

17. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 19 APRIL 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 19 April as follows.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Wednesday 19 April 2000 at 8.00 am
in the Board Room, Papanui Service Centre**

PRESENT: Diana Bradley (Chairperson), Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart (part only)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Sally Buck, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

**2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING POLICY
– REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PRIORITIES**

Policy Analysts Mary Richardson and Kath Jamieson outlined the basis of the present review of the Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy and sought feedback on the re-direction now proposed.

In essence this involved an umbrella Community Well-Being Policy below which sat a number of other Council policies including a proposed Strengthening Communities policy along with an accompanying strategy for implementation.

The draft of the new policy was expected soon and Community Boards would be invited to evaluate and provide feedback on what was proposed.

Members provided the officers with some ideas and directions for inclusion in such a draft policy with an emphasis on the principle of the Council helping the community to help itself.

Recommendation: That the review process for the Community Development and Social Well-Being policy be noted including the intended Council Committee seminar on 13 June to evaluate a draft operational strategy.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING – 2000/2001

The Community Advocate reported on the likelihood of additional funding being allocated to Community Boards through an increase in “discretionary” funding to \$380,000.

This proposed sum was made up as follows:

SCAP funding	\$ 30,000	(was \$20,000)
Discretionary funding	\$ 60,000	(was \$50,000)
Project funding	<u>\$ 290,000</u>	(was \$250,000)
	<u>\$ 380,000</u>	

Although the additional funding was still subject to the finalisation of the Annual Plan, all Boards were being requested to identify their intended use for the additional funding now for later inclusion in the Plan for 2000/01.

The net amount in question was \$40,000 (excluding the added \$10,000 to discretionary funding) and the base criteria for this funding related to “*a contribution towards the funding of community worker positions within community based organisations on an on-going basis.*”

It was also noted that relevant objectives and performance indicators should be established in conjunction with any such contributions.

To give effect to this adjustment, the Committee was in agreement that the following changes be made to the schedule of projects previously adopted by the Board on 29 February:

Delete	“Bishopdale Community Trust	\$ 15,000”
Add	“Community Workers	\$ 40,000”
Increase	“Community Initiatives	from \$ 51,500 to \$ 66,500”

Recommendation: That the above adjustments be adopted.

4. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - EXPENDITURE

The Committee was asked to consider committing some or all of the \$20,000 allocated for SCAP in the current financial year in advance of final actions being determined.

It was pointed out that the Council’s likely criteria relating to carrying funds forward meant that it was unlikely that the previous approach would continue for this year.

In acknowledgement of this situation several projects were suggested to the Committee as possible candidates for early funding provision.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the principle of committing expenditure in advance of the finalisation of the 1999/00 SCAP process be endorsed.
 2. That subject to the acceptance of 1 above, a grant of \$5,000 be made to the Christchurch North Citizen's Advice Bureau for support in establishing their paid co-ordinator's position.
 3. That the Bryndwr Community Trust be contacted regarding the option of the Board providing support for funding for their community worker's position.
 4. That subject to a "need" being confirmed by the Bryndwr Community Trust, a grant of \$3,500 be made to each of the two local Community Trusts.
 5. That officers report back to the Committee on the existence of other similar Trusts operating in the Board's community.

5. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - IMPLEMENTATION

At the 15 March meeting of the Committee, consideration had been given to the key issue of "communication" with the result that a series of on-going action points were adopted by the Board on 28 March.

In furtherance of this process, the Committee dealt with the remaining "issues" identified in the adopted Plan, namely "Neighbourhood Support Groups", "community safety" and "children/youth" as follows.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	COMMENT
B. Neighbourhood Support Groups	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Forums – once or twice per year 	<p>Under the Board’s present programme for community consultation, a forum has been scheduled for 1 May. There is, however, a recent development which suggests that this forum be deferred in the meantime. (clause 6 of this report refers)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Seminars – the suggestion for the facilitation of crime prevention seminars is endorsed. Community Constables – the relationship with NSGs to be further assisted/promoted. Neighbourhood Support Groups Database – funding by Community Boards to assist the updating of this resource, and strengthened the relationship with those groups. 	<p>These matters should be included on a broad agenda for a meeting with Police representatives.</p>
C. Community Safety	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More visible (Traffic) Police. 	<p>Again, this is an item on an agenda for a meeting with Police representation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More combined cycle/pedestrian ways/routes More promotion of safer routes to schools 	<p>These matters are under on-going action through the activity of the Council’s Cycling/Pedestrian/Schools advocates.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More accessibility to the Police. 	<p>The proposed co-location of Community Constables in the new Service Centre/Library will materially assist the Police accessibility in the Fendalton area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for ‘Eye on Crime’ – this publication, based on information sharing with NSGs, provides an opportunity to address “community safety” issues, and provides appropriate support for co-ordinators. Update NSGs Database – already referred to in B above. 	<p>Again these matters are for inclusion in an agenda for a meeting with Police representatives.</p>

