

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 19 OCTOBER 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 19 October as **follows**.

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Thursday 19 October 2000 at 12 noon in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck and Keith Nuttall

1. AVONHEAD SPORT, RECREATION AND ARTS STUDY – IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Community Recreation Adviser submitted a report updating the Committee on the steps proposed to be taken by the Steering Group to progress the key recommendations arising from the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

2. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Mary Richardson, Policy Adviser, was in attendance to elaborate on the background towards developing a disability policy for the Council and to invite the Board to contribute to this process.

It was noted that at its meeting on 1 October, the Board had decided to refer this matter to the Committee.

Points noted during the ensuing discussion were as follows:

- Prevention- the cornerstone of any such policy
- Public transport –user friendly vehicles and service frequency were key issues
- Push Play and cycle safety campaigns were effective programmes marketing the “prevention” message
- Hillary Commission - seek reinstatement of funding assistance towards capital improvements
- Disability Advocate – employment of such an individual by the Council not favoured. Preference should be given to facilitating partnerships with external providers eg: Parafed, ACC and other aligned agencies and providers
- The three policy goals (as outlined in the report) are endorsed.

Recommendation: That the above recorded comments form the basis of the Board’s input into developing the proposed People With Disabilities Policy.

3. COMMUNITY GARDENS/SUSTAINABILITY

Further to earlier reports made to the Board, the Community Advocate submitted a position paper which brought together the various topics of community gardens, sustainability and strengthening communities.

The following courses of action were agreed on by the Committee as a means of further progressing these matters.

- (1) That sustainability be a theme for inclusion in the next Strengthening Community Action Plan.
- (2) That a review be undertaken of the 1999 SCAP including current/future commitments arising from it.
- (3) That steps be taken to progress the community gardens concept.
- (4) That action be taken to identify opportunities for the community to champion initiatives.

Recommendation: That the above courses of action be endorsed.

4. 'PARTY-ON' – TEENAGERS PARTY PLAN

The Community Development Adviser reported on an approach recently received for the Board to support the establishment of a teenage programme aimed at reducing out of control teenage parties.

The report noted that the initiative had the support of the Christchurch Police and details of the programme were elaborated on.

Some funding support was sought from the Board towards the initial set-up costs of the programme.

Members indicated their support for the initiative.

Recommendation: That \$566 be allocated from the Board's Community Support Seeding Fund to assist in the printing of 1000 'Party-On' brochures subject to all other costs being met either by the programme's initiator or from other sources.

5. DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION - UPDATE

The Committee was advised that stage 1 of the directory was now complete with all information gathered and logged on a data base.

Because of the number of individual listings, there was a need to extend the original size of the directory from 40 to 48 pages which would add a further \$750 to the production costs.

The directory was now with the printer and would be available for delivery in the next few weeks.

It was suggested that a function be held to celebrate the launch of the publication which could also double as an end of year acknowledgment of the very good work being undertaken by a number of organisations and agencies benefiting the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

- Recommendations:**
1. That a Board hosted function be held on Monday 20 November 2000 at 7.30 pm to launch the Directory of Community Information and to acknowledge the work carried out by agencies in the Board's area during the year.
 2. That a further \$750 be allocated from the Board's 2000/01 SCAP budget to complete the Directory of Community Information.

6. COTSWOLD PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY - UPDATE

The Committee was advised that the Pre-School and Nursery had recently concluded the purchase of its building from the St Gregory's Crèche.

Details of enhancements to be undertaken to the building including possible wider uses by the local community were also outlined.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

7. GLOBALNET.2000

Details and supporting information was submitted on the GlobalNet.2000 Summit to be held in Christchurch from 19-23 November.

It was suggested that an approach be made to the Principals of the Schools North West Cluster with a view to the Board funding up to three students to attend the Summit.

Recommendation: That contact be made with the School Principals North West Cluster regarding student attendees and that the Board provide funding of \$600 to enable up to three students to attend the GlobalNet.2000 Summit.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2000

This matter is recorded in the public excluded section of the Committee's report to the Board on 31 October 2000.

Chairman's

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