

15. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 14 FEBRUARY 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the report and accompanying recommendations of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 14 February 2000.

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Monday 14 February 2000 at 12.00 noon in the Board Room, Sockburn Service Centre

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart, Keith Nuttall

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Diana Bradley.

2. BRYNDWR YMCA - UPDATE

The Committee was advised of a meeting held on 27 January between representatives of the Property Unit, the Fendalton Advocacy Team and the YMCA to address a modus operandi and associated timeframe in the development of a brief to progress the leisure facility proposal put forward by the YMCA last October.

Members noted that any favourable outcome from this process would firstly be dependant on consideration through the Council's Annual Plan process commencing in the 2001/02 period.

A tentative programme was outlined and in addition to keeping the Board informed, members were advised of the need to also report to the Strategy and Resources Committee at appropriate times in advance of any formal submission through the Annual Plan process.

The Committee was also made aware of contact having recently been made with other Council officers regarding other possible community facility initiatives in this area of the city and the obvious need to factor these aspects into the intended study brief still to be undertaken.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. COTSWOLD PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY UPDATE

At its meeting on 1 February the Board decided to refer the officer's update report to the Committee for further consideration and to report back with recommendations regarding possible funding scenarios to enable the Cotswold Pre-school and Nursery to acquire the St Gregory's Church Hall.

The report set out a number of funding options and these were reviewed by the Committee.

From the assessment carried out, it became clear to the Committee that Council involvement by way of direct funding support was most unlikely and that the favoured option for the Pre-school would be to source their funds other than from the Council. The Council's Metropolitan Loan Scheme was however mentioned as a possible funding source.

Staff undertook to review what possibilities may exist in utilising the \$6,000 currently made available as a rental subsidy to the Pre-school from the Advocacy Team's operational budget.

Recommendation: That the Cotswold Pre-school and Nursery be advised of the Council's Metropolitan Loan Scheme option and told that any further funding requirement would need to be applied for from sources other than the Council.

4. AVICE HILL ARTS AND CRAFT CENTRE – STATUS REPORT AND WIDENED BRIEF

It was reported that Advocacy Team staff were currently looking at the future operation and development of the complex which in part had been occasioned by the on-site co-ordinator/caretaker terminating her tenancy of the residential portion of the Centre.

As previously advised to the Board, one of the key issues to address was the apparent demand for additional space to stage and house community programmes.

A review of the resource consent and Deed of Gift issues was integral to the review and consultation meetings to seek the views of stakeholders and dialogue with other Council units was planned.

Progress reports would be made back to the Board via the Committee as required.

The extent of the proposed review was queried particularly in relation to what the provisions of the original Deed of Gift may have specified.

Officers undertook to ensure that the security of the building was not compromised now that the Co-ordinator was no longer residing in the house.

Recommendation: That the progress report be received and the expanded brief be approved.

5. FENDALTON LIBRARY FUTURE USE – CONSULTATION UPDATE

Officers reported on the progress with regard to the consultation programme and indicated that public submissions had now closed and were now being analysed and assessed as a prelude to reporting to the Board via the Committee.

Responses received were wide ranging with the common theme being for the building to be retained for community use.

Recommendation: That the progress report be received.

6. BRYNDWR STEPPING OUT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

The Community Development Adviser reported that steps were being taken to appoint a replacement Co-ordinator and that an audit of the programme to date was planned.

Mentioned was also made of the PEEPS programme operating in the Burwood/Pegasus community and staff undertook to obtain information on the scheme for reviewing by the Committee.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 1.40pm

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