

11. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**
-REPORT OF 19 JULY 2000



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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the following outcomes of the meeting held on 19 July.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Wednesday 19 July 2000 at 5 pm
in the Meeting Room 1, Christchurch City Council Fendalton**

PRESENT: Diana Bradley (Chairman), Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku,
Barbara Stewart, Ron Wright

Barbara Stewart left the meeting at 6.15 pm and was present for clauses 2 and 6.

Ron Wright arrived at 5.29 pm and was present for decisions on all clauses.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Keith Nuttall and Mike Wall and from Ron Wright for lateness.

2. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING POLICIES

As decided by the Board on 4 July, the draft Policy and Guidelines were referred to the Committee for consideration with power to act.

Stephen Phillips and Mary Richardson were in attendance and they assisted the Committee in its consideration of the draft papers.

The following comments/reflections on the draft Policies and Process Guidelines were identified as the Board's response for forwarding to the Council's Community Services Committee.

Community Policy

The opening policy statement (second paragraph) refers to a need to address the issues of powerlessness and deprivation.

This needs some clarification perhaps by adding the following bolded words
" ----- empowering and enabling **others to assist** those who are deprived ----
"

Goals

- either **delete or modify** the words in italics to better emphasis the principle of the Council being a facilitator.
- **add** the word **Partnership** to the Principles box.

As a general comment -include a **Bibliography**.

Page 13, 1.2 - include a reference to 'Income generating schemes' as one of the strategies.

Page 15, 2.2 - clarify in the text the concept of **compacts**

Page 17, 3.4 - find a new word for 'operationalised'

Social Wellbeing Policy

Outcomes

- **amend** as bolded, the third policy outcome bullet point to read as follows:

- **Economic outcomes that generate and distribute** sufficient wealth for all

(ie it is people and not economies that generate wealth)

Resolved: That the above comments/reflections on the draft Community and Social Well-Being Policies and Process Guidelines be forwarded to the Council's Community Services Committee.

3. BISHOPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Development Adviser which detailed existing community based initiatives being undertaken at Bishopdale School, namely Te Ropu Tamahine, ODC out of school care and the YMCA provided SPARK (Sport and Recreation for Kids) programme.

Also highlighted in the report were details of the School's programme and its action plan to strengthen the links with its parent/care giver community.

Areas of assistance needed by the School to achieve its objectives were elaborated on.

Lois Herbert the School Principal and Helen Kidd from the YMCA were in attendance to answer any questions associated with the intended programmes.

The Committee indicated its full support for the initiatives both presently underway and proposed for the future and felt therefore that the existing ODC programme should conclude at the end of August.

It was proposed that a small project team comprising School and Fendalton Advocacy Team representatives be set up to advance the intended community development initiative. In parallel, the imminent appointment of a community worker (through the ACE scheme) would also allow a range of co-ordinated programmes to be planned in the interests of the school and the adjacent community.

Recommendation: That the proposed community initiatives based at the Bishopdale Primary School along with the courses of action specified above, be endorsed.

4. BURNSIDE RESIDENTS SUPPORT GROUP – MID WINTER CONCERT

The Committee noted that the “Chase Away the Winter Blues” concert run by the Burnside Residents Support Group on 25 June had been very successful.

Recommendation: That \$1,500 be allocated from the Board’s “Community Initiatives” budget for a similar event in 2001 and further that the question of commercial sponsorship support for the event be investigated.

5. ADVOCACY TEAM PROJECTS

The Committee considered a report setting out progress on a number of current projects being worked on by the Advocacy Team. These included the Community Directory, Cotswold Preschool and Nursery and the future use of the former Fendalton Library.

A concept plan aimed at improving the entry features to the Avice Hill Reserve was tabled and supported by the Committee.

Members also noted that the “Stepping Out” Youth Employment project had, with some reluctance, been terminated by the Management Team. Local referral agencies had been unable to obtain sufficient numbers to make the course sustainable.

Mention was also made of anti-social activities occurring at the recently opened skate facility at Jellie Park and it was **agreed** that a small working team from the Committee develop possible solutions for reporting back to the Committee.

Recommendation:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the concept plan for the frontage area of the Avice Hill Reserve be adopted.

6. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS

Ray Sleeman of Tourism and Leisure Group Limited presented the key findings of Stage 1 of the research project.

Members asked a number of questions and it was noted that the next stage was for a staff project team to follow up Stage 2 tasks and report back to the Board via this Committee.

Recommendation: That the information be received and the progress to date be noted.

7. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Committee **decided** on the following meeting dates and times for the balance of the Board term.

Thursday	17 August	8 am
Thursday	21 September	8 am
Thursday	19 October	8 am
Thursday	9 November	8 am
Thursday	7 December	8 am
	January 2001 Nil	
Thursday	15 February	8 am
Thursday	22 March	8 am
Thursday	19 April	8 am
Thursday	17 May	8 am
Thursday	21 June	8 am
Thursday	19 July	8 am
Thursday	23 August	8 am
Thursday	20 September	8 am

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm

Deputy Chairman's

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