

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2005 AT 9.00AM IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney, Mayor Heays, Councillors S Thomas, B Woods, M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-ordinator), C Mackenzie (District Nurse).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), M Hislop, L Moffatt (RTL), M Unahi (Crippled Children Society), L Craig (Public Health Nurse), A Clark (Public Health Clinical Coordinator), T Ayson (Kaikoura Star).

**APOLOGIES:** N Doney (Family & Community Services), G Kleiss, D Wright (Order of St John), M Falloon (Hospital Manager), C Barton (Youth Council), G Rae (Work & Income), J Bolton (Te Whare Putea).

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

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

**Fluoridation**

M Burdon advised two District Health Board Representatives were scheduled to present to the November Social Services Committee meeting.

**Report of breakdown of funding from gambling in Kaikoura District**

M Burdon advised she had contacted Department of Internal Affairs in Christchurch. A breakdown was not yet available however she would chase the matter up.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Public Health Nurse**

A letter of resignation was received from Sonya Chapman resigning from her post as Public Health Nurse. Linda Craig was introduced as the new Public Health Nurse.

**Road Transport Association**

Mayor Heays advised he had recently written to the Road Transport Association requesting they consider 8 road safety initiatives. He advised Road Transport Association had their own trucking magazine and had contacted the Mayor to advise they were happy to include the initiatives in their magazine.

The Road Safety Officer advised Land Transport New Zealand had recently published brochures on safe driving in New Zealand however he was unsure of where they were being distributed. M Burdon suggested it may be useful to have them available at i-Site Kaikoura.

### ***3. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE***

The Road Safety Officer advised a two day meeting had been held in August where the highway was looked at from Conway to Kekerengu, identifying black spots along the coast. Representatives from trucking companies had also been present to voice their concerns.

One of the undertakings to come from the meeting was for the speed to be lowered to 80kph from Peketa to Oaro, and possibly as far south as Conway, which Transit had indicated could possibly be implemented by Christmas 2005. He advised residents of Goose Bay favoured a speed reduction. A Road Safety Action Plan and Report were tabled.

Mayor Heays enquired if there had been any movement on safety type signage for the district. The Road Safety Officer advised some funding from Land Transport New Zealand was available for safety programmes such as Safe With Age courses. A lot of road safety promotional material was also available.

Councillor Woods advised she felt it would be a good idea for Land Transport to engage clear thinking psychology on signage such as reminding people that 100kph was in fact a maximum speed rather than the actual speed limit.

M Kennedy advised "Pandora", an annual civil defence exercise had recently been held where the civil defence operation base was shifted from the Council building to Barnadoes. He advised one of the aspects focused on following the aftermath of hurricane Katrina was welfare.

M Kennedy advised a letter had been received from the Ministry of Health regarding planning for an Avian Flu pandemic. He advised there was a growing amount of information available about a possible pandemic with national Civil Defence already planning for it. It was suggested that someone be invited to a future meeting to speak with the committee regarding Avian Flu. District Health Nurse, C McKenzie advised she would look into providing a presenter to a future meeting, possible a Primary Health Organisation representative.

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

#### **Local Mapping**

M Burdon advised Local Mapping, undertaken by N Doney of Family & Community Services was now complete with a draft circulated for final editing.

Councillor McChesney noted it was a shame Local Mapping wasn't tied in with Census as the last Census survey was undertaken some time ago and the information it provided was rather old.

**Policy Funding**

The Community Development Officer advised she was behind in policy funding and would be arranging to meet with the Mayor shortly. Councillor McChesney advised she would also like to be involved.

**5. GENERAL SHARING TIME**

**Crippled Children Society**

M Unahi advised a national road show with a range of workshops and interaction with disabled and non-disabled people in the community was being held next week. The focus of the road show was aimed at getting non-disabled people in the community more involved with disabled people.

**6. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Heays advised he was currently working with P McGahan to set up classes for pre-apprentices and employers. He advised a meeting was scheduled for 8 November with Kaikoura High School, local employers, Work & Income and Kaikoura Youth Group to form a working party to investigate the viability of setting up a pre-trade training school in the district.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Lowering of Speed Limit**

Consensus was shown that the Social Services Committee support the lowering of the speed limit to 80kph on State Highway One from Peketa to Oaro.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.37am.*