



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
AGENDA**



14 December 2005

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM ON
WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2005 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
3. *Matters Arising from Report of 09/11/2005* *page 1*
4. *Minutes Action Update List*

13 JULY 2005			
Social Services	Approach nappy companies, including local supplier, to supply nappies to new mothers by way of a voucher system promoting real nappies.	Environmental Development Officer (with help from Ian)	In Progress
Social Services	Provide information for educating trucking companies on road safety	Mike	In Progress

5. *Community Networkers Minutes* *page 5*
6. *Information for Committee*
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7. *Mayor's Update*
8. *Community Development Officer's Update* *page 23*
9. *General Business*

Minutes of the Kaikoura Community Networkers Meeting
Noon, Tuesday 11 November 2005 at te Whare Putea/Heartlands

Present: Robin Mortimer, Gordon Strang, Lynne Williams, Noel Doney, Lianne Nichols, Anne Paterson, Trish Kennedy, Linda Craig, Frank Maxwell, Jenny Bolton-Roche, Gayle Rae, Carleton Barton, Julie Priddle, Madeleine Burdon

Apologies: Jayne Mallinder, Ma-rea Unahi, Darren Brown, Jill Sunnex, Lyn Van Velzen, Joyce Harris, Daryl Mataiti, Gayle Rae for lateness

Matters Arising: Amendment to last minutes, Lisa Moffat was present.

Welcome: Linda Craig, new Public Health Nurse and Ann Paterson, newly appointed Tourism and Economic Development Officer at KDC

Round: Robin (Work & Income) advised Vicki now on maternity leave; new staff member Leena Kerei-Keepa is at training school this month, will initially work 4 days Tuesday to Friday 9am –3pm

Gordon (MCLC) Have good Kaikoura reps on their board Yvonne Morrison and Jenny Hughy. Visit here 2x month, can give information but can't represent people in court. For family violence will often refer to other lawyers & if client has concerns with custody of children, have to pay initial \$50.00 fee.

Julie (Gateway & Star Coordinator) role to assist students into workplace.

Lynne (MSD) been interviewing applicants for family violence response coordinators who will train & resource Work & Income staff case managers, so clients who disclose are appropriately referred to approved agencies.

Trish (CY&F) "Acting" Funding Advisor to end of May for Nelson, big area to cover, will visit Kaