## 22. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 8 DECEMBER 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee's meeting held on 8 December as **follows**:

# Report of the Community Services Committee held on Wednesday 8 December 1999 at 8.00 am in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart
ALSO PRESENT: Val Carter (part only) Barbara Stewart arrived at 8.10 am and Sally Buck at 8.17 am. Keith Nuttall arrived at 8.32 am and was not present for

#### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Keith Nuttall.

#### 2. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

clauses 1 and 3.

The Plan as adopted by the Board on 23 November had been referred to the Committee for consideration of action now required including any recommendations for the allocation of any relevant funding.

To assist in this process a schedule was reviewed by the Committee which set out details of the various decisions made by the Board along with suggestions as to how to progress and implement the decisions.

In addition to the suggested actions points which were generally agreed to by the Committee as detailed in the schedule, the following points were noted under the respective key headings.

## A Communication

With regard to the community newsletter, there was overall agreement that the content of this publication should focus on Board and/or community information. Two issues per year was considered appropriate if it was to be supplemented with regular local media releases as well as the inclusion of local content in "City Scene" publications.

With regard to any review of Council services delivered locally, it was suggested that a customer survey could be initiated.

Officers were currently reviewing the re-establishment and setting up of liaison committees and comment was made that the composition of these committees should be varied to ensure that different people were involved.

The facilitation of neighbourhood events, for example the recently successful Burnside tree planting initiative and the forthcoming community day at the new Merivale Reserve, were supported along with an acknowledgement that these types of activities needed to be "home grown" via the community.

# **B** Neighbourhood Support Groups

The holding of an annual forum with Neighbourhood Support Groups was endorsed as was the idea of promoting the setting up of more Residents Groups through agreed publications.

The involvement of the Christchurch Safer Community Council in the conducting of police seminars on for example, crime prevention was also **agreed** to.

It was further **agreed** that the consideration of the submitted schedule be completed at the Committee's next meeting in February.

## **3.** FENDALTON LIBRARY – POSSIBLE USE OF VACATED BUILDING

With the programme for the relocation of the Fendalton Library operations to the new building scheduled for 2000, officers had now commenced a programme of consultation in the local community seeking input into future opportunities for the use of the vacated building.

With submissions due to close on 21 January, a progress report would be made back to the Committee's next meeting on 10 February.

The meeting concluded at 9.38 am

## Chairman's

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