

25. SUPPORT FOR BRYNDWR COMMUNITY

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Discussions have been held recently with Mr Garry Jeffrey, Chairman of the Bryndwr Combined Churches Support Trust regarding the opportunity for the Board to support a Community Worker in the Bryndwr area.

Members will recall that the Council has allocated the sum of \$40,000 per year for the years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 to enable Community Boards to provide support for Community Workers engaged by local community organisations in their respective communities.

Members will also recall that, to date, the Board has allocated funding to assist a Community worker, engaged by the Bishopdale Churches Trust, and also to assist a Community Worker, engaged by the YMCA to identify youth issues in the Bryndwr Burnside area.

To give best effect to the ongoing allocation of this funding the Community Development Adviser had earlier advised the Board that he was to conduct a “social mapping” exercise which would provide the means to identify those areas (and organisations) where the best use of the fund could be made. Because of his unfortunate absence recently this exercise has not advanced to the stage where full recommendations on the ongoing allocation can be made. The full report may not be available now for a further two or three months.

Notwithstanding the absence of this information, the needs of the Bryndwr community have been identified through earlier research, and the activities of the Bryndwr Combined Churches Support Trust are reasonably well known. There would therefore seem to be good reason for support to be provided to the Trust.

A specific request from the Trust is expected prior to the Board meeting on 5 June, and a further report on this matter will either be pre-circulated to Members or tabled at the meeting.