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Attention Andrew Pollock

Re : Hillary Commission Loan

We have recently recommenced monthly repayments of \$1735.61 against our loan and are fully appreciative of the freeze of 12 months given to us by Council . We would however ask if you could possibly put to Council a request that they consider changing the balance outstanding from a loan to a grant.

Bowling Clubs are, like most sports clubs, experiencing difficulties in maintaining membership numbers and this Club is no exception. However we have the advantage of being small enough to be innovative given the funds . We propose to do what the larger Clubs in this area cant do and that is to change our competition play to nights. With the floodlights already in place we would look to run Bowls from 6-9 or thereabouts in the evenings and thus cater for bowlers who through either work or family commitments find it difficult to put aside all weekend to bowl. This move would hopefully bring new members into the Club as well as providing for older members to bowl in the cooler hours of the day.

The Club has over the three years since the clubhouse was built managed to raise sufficient funds to provide up to date furnishings, equipment and security and thus enabled the community to take advantage of a clean, comfortable and attractive setting in which to stage their functions. The outside usage is growing all the time. Besides providing free use of the clubhouse to the Waitakere Touch Module operating from adjacent Pringle Park, the West Auckland branch of the Primary Care Service, the local fire brigade and the off-road committee we have made it available to individuals for weddings etc. The Primary Care Service will be using the rooms for all their seminars and meetings held for the doctors in this area. The last evening seminar was attended by over 80 doctors and administrators.

The clubrooms are an asset to the area and we anticipate that more and more use will be made of the building by both groups and individuals. The facility is licensed for up to 120 people and this makes it a convenient size without being restrictive. The ambience is one that appeals to all who have used it from those attending 60th wedding anniversaries to the young people relaxing after their touch finals and enjoying the relaxation of a friendly informal game of bowls.

We do not employ staff and the club is run entirely by volunteers from the administration and accounting to the cleaning and greenkeeping all give their services free in order that the Club may survive. The past year has shown that without expansion or change we can just manage to do this but if Council changed this loan to a grant we would have the chance to move on in a way that enabled us to grow and change with what is a changing Te Atatu Peninsula whilst retaining the traditional values of lawn bowls.

Yours faithfully



Warwick P Thompson
PRINGLE PARK BOWLING CLUB

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