

15. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 19 JULY 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration, the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee's 19 July 2001 meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Thursday 19 July 2001 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright

Diana Bradley left the meeting at 9.02am and was present for Clauses 1 and 2 only.

1. FENDALTON SCHOOL – OUT OF SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

The Community Development Adviser reported recommending the Board's support for a proposed Fendalton Out of School Care and Recreation Programme (FOSCAR).

Steven Boyd as representative of the FOSCAR Management Committee was in attendance to assist the discussion by the Committee.

The Community Development Adviser advised that a Parent Management Committee had recently been established and that this had the support of the School's Board of Trustees and staff. The Management Committee had, while researching the programme amongst Fendalton School parents, identified that there would be approximately 70 families that could support the programme. It was also noted that additional support was received from Burnside, Aorangi and Wairakei Schools.

The Management Committee had proposed to commence the programme at the start of the fourth term, and it was intended to start with two paid Supervisors and accept a roll of approximately 20 children. Some difficulties were however being experienced in establishing a suitable venue for the programme, and in particular the Management Committee had expressed a strong interest in the use of the ex Library building adjacent to the School.

The report recommended that a sum of \$16,200 of Council funding would be required to support the establishment of the programme, and this would leave the Committee with the responsibility to source the remaining \$4,300 as shortfall in the funding required.

The Community Development Adviser reported that he had endeavoured to obtain funds from the Council's corporate Out of School Programme funds but had been advised that there was no priority for the Fendalton/Waimairi community because of the few low decile schools in the community. Members expressed concern at this policy providing for an unfair allocation across the city and briefly considered the means whereby representation could be made to ensure that equal opportunity would be provided irrespective of the decile rating of schools.

Members also expressed concern at the delays presently being experienced with the decision on the future use of the ex Library, and Ron Wright agreed that he would follow up on this matter as soon as possible.

On the matter of funding availability it was agreed that a supplementary report be provided directly to the Board meeting on the source of the money requested from the Board.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board supports FOSCAR's application for a \$6,850 allocation from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Development Scheme.
 2. That subject to a suitable facility being obtained, consideration be given to assisting FOSCAR with a \$5,700 grant to meet the management committee's initial staff wage costs, subject to identifying the source of funds at the 31 July Board meeting.

3. That the Community Advocate monitor FOSCAR's search for a suitable facility and report back to the Board if this is not achieved by March 2002.
4. That the Board agree in principle that should the ex-Fendalton Library be retained for community purposes that favourable consideration be given to establishing FOSCAR's programme in the facility.
5. That the management committee of FOSCAR be asked to provide a report outlining its first term of operation should it commence in Term 4 2001.

2. BURNSIDE/BRYNDWR YOUTH STUDY

Tansy Simpson, Project Youth Worker, was in attendance to brief the Committee and address the issues raised in the study and John Harrington and Bruce Horsley were also in attendance to assist discussion on this matter.

Members complimented Tansy on the work in preparing the report and identifying the issues in the community.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Community Development Adviser reported that the intention was that the report be received at this stage and that the various recommendations should be worked through in due course. Members agreed that it could be appropriate to have a Working Party consider the review of the issues and recommendations raised.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received and that Tansy Simpson and the Project Management Team from the Christchurch YMCA and the Canterbury Youth Collective be thanked for their supporting role in the project.
 2. That a Working Party comprising members of the Community Services Committee give further consideration to the recommendations and issues outlined in the report.

3. SCAP 2001/02

The Community Development Adviser reported providing background to the first Plan, adopted in November 1999, and the various outcomes and actions arising from that.

The Community Development Adviser also reported that the Council's intention was that SCAP Plan's be reviewed from time to time and that it was important that a new Plan be formulated to identify new initiatives, including social community support services, and local community agencies, in conjunction with the present social mapping project currently being undertaken by the Advocacy Team.

The Committee agreed that it was appropriate that work on a further Plan be initiated and that the proposed membership listed, together with appropriate Board representation, should comprise the new SCAP Committee.

In the course of discussion on this matter the Committee considered the current delays with the proposal for a multiuse facility at Bishopdale in conjunction with the YMCA, and agreed that it was important that early work be recommenced on this project with a view to evolving concept for later discussion, costing and recommendation to Council.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the review of the current Fendalton/Waimairi Strengthening Community Action Plan be received.
 2. That the membership of the Fendalton/Waimairi SCAP Committee consist of representatives from the five organisations listed in the report along with four Board members.

3. That the Fendalton/Waimairi SCAP Committee assisted by members of Fendalton's Advocacy Team, commence developing a plan for the 2001/2002 period.
4. That the Committee initiate early discussion with representatives of the YMCA with a view to developing a concept and related costs for the multiuse facility proposed for Bishopdale.

(Note: Keith Nuttall declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion and voting on consideration of the matter of the Bishopdale multiuse facility)

5. CANTERBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT INC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

The Committee noted that the matter of representation, from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community, on the new Regional Committee had not yet been finalised.

It was agreed that the current interim representatives should now be confirmed as the two community representatives on the Committee.

Recommendation: That Gloria Chandler and Tudor Owen be confirmed as the two community representatives on Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc.

The meeting concluded at 9.32am

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