

7. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**- REPORT OF 12 JULY 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's 12 July meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee  
held on Friday 12 July 2002 at 8.30 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Barbara Stewart

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Mike Wall

**2. COMMUNITY FUNDING REVIEW**

Martin Maguire (Community Advocate, Sockburn) and Denise Galloway (Community Development Adviser, Sockburn) were in attendance with the intention to gather feedback from Members on the strengths and weaknesses of the Council's present commitment to "community funding". The Committee was presented with a summary of the particular funding streams which were subject to the Council review.

The Committee contributed to the exercise of evaluating the positives and negatives of the Council's various funding initiatives, and the Council's overall commitment to the financial support currently being provided. A copy of the outcomes from the brainstorming exercise is **attached** for information.

In general terms, the Committee agreed that it was important that funding should be matched by definite output requirements, that it was necessary to guard against "double dipping" processes, and that the Council should be careful not to support the abrogation of Central Government responsibilities.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**3. OUT OF SCHOOL CARE – 2002/03**

a) **St Patrick's School After School Care**

Steve Addison, John Lovett, and Rob Spiers attended before the Committee in support of the request for support for a necessary move of their dedicated facility to an alternative site within the school property.

The Committee had before it a proposal which outlined three options (and costs) by which the relocation could be achieved.

The deputation informed the Committee of other measures, including fundraising, being pursued to obtain funds necessary for the relocation. The deputation also advised of the success of their after school programme during recent years, and informed Members of the charges for families participating in the programme.

While noting the deputation's interest in receiving an operational grant to assist the project, Members suggested that a further option may be for the Board to provide support via a financial loan, subject to normal Council conditions. Members of the deputation replied by advising that they had no present mandate from the programme for this option, but that this could be considered in further discussion with the School's Board of Trustees.

The deputation then left the meeting.

Members briefly discussed the options available and the Committee agreed that there should be further consideration of the loan option.

**Recommendation:** That the Board provide assistance to the group with a preference being for allocating loan finance, and that Officers report directly to the 30 July Board meeting on details and conditions of such loan arrangements including in particular the period for repayment, and based on a loan sum of \$10,000.

b) **Kendal Kids World OSP**

The Community Development Adviser elaborated, further to the report, on the current restructuring in hand with the operations of this programme.

The Committee noted that further information on the programme would be submitted to the Committee in August.

c) **Overall Funding for 2002/03**

The Committee noted that the Community Development Adviser proposed that current updates be received from each of the out of school programmes currently being supported by the Board and that this would assist the Committee, at its August meeting, with determining support allocations for the 2002/03 year.

**4. LIFE COACH PROGRAMME**

The Community Development Adviser reported on progress with the Board assisted St Christopher's Life Coach Programme.

The Committee noted that the mentoring programme had been successfully initiated in conjunction with Breens Intermediate School, where a range of adults had been matched with selected youth identified as in need of extra one on one encouragement.

**5. "ART BEAT" YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME  
"LETS GO" YOUTH TERM PROGRAMME  
"LIVE WIRES" YOUTH PROGRAMME  
RAPID YOUTH FESTIVAL**

The Community Recreation Adviser reported on each of the above 2001/02 programmes which had received Board funding support.

While each programme had been considered to be most successful and well received, it was noted that there had been some recent difficulties requiring the cancellation of afternoon sessions during this years July "Lets Go" programme.

The Committee noted that the YMCA managed programmes illustrated good examples of "purchasing services" which had been the subject of an outcome during earlier community funding review discussions.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am

**Deputy Chairman's**

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