D. Children/Youth	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Forums – the setting up of a local Youth forum(s) in conjunction with input from the Youth forum(s) in conjunction with input from the Youth Council. • Parenting Seminars – to be facilitated where practical. 	<p>With an acknowledgement of the need for “the community” to assist the community to help themselves, this can offered to the Church Trusts, or similar, to organise.</p> <p>Again the Church Trusts could be the vehicle for organising these.</p>

- Recommendations:**
1. That the date for the hosting of an NSG Co-ordinators forum be changed in accordance with the outcome in clause 6.
 2. That the Board host a meeting with Police representatives for discussion on matters identified by the SCAP.
 3. That the Board host a meeting with representatives of the local Church Trusts and other appropriate community organisations for discussion on matters identified by the SCAP.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP SUPPORT GROUPS FORUM

The Committee was advised that recent correspondence had been received from the Papanui Police indicating that a seminar was to be held on Wednesday 3 May where consideration was to be given to the establishment of a District Committee for NSGs.

Given the timing of this seminar relative to the earlier scheduled meeting with NSG Co-ordinators, it was proposed that the meeting with Co-ordinators be deferred to await the outcomes of the 3 May seminar.

- Recommendation:** That the Board hosted NSG forum be deferred pending the known outcomes from the Police convened Seminar on 3 May 2000.

7. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS – FUTURE USE OF FENDALTON LIBRARY

The Community Development Adviser submitted a report setting out the results of the consultation process in respect of the soon to be vacated Fendalton Library.

Representatives from the Fendalton School Board of Trustees were also present to comment on the School's on-going interest with the project and in particular to reinforce a need for retained access and usage of the Fendalton Hall under existing arrangements. The School representatives also confirmed a probable interest in managing the total facility.

The officer's report elaborated on the consultation process, the operational arrangements for Fendalton Hall, planning issues and a summary of the submissions received.

Given the importance of achieving the right outcome, the Committee was unanimous in its view that a Board workshop be held to review and evaluate all the issues and options as a forerunner to reporting eventually to the Council.

At present, the possible likely options for the building were:

- a) Consider recommending that the Library facility be made available to one of the eight individual organisations that have submitted responses.
- b) Consider a division of the facilities to allow permanent occupancy of part of the space and retain facilities for casual/weekly community use. An assessment of the space required for community use would be required with the remaining made available to a suitable group.
- c) Consider recommending that the total facility be developed to allow full community access for casual, weekly or general use.

The Advocacy Team was supportive of the building being retained and developed to allow for passive use such as community meetings, tuition space for education/musical/craft activities and as a site for after school and holiday programmes with a substantial space being set aside for small group recitals offering music or theatre.

- Recommendations:**
- 1. That it be recommended to the Property Unit that the ex-Library facilities be retained for predominantly community use.
 - 2. That subject to the endorsement by the Property Unit and the Council a further report be prepared for a Board workshop to review and evaluate use options, proposed design layouts, expected development costs and sources of funding.
 - 3. That a public meeting be held to share the outcomes of the Board workshop.

8. BISHOPDALE COMPUTER CLUB PROJECT

The Community Development Adviser submitted a report regarding the proposal to establish a Bishopdale Computer Club in a foyer access storage room adjacent to the Library at the Bishopdale Community Centre. Project funding of \$10,000 had been allocated by the Board to this project.

The report highlighted some possibilities regarding a partnership proposal with the Bishopdale Library but also some limitations regarding inadequate space to set up the facility and operational and supervision constraints due to the venue's location.

From the options submitted, the Committee considered there was merit in working closely with the Bishopdale Library to investigate opportunities to enhance existing computer facilities at the Library.

Recommendation: That the Bishopdale Community Librarian be asked to investigate opportunities as to how to improve public internet to youth and children's computer services at the Bishopdale Library.

9. "STEPPING OUT" YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

A progress report was tabled on the external evaluation being carried out of the "Stepping Out" Youth Employment project.

The researcher was presently evaluating the programme and the findings of the review were due on 12 May.

As an interim measure, the Committee was asked to consider nominating a Board representative to attend the weekly meetings of the existing Management Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That the information be received.
2. That Yiyi Ku be appointed to represent the Board on the Management Committee.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 am

Chairman's

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