

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2005 AT 9.00AM IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chairperson), Mayor K Heays, Councillors S Thomas, B Woods, M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-Ordinator), S Chapman (Public Health Nurse), J Bolton (Te Whare Putea), C MacKenzie (District Nurse).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), L Campbell (Families Commission), M Hislop, L Moffatt (RTLB), R Smith (NZ Police), T McCowan (Order of St John), C Hartley, L Batty (Land Transport New Zealand), D Buurman (Encounter Kaikoura), C Barton (Kaikoura New Life Centre), T Ayson (Kaikoura Star).

**APOLOGIES:** N Doney (Family & Community Services), D Wright (Order of St John), C Cowen (Te Whare Putea), M Unahi (CCS)

*Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by M Burdon and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Amendment to Minutes of 13/07/05**

It was requested "for family units" be added to the end of paragraph one of item one on page one of the minutes of 13 July 2005.

**2. MINUTES UPDATE LIST**

**Education of Truck Companies**

The Road Safety Officer advised a meeting was scheduled with representative of various trucking firms, at which time he would report back to the committee.

**3. FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Lynne Campbell, Commissioner for Families, provided the committee with an update on services available. She advised following the last election, the Labour party had made the decision to have a Parenting Council due to concern regarding quality parenting. She advised the Families Commission was a dedicated body which was well resourced and able to advocate for families across New Zealand.

A Statement of Intention was tabled and outlined. It was noted \$30million was provided by the Government for parenting/community groups and programmes. The key issues identified for the next five years were:

- The changing nature of the family
- Promoting positive parenting and development
- Combating family violence
- Family balance – Work/Home
- Promoting Pacific families
- Supporting adjustment and settlement of migrant families.

L Campbell advised the Commission's focus was on families with older members and families with disabilities. She advised within the next year the Commission was hoping to get feedback from groups such as Social Services Committees as to where the Families Commission could help their region. She advised there was an enormously strong intent from the commissioners to really make a difference and to avoid a bureaucratic talk-fest. A partnership had recently been formed with Christchurch Polytechnic as had a website based on empowering families.

Councillor Woods advised she was delighted the Commission had come to speak with the Committee, further noting it was an issue that had needed addressing since she was a teenager.

#### ***4. LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND***

Lynne Batty, Regional Educational Advisor for Land Transport New Zealand was present to provide the committee with an update. She advised Land Transport New Zealand was formed in December 2004 following the amalgamation of Land Transport Safety Authority and Land Transport New Zealand.

She advised her main role was the monitoring of contracts, and to provide support, advice and information to Local Authorities.

The two main objectives were safety and sustainability, and working toward safety and sustainability in transport networks. She noted there had been a lot of interest in truck crashes on State Highway One. Issues such as this were best addressed by Transit New Zealand, and a team had been bought together to promote the three "E's" being Education, Enforcement and Engineering. She advised the team was led by Transit and would look at high risk areas such as Kaikoura. A tour of the Kaikoura district was scheduled for later in the month where the team would be identifying the problems and areas.

A pamphlet was tabled, entitled "What's different about driving in New Zealand", with 50,000 copies printed and ready for distribution to as many networks as possible such as car rental companies.

Mayor Heays commended the brochure being distributed and suggested it be compulsory for car hire companies to include brochures in all vehicles. He further suggested hire companies be educated on how to educate drivers prior to renting vehicles.

L Batty advised with the change in the organization there was now a southern transport manager with issues such as this coming to the forefront. She advised they had looked at getting the brochures into aircrafts and that they were currently being distributed at airports.

Councillor Woods noted as the majority of travelers arrived into the country via air and everyone was required to fill in a declaration upon arrival, it should be mandatory through Accident Compensation Commission to have a pass test on knowledge of driving. L Batty suggested the Committee write to it's local politician regarding this.

D Buurman advised with all the recent and past truck crashes in the Kaikoura district, the local community was very very concerned especially as it had been portrayed in the media as being the fault of the coastline and the state of the road. Kaikoura people were rather passionate about their coast line and very very concerned that the coastline was being blamed. From the community's perspective, it was not so much the roads, but the number of trucks and the lack of ability that was causing a lot of the crashes as statistics pointed that most of the problem was driver error. L Batty proposed that the committee invite an engineer and a regulatory services person to the next meeting following the pending site visit.

D Buurman advised the truck issue was not going to go away as the recent ferry that had been commissioned by Interislander had no rail facility but plenty of truck area.

Councillor Woods asked what was happening nationally toward putting freight back on to rail, further noting putting freight on rail appeared to not be being looked at since the new ferry was not equipped to deal with rail freight. L Batty advised while she was unable to address that issue, she would take it back to Land Transport and find out.

