STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Community Services Manager

REFERENCE: 31931L2

DATE: 27 March 2007

SUBJECT: Tasman Volleyball Brightwater Facility

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To inform the Committee of a request received from the Tasman Volleyball Association for a reduction in pan charges and for their outstanding balance of loan funds to be converted to a grant.

BACKGROUND

The Tasman Volleyball Association converted the Brightwater Bowling Club into a facility for volleyball four years ago. This was facilitated through a Council grant of \$17,000 for sand and building alterations, and \$3,000 toward the landscaping. On top of this a loan of \$7,000 for four years was approved by Council, with the current outstanding balance being \$3,981.30.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Tasman Volleyball Association has recently advised us that although they have large numbers playing throughout the District, they are struggling financially. They have also indicated that there is a need to employ a student to help run competitions and events.

To assist with the Associations financial situation, they have requested that the balance of their loan be converted to a grant. If the loan did not have to be repaid, they would be able to use the money set aside for these repayments to employ a student.

As this is a Waimea Ward issue, the Moutere/Waimea Councillors have been asked to consider this matter and make a recommendation to this Committee.

OPTIONS

- 1 To decline the request
- 2 To convert the loan balance to a loan

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a decision on the request from Tasman Volleyball Association for their outstanding loan balance of \$3,981.30 to be converted to a grant be based on the recommendation of the Ward Councillors.

Lloyd Kennedy Manager Community Services

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