

6. OURUHIA HALL – RELOCATION TO OURUHIA MODEL SCHOOL, TURNERS ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request from the Ouruhia Hall Committee seeking approval to relocate the Ouruhia Hall from its present site on Guthries Road to the Ouruhia Model School, Turners Road.

The Board will recall a deputation from the Ouruhia Hall Committee at its meeting of 1 November regarding the possible relocation of the hall to Ouruhia Model School, Turners Road.

Reasons given for this request included the down turn in the use of the Hall resulting in the loss of revenue which was depleting cash reserves. An opportunity was seen in relocating the Hall to the school, which has no hall, and retain a community facility in the area.

The Board asked at the meeting for a report on the feasibility of relocating the Hall. Attached is a copy of the report from the Council's Property Unit.

On 26 March 2001 a meeting was held with Board members from the Papanui Ward, representatives from the Hall Committee and a representative from the school's Board of Trustees. The contents of the report were discussed along with various options about the future of the Hall. It was decided that the Hall Committee write (see attached) to the Board and Council seeking approval in principle for the relocation of the Hall. The school has advised it will pay for the costs involved in determining the feasibility and financial consequences of the shift.

The Council's process for reviewing community facilities is being followed.

Recommendation: That the Board support in principle the relocation of the Hall subject to the following:

1. Staff investigating whether the lease agreement and/or any other encumbrances allow the relocation of the Hall.
2. That the school pay the costs of the feasibility study of the relocation of the Hall.
3. That the community be consulted on the proposed move should the study show that the relocation is financially and physically feasible.
4. That the School be responsible for the cost of relocation and reinstatement of the Hall.
5. That should relocation of the Hall proceed, a new constitution be drawn up between the school and the community, guaranteeing ongoing community use of the Hall.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board supports in principle the proposed relocation of the Hall subject to consideration of the report requested.