in the event of no early progress being made.

The Community Advocate undertook to further pursue the matter.

4.3 BRYNDWR YOUTH PROJECT

At the Board meeting in September, an update report was submitted and some concern was expressed at the change in criteria and the impact that this would have on the programme's viability.

A meeting was subsequently arranged by the Management Committee with Gerry Brownlee MP, where it was advised that funding support for the Bryndwr Youth Project had been secured to enable the programme to continue to operate into 2000.

Members confirmed their interest in witnessing first hand the activity involved in the project.

Recommendation: That the information on the above matters be received.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 am

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.