

20. COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board with regard to a Nga Mata Whaka representative on the Board's funding committee.

Following the decisions made by the Community Board at its meeting on 4 August 1999, a letter has been forwarded to the Te Runaka ki Otautahi O Kai Tahu conveying the thanks of the Board for its cooperation in nominating Ms Sandy Hunt for appointment to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Funding Committee to represent the Tangata Whenua. Ms Hunt has also been written to, welcomed to the position and thanked for undertaking this important community task.

In considering this matter, the Board also resolved "that the Board investigate whether a representative of Nga Mata Whaka (ie Maori groups other than those of Kai Tahu background) should also be appointed to the Community Funding Committee.

This matter has been very carefully and sensitively discussed with Ms Brenda Lowe-Johnson, the outgoing Chair of the Community Funding Committee, to ensure that appropriate guidance is given to the Board.

Ms Lowe-Johnson offers the following thoughts for the consideration of the Board in making a decision on this very delicate question:

1. In Maori matters, the Tangata Whenua is always the first point of contact in consultation processes. In the South Island this is Kai Tahu.
2. There have been very few Maori funding applications received in recent years by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Funding Committee, despite vigorous efforts by Ms Lowe-Johnson to promote the availability of this funding source to both Maori and Pacific Island groups. In the present funding round, there were no funding requests received from Maori groups. Ms Lowe-Johnson suggests that this very small number of Maori-based funding applications does not justify a need for having an increased Maori representation on the Community Funding Committee. If the number of applications received from Maori applicant groups were to increase dramatically in the future, that may be the time to reconsider this question and to consider the possibility of additional Maori representation on the Community Funding Committee.
3. If additional community representation is desired on the Community Funding Committee, it may be appropriate for the Board to consider seeking Pacific Island representation on the Committee rather than additional Maori representation.

4. In the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi, which the Council supports, Tangata Whenua is always consulted first.

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Recommendation: That the information be received and that Ms Lowe-Johnson be thanked for her helpful guidance on this important but difficult matter.