

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following report and recommendations of the Committee's meeting held on 21 September.

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Wednesday 20 September 2000 at 8 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck,
Keith Nuttall

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright.

1. NORTH WEST COMMUNITY FACILITIES STUDY - UPDATE

Ray Sleeman of TLG Ltd briefed the Committee on the follow-up data since the recent completion of the Needs Analysis stage.

The circulated paper addressed the issues of key facilities components, facility provision and site evaluations undertaken.

The key findings of the study so far had identified a preferred location at the Bishopdale Mall for the Fendalton/Waimairi area and at Northlands/Papanui Domain for the Papanui area.

Mr Sleeman departed the meeting at the conclusion of his presentation.

The Committee gave consideration to other related factors which supported the Bishopdale option. These being:

- Bishopdale Shopping Centre needs injection of activity, etc
- Large residential development (by Nunweek) will provide important future customer base
- Present retail/commercial development and proposed elderly persons development adjacent to existing shops will assist viability of facility
- Land adjacent (Local Purpose Reserve) can be used for new facility
- Ample car parking already provided
- Early childhood facility already exists
- Existing community facility already earmarked for review, including better location for CAB, Community Police etc
- Opportunity for enhancement of Bishopdale Library

Members endorsed a suggestion of the Council's Leisure Unit being consulted to confirm the needs and location for a leisure facility(ies) in this part of the city.

The receipt of such confirmation from the Unit would then enable a feasibility study to be requested to determine the most appropriate type and form of facility to be provided.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board favours the development of a combined facility at Bishopdale based on the above key factors.
 2. That the Leisure Unit be consulted for confirmation of the needs and location for a leisure facility.
 3. That subject to such confirmation, the Council be requested to initiate a feasibility study for a combined leisure/community/library/early childhood facility.
 4. That the YMCA be advised of the preliminary outcome from the overall study and invited to comment on the proposal.
 5. That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board be advised of the Board's views.
 6. That the matter of enhanced community access to Jellie Park Aqualand be considered by the Council's Jellie Park Subcommittee.

Note: Keith Nuttall declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this clause.

2. NORTH WEST YOUTH TRUST

Phil King of the St Margaret's Presbyterian Church Bishopdale, addressed the Committee on the proposed establishment of the North West Youth Trust, details of which had been pre-circulated to members.

Mr King elaborated on the mission statement and objectives of the proposed Trust being to provide a Christian based service aimed at children, youth and their families.

The Committee was advised that the proposed Trust would be complementary to the work of the Bishopdale Community Trust. Steps were currently under way to acquire the property adjoining the Church in which both Trusts would operate from.

Any funding support provided by the Board would be utilised to establish a youth worker position.

The Committee indicated its support for the initiative being shown by the Church.

- Recommendation:** That staff report back on funding options available to assist the establishment of the North West Youth Trust.

3. ASIAN YOUTH WORKING PARTY - UPDATE

The Community Advocate reported that a Management Committee (community based) had recently been established to carry on from the former Working Party which had concluded its deliberations. Yiyi Ku was a member of the Committee.

In due course, a Trust is to be formed to overview the on-going work and co-ordinate future funding requirements.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. FORMER FENDALTON LIBRARY

The Community Development Adviser presented an outline of the earlier submissions received from the community and described possible layout options for the interior of the building.

The Committee was also informed of the following recommendations arising out of the Projects and Property Committee meeting on 15 September to be reported to the Council on 28 September:

1. That the Fendalton Advocacy team prepare a further report for the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's consideration on proposed layouts and expected development/operational costs, including the source of funds to develop the asset for a suitable Community Activity.
2. That the costs and benefits of a community use be compared with commercial uses for the building and be the subject of a comprehensive options report in accordance with the Property Decision Making Flowchart.

The Committee was supportive of the direction proposed in 1. above but had some reservations about the appropriateness of needing to evaluate commercial uses for the building as set out in the second recommendation.

Recommendation: That the course of action set out in 1. above be noted but that the Board queries the need to evaluate commercial uses for the building.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 am.

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