

3. GAIN FUNDING

The Community Advocate reports:-

“This matter has been the subject of much discussion by the Committee over recent months, particularly in respect of requests from the GAIN Co-ordinator for an acknowledgment of payment for programmes which did not proceed. It will be remembered here that earlier claims related to the cost of “administration” necessary through the planning process for such programmes.

Recently a further approach has been received from the GAIN Co-ordinator, and a follow up communication (see **attached**) has now been received.

It will be noted that there are two matters raised for further consideration i.e. the cost acknowledgement for the failed programmes, and a relaxation of the deadline for completing the ten programmes “contracted”.

As far as the deadline is concerned the extension of this to the end of the school year does not seem to be a problem, and should therefore be approved. The positive interest being shown for further programmes suggests that the overall programme should be allowed to run its course.

The matter of the “administration” cost for the failed programmes has been reviewed by the Committee Chairman, and the Board Chairman, with the writer and the Community Development Adviser (Vicki Mathieson) present. While acknowledging that the overall programme has not met the original target set, there is a view that payment could be made in partial recompense for the costs incurred in endeavouring to establish those programmes.

The Chairs are however of a view to recommend that this payment be a “one off” payment only, and this should not set a precedent for any future unsuccessful programme arrangements.

Chairs’

- Recommendations:**
1. That a one-off payment of \$1,200 be made to GAIN Canterbury in acknowledgement of difficulties experienced in establishing earlier programmes.
 2. That approval be given for an extension of the deadline to the end of the 2004 school year to complete the delivery of the “contract” for ten programmes in the north-west area.”