

12. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 18 JUNE 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the report and recommendations of the Committee as follows.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Tuesday 18 June 2002 at 8.00 am
at Bishopdale School, Greers Road**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Sally Buck and George Hampton (both for lateness).

2. BURNSIDE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION TRUST

The Committee had before it a report which provided information relating to the establishment of the above Trust, and a request for funding support for the engagement of a community worker for the Trust.

Rev. Peter Minson (St. Timothy's) and Shane Hollis (Community Worker) were in attendance to inform Members of progress to date and to advise on the catchment covered by the Trust and the number of Churches/Schools that would be covered in the area.

The Committee noted the extent of work already underway and acknowledged the initiative aimed at fostering community growth and upskilling, creating closer ties particularly with newly arrived groups/individuals, and providing a liaison and advocacy role in the community.

Members considered a recommendation from the Community Development Adviser for the use of some 2002/03 Community Worker funding not now required (via the 14 May Committee meeting, and the 4 June Board meeting), together with some additional funds still available from the 2001/02 allocations, for financial support for the Trust.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board acknowledge its support for the establishment of the Burnside Transformation Trust.
 2. That the Board support the establishment of the Burnside Community Worker position as outlined in the report.
 3. That subject to the Parish of Burnside accepting a contract proposal the Board approve the allocation of \$14,560 from the following funding sources:

2002/03 Community Worker Vote –	
CDC/Burnside High (not now required)	5,000
Christchurch YMCA (not now required)	2,560
2001/02 Community Support Seeding fund	7,000
	<u>\$14,560</u>

3. COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAMPION

The Committee was in receipt of a report recommending the appointment of a "Community Garden Champion" to promote community gardens and help oversee the co-ordination and integration of initiatives with similar aims in the Board area and across the city.

The background report provided progress in the development of community gardens in Christchurch, and referred also to ongoing efforts being made toward assisting the Council to meet its education and waste reduction goals in the city. Eric Park (Sustainable Christchurch Leader, CCC) was in attendance to assist the Committee with understanding the intention for

appointment of a champion. Members did not support the idea of appointing a Community Gardens Champion, preferring instead to provide ongoing support to efforts by the community to initiate their own programmes.

It was, however, agreed to write to local groups to draw attention to the opportunity for the community garden initiative.

Recommendation: That the Board support community initiatives from local groups to enhance, improve their neighbourhood through such things as Community Gardens, local initiatives, sports and neighbourhood facilities.

4. BISHOPDALE COMMUNITY TRUST

Eric Park (Chairman), and Suzanne Sanderson (Community Worker), from the Trust were in attendance to report on recent progress with work of the Trust in the Bishopdale community. The opportunity was also taken to introduce a number of other colleagues associated with the Trust.

Of particular interest was the contribution to a number of programmes initiated by the Trust, and the most positive responses from participants in the programmes.

Members were complimentary of the Trust's action in expanding its activities since commencement, and for the most responsible approach to funding needs and for the wider support gathered.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5. BISHOPDALE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

At an earlier meeting of the Committee it was agreed that Members should visit a number of community organisations, receiving financial support from the Board, to see first hand the extent of work undertaken by individual projects. The visit to Bishopdale School represented the first in the current round of "outreach".

Lois Herbert (Principal) thanked the Board for its ongoing support, and spoke of the national interest currently being shown in this particular project. Lois provided information on a number of techniques used for engaging and understanding the community, and gave some examples of recent activity in supporting parents in the community.

Particular difficulties with servicing the School were instanced by reference to the extent of special needs required, and the high turnover within the School.

Members noted the high success rate being achieved through the projects activities.

The Committee adjourned to observe a number of indoor SPARK activities provided by the programme.

The meeting concluded at 10.05am and Members joined with representatives of the programme for morning tea. The Committee Chairman thanked all for the contribution to the programme and noted that the Board should continue to provide support for these initiatives.

Deputy Chairman's

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