

16. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 15 MARCH 2000

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The purpose of this report is to present for the Board's consideration, the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 15 March as **follows**:

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Wednesday 15 March 2000 at 8.00 am
in the Board Room, Papanui Service Centre**

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck (until 9.20 am), Yiyi Ku

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Keith Nuttall and Barbara Stewart.

2. BRYNDWR YMCA – UPDATE

At the Committee meeting on 14 February mention was made of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's intended project to engage a consult to quantify "needs" and to evaluate the feasibility of any new facilities deemed necessary in its community prior to recommending any developments to the Council.

In order that the risk of comparable and/or duplicated outcomes did not occur, the Committee was asked to consider extending the scope of the Shirley/Papanui project to incorporate an assessment of the Fendalton/Waimairi area and the Bryndwr YMCA proposal in particular.

The costs of such an exercise would be available for reporting to the Board on 28 March.

The Committee considered the idea in some detail noting that the necessary acceptances of expanding the project would need to be obtained from both the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and the YMCA.

Recommendation: That the joint needs analysis for community facilities be endorsed subject to approvals from both the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and the YMCA and further that cost details associated with extending the engagement of the consultant, be reported to the Board on 28 March.

3. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The Committee commenced the process of considering the best means of implementing the outcomes of the Plan adopted by the Board on 23 November 1999 noting that a budget of \$20,000 was available through this years Annual Plan.

For this particular meeting, the Committee focused on the 'Communication' section of the Plan with the individual elements being dealt with in the following manner.

- a) *Community Newsletter – “- an enhanced version of the present newsletter to be produced, and its effectiveness measured”*

Recommendation: That a survey of “effectiveness” be carried out in conjunction with the April/May issue of the community newsletter to be produced in a format similar to the present publication.

- b) *City Scene – “- Future issues to include more local community content”*

Recommendation: That the provision for community news in the 2000 City Scene editions be noted and the “effectiveness” of this be reviewed in late 2000 and that the Community Relations Unit be congratulated on their endeavours to include “local community” news in future editions of the paper.

- c) *Community Plan – “-the distribution of this to be reviewed together with other options for enhancing information to the community (possibly including CINCH, internet access, and a reintroduction of the earlier Community Directory”.*

Recommendation: That the review of the community contact list be noted and the extent of the distribution of the Community Plan be reviewed following the production of the 2000 edition and that officers report back on costs associated with a Community Directory and its relationship to the Council's website and CINCH.

- d) *Local Media – “-regular opportunities for ‘good news’ stories and local project happenings to be published”*

Details were submitted of a proposal to extend the circulation area of an existing local publication which would provide a regular means of conveying news to the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

Recommendation: That the enhanced opportunity for the further conveying of good news to the Fendalton/Waimairi community be noted and that the success of this be monitored over coming months.

- e) *Communication of Council Services to the Community – “-is ongoing and built around local ‘needs and aspirations’ of communities”*

The Committee agreed that the sentiment behind this statement acknowledged the role already played by the Board in dealing with matters involving the community.

- f) *Promotion (eg: Fridge Magnets) – “-this provides the opportunity to promote the Council’s/Board’s/Police services in a permanent and user friendly manner”*

Recommendation: That the idea of developing fridge magnets continue to be investigated including possible sponsorship arrangements and a refining of costs for reporting back to the Committee.

- g) *Community Liaison Committee(s) – “-to be re-established/formed to enable community agencies and the Council to share and address community issues”.*

Recommendation: That the proposed re-establishment be reported to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

- h) *Neighbourhood Street Parties/Events – “-the idea, associated with Neighbourhood Week is a very good way in promoting the cause of strengthening communities and having people generally looking out for each other. The use of promotional banners associated with such events is recommended along with appropriate advance publicity*

The general feeling of members was that neighbourhood based events were best aligned and undertaken by the likes of Neighbourhood Support Groups whereas community based events should be overseen by perhaps Residents Groups with support from the Board.

Recommendation: That the holding of neighbourhood events/activities and community based events be endorsed.

4. BURNSIDE RESIDENTS SUPPORT GROUP – COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATE

Information was submitted detailing the Burnside Residents Support Group’s initiative to stage a community musical event for local senior people to be held at the Elim Church on Sunday 25 June 2000.

The Fendalton Advocacy Team is providing some guidance although the credit for the concept and the initiative including the development of the programme rests with the Groups’ planning committee.

Recommendation: That the information be received and the funding contribution of up to \$1,750 be confirmed for the event.

5. COTSWOLD PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY UPDATE

The Committee was advised that since the Board meeting on 29 February, contact had been made with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee to discuss possible Council funding options to assist the Preschool and Nursery's purchase of its occupied building from the Church.

The most immediate practical option was for the Preschool to apply for funds under the Council's Metropolitan Loans Scheme and steps had been taken to have the Preschool complete the necessary application form for lodging by the end of March.

In parallel with this, the Church was to be approached about the possibility of extending the offer period (currently early April) to better align itself to a decision on the loan application being made by the Preschool.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 am