

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 7 FEBRUARY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Committee meeting held on 7 February as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Thursday 7 February 2001 at 8:00am in Meeting Room 1,
CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Cheryl Colley (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Mike Wall

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. YOUTH FOREVER CLUB

The Committee was advised that the Youth Forever Club was facilitating the establishment of support structures to meet the social and recreational needs of refugee and immigrant Arab, Greek and African youth from 81 families. In conjunction with these identified youth needs, the Advocacy Team favoured the establishment of a parent support group to assist with induction into the community and to help identify concerns as well as providing support for their youth culture.

Supporting information on the proposal was circulated including an indication of funding needs.

Members expressed the view that an opportunity existed to facilitate the bringing together of such support whereby like issues could be addressed for the various cultures thereby avoiding a possible duplication in relation to resource and funding requirements.

Officers, though, were encouraged to continue to work with the group and to keep the Board informed.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. YOUTH WORKERS FORUM

The Community Development Adviser reported that a meeting of Fendalton/Waimairi Youth Workers was to be held on 11 February to consider the outcomes of the Burnside/Bryndwr Youth Study completed at the end of last year.

George Hampton indicated an interest in attending the meeting and this was **agreed** to by the Committee.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The Committee considered a detailed position paper that brought together a range of community development based information as an assist for the Board to develop its planning strategies to meet community goals and objectives.

The report set out details of the Council's Social Wellbeing Policies and of the Board's existing commitment in relation to overseeing the running of the four Council owned community facilities in Fendalton/Waimairi. Ongoing budgetary allocations to local based community groups and organisations were highlighted.

Members expressed their appreciation for the “bringing together” of this information to help in the ongoing work of the Committee.

In addressing the outcomes of the recently completed Social/Community Services Mapping Project, the Committee gave consideration to the role of the SCAP Committee in this work and as a result, the following tasks and responsibilities were **agreed** on for recommending to the Board.

TASK	RESPONSIBILITY
a) Immigrant/Refugee Facilitate the improvement of induction programmes and reducing social isolation.	Board
b) Parenting Skill Education Facilitate opportunities in partnership with local agencies	SCAP
c) Drug and Alcohol No active involvement proposed.	N/A
d) Holiday Programmes Continue to support existing initiatives.	Board
e) Peer Support Facilitate opportunities in partnership with local agencies.	SCAP
f) Mentoring Support Facilitate opportunities in partnership with local agencies.	SCAP
g) Promoting Parent Advocacy/Support Services Facilitate opportunities in partnership with local agencies.	SCAP
h) Education (Community) Encourage participation by external agencies to deliver local opportunities.	Board
i) Promoting Available Services Assist access promotion of existing services.	SCAP
j) Promotion of Partnership Opportunities Consider opportunities as they arise.	Board
k) Promote Volunteerism Consider opportunities and support requests from existing agencies as they arise.	Board

Membership of the SCAP Committee was also discussed and it was **agreed** that Sally Buck be added as a Board representative on that Committee.

Members reiterated their interest in having a set of guidelines/criteria developed in the form of a matrix to assist in the ongoing setting of funding priorities and allocations to community and social service providers in the Board’s community.

Other general issues arising during the discussion and for latter consideration by the Committee included the provision of more art works in the community, addressing community safety issues and focusing on the needs of the elderly/third age.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the position report on community development in Fendalton/Waimairi be received.
 2. That the tasks and responsibilities as detailed above be confirmed for ongoing attention and actioning by the Board.
 3. That Sally Buck be added as a Board representative on the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee.

5. WOMEN’S SOCIAL ESOL GROUP

The Committee was asked to support a grant being made to assist with the tutor/facilitator and childcare supervisor costs.

In indicating general support for the funding request, members again made mention of the need to utilise a matrix approach to guide the Board in its decision making on such requests. As an example the development of a formula say based on session attendances was suggested and in so doing outcomes achieved would then become the focus of any Board assistance.

Staff undertook to develop such a process and report back to the Committee in the first instance.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$2,000 be made from the Community Initiatives vote to the Bishopdale Y's, Women's Social ESOL Group to assist with tutor/facilitator and childcare supervisor costs.

6. AVICE HILL RESERVE - GET CRAFTY EVENT – CANCELLATION

The Community Recreation Adviser reported that the event scheduled for Waitangi Day was unfortunately cancelled due to the bad weather.

Costs of \$3,000 had been incurred and these could not be recouped. However a balance of \$3,000 remained and a proposal for its reallocation would be submitted to the next Board Meeting on 26 February.

The meeting concluded at 9.20am.

Chairman's

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