

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 14 JUNE 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the following report and recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 14 June.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Wednesday 14 June 2000 at 4.15 pm
in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY FACILITIES – NEEDS STUDY

Ray Sleeman of TLG Limited presented the findings of his initial analysis of the existing community facilities in the Board's area. Stage II being the feasibility study was about to commence and the Committee would continue to be kept informed.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. BISHOPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lois Herbert, the Principal of the school, provided the Committee with details of a number of school initiatives aimed at strengthening ties and partnerships with the local community.

The dedication and commitment being shown by the school was acknowledged by the Committee. It was also noted that the school provided services to families resident in both the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui communities.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. AVONHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Committee received an overview of the various community, social and recreational initiatives being undertaken by the Church from its Principal Minister Chris Findlay and Youth Pastor Michael Treston. The operation of the Avonhead Community Trust was also elaborated on by John McFedries.

The Committee noted that the catchment of the Church extended across the Fendalton/Waimairi and Riccarton/Wigram community boundaries and that the church was located in the Riccarton/Wigram area.

Details of a community drop-in centre proposal for local youth utilising the recently completed hall facility were outlined and it was noted that funding was required to meet initial start-up costs.

The representatives of the Church were thanked for their presentation and in receiving the information it was **agreed** that further liaison should now occur with the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board/Sockburn Advocacy Team for eventual reporting back to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board via this Committee.

5. “STEPPING OUT” YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Rodney Routledge and Lynne Boyd of the “Stepping Out’ Management Team provided the Committee with an overview of the current issues surrounding the project and the assessment done of the recently completed evaluation report.

Current difficulties in obtaining referrals to the course were highlighted and this was placing real doubts on the future of the programme.

The findings of the evaluation report still needed to be reviewed by the Committee and staff undertook to report back on this aspect to the next meeting.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

6. COTSWOLD PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY UPDATE

The Committee was advised that the Preschool Management Committee had obtained a \$75,000 loan via the Council’s Metropolitan Loans Scheme and that funding for the shortfall of \$50,000 was being sought from an external Charitable Trust.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

7. BISHOPDALE COMPUTER CLUB

At its meeting on 2 May, the Board had requested further information as to how public access to youth and children’s computer services could be improved at the Bishopdale Library.

With the \$10,000 available, the Community Librarian reported that two computers could be purchased along with appropriate software, printers and furniture.

The Committee noted that whilst the opportunity to provide the community with access to computers was slightly different to the principle of the original computer club it did so in a more controlled manner. The Library would oversee community access and provide supervision including tuition.

Recommendation: That the \$10,000 (ex Bishopdale Computer Club project) be reallocated to the Bishopdale Community Library to achieve the specified outcomes referred to above.

8. BISHOPDALE OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

The Committee was asked to consider recommending to the Board approval for additional funding to sustain the Bishopdale programme for the months of July and August while an evaluation of the present contract and programme was carried out and reported back to the Committee.

Rather than terminate the current programme at the end of June approval was sought to utilise the remaining funding of \$2,928 in 1999/2000 and some funding from next year's Out of School Care budget.

The operational costs to continue the service by ODC for this period is \$5,046.

Recommendation: That the existing Out of School Care programme at the Bishopdale Primary School be continued to August 2000 and that funding be provided from the following sources:

- \$2,928 ex Bishopdale Out of School Care 1999/2000;
- \$2,118 ex Out of School Care budget 2000/2001

9. 2000 PAN PACIFIC YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Community Development Adviser informed the Committee of the background relating to the 2000 Pan Pacific Youth Exchange to be held in Osaka, Japan in September-October, involving representation from Pacific Rim countries.

The opportunity for the Board to assist in identifying suitable attendees, and any relevant funding, was referred to. One option mentioned for support was the transfer of money already allocated to the Limited Volunteer Scheme process.

It was **agreed** that possible Board funding options be explored.

The meeting concluded at 6.11 pm

Chairman's

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