

8. OURUHIA HALL

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The purpose of this report is to organise a further public meeting with the residents of Ouruhia and other interested parties to discuss the future of the Ouruhia Hall as agreed at a meeting on 20 August 2001.

The board will recall the public meeting held at the Ouruhia Hall on 20 August 2001 where various options regarding the possible futures of the Hall were discussed. These included relocation of the Hall to the Ouruhia School on Turners Road, the lease of the hall to other groups and status quo.

A survey of all those attending the meeting gave no clear answer on a preferred future of the hall. Attached are copies of the survey form and a summary of the answers to questions 1, 4 and 6. Also attached is a copy of the comments from the floor recorded at the meeting on wall charts.

It is suggested that the next step would be to hold a further meeting, as agreed, in an effort to get a clear indication on the community's preference with regard to the hall's future. This is especially important in view of indicated necessary upgrades to the premises. This includes upgrading of the toilets to meet current standards and the renewal of the hall's flooring. There is a need to ensure that these works are included in the appropriate budgets.

Recommendation: That the Board set a date for a public meeting to discuss the Ouruhia Hall.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That a meeting take place on Tuesday, 26 February at 7.30 pm in the Ouruhia Hall.