## ***5. MAYOR'S UPDATE***

Mayor Heays provided a verbal update to the Committee. He advised he had recently attended the Local Government Conference where he had spent most time at social well-being workshops and had gathered a lot of information as to what other Councils were doing. He advised he would be involved with the upcoming highway safety tour along with Councillors B Seddon and M Pablecheque.

Mayor Heays advised he had also recently attended a presentation by two medical experts on fluoridation in the community which was well presented and informative and advised he would like to revisit the investigation of fluoridation within Kaikoura's water supply, especially as Council had recently sourced a new water supply. Mayor Heays advised he would investigate the matter further and invite the speakers to a future Social Services Committee meeting. Councillor Thomas advised he would like to see those that were not in support of fluoridation also present to the Committee.

## **6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATE**

### **Housing Sub-committee**

Council staff have formed a project team, joined by Barbara Woods/Margaret Hislop to have community input; CEO = Project Sponsor & Gallo Saidy (engineer) = Project Manager. Task to develop project brief & gather info for HNZA i.e. site plans, photographs. Will be meeting regularly with HNZA Wellington staff, probably end of month. Myself in liaison role; looking for assistance with development of policy and criteria for "social housing", will be going to other TLAs & NGOs and housing sub-committee members we need as ongoing ref group

### **Family Violence Network**

Completed a financial and written accountability report today for Crime Prevention Unit who fund coordination of network 5 hours per week (and a project run by Te Tai O Marokura – Court Support, accounted for separately); have requested funding for next financial year. Also awaiting signed Memorandum of Agreement by Blenheim based agency managers to secure funding from CY&F for local Te Rito project. If not accepted, agencies will not pursue. Very clear from recently reported incidents of family violence that the community agencies need to take a greater role in developing both awareness of what constitutes family violence and what services are available, in order to provide a strategic and integrated response.

### **Early Childhood/Parenting project**

Carol Cumpstone from Barnardos has pulled the application together. Collaborative group but want to ensure the project meets the range of parenting needs locally, including cultural

### **LTCCP**

Have attended another meeting of the Canterbury Community Outcome project Group (all of TLAs & Ecan represented) who are pulling together indicators and measures of four well beings, which individual councils/communities can utilize for reporting on. Dept of Internal Affairs & Min of Social Dev, also organizing regional meetings to identify government agencies responsible for meeting "community outcomes". Have minutes from local well being workshop organized by Kevin and can distribute as people think useful (also need a record of consultation)

### **Adult and Community Education**

Paul McGahan advertising courses organized via newspaper & KDC website. Also concerns expressed re changes to criteria for & funding of "lifelong learning" driven by the Tertiary Education Commission, in future may end up with only tertiary institutions (who may not have links/relationship with this community). There are time restraints for me in attending the North Canterbury ACE meetings (in Cheviot) so important that local concerns are noted.

## **EVADES**

Education against Violence, Alcohol, Drugs and Sex:

Initiated at High School, Public Health Nurse, Youth Workers & Te Tai O Marokura staff involved. Principal has requested my involvement, and am happy to support broader community involvement and resourcing of project, especially in Strengthening Families and Family Violence roles. A social afternoon is planned for Wed 17 August in school library for group to share their goals, are inviting community to support initiative (RSVP)

### **Information Sharing/Notices**

*Strengthening Families:* Had 2 more referrals and 1 meeting. We are using procedures being adopted throughout Canterbury; Will be a half-day gathering soon for former and recently trained facilitators; National trainer has been asked to provide another 3 days for locals - Oct 4,5,6

*Community networkers:* next meeting will be in new Heartlands venue; Also 2 of Papanui based Family Mental Health staff attended yesterday's meeting at our request – however service is under review again. Also CHCH Family Planning been followed up re increasing service to youth.

*Community Internship programme:* “is a skill-sharing and capacity building scheme via Local Govt & Internal Affairs providing grants for placing experienced and skilled people from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors on short-medium term internships with host community organizations”. I am looking at this information in light of initiatives that are developing and if there are enough supports to use this scheme. Applications close Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, will also get onto Council website.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Youth Council**

Carlton Barton advised he was employed by Kaikoura New Life Church to offer programmes for the youth and the wider community. He advised he had taken up the Youth Council at the end of last term, which was solely for the purpose of uplifting the youth of the district and developing their skills with short term objectives being social activities inspired by the youth. He advised long term, the youth had a desire to create a facility for themselves.

C Barton advised the Youth Council had a bank balance of just under \$10,000, left over from the Skate Park, which was designated for the Skate Park. The Youth Council was now planning on liaising with the treasurer on how these funds could be spent.

### **Heartlands/Te Whare Putea**

J Bolton advised Te Whare Putea would be moving to the newly created Heartlands facility at 78 Beach Road, with a grand opening planned for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15am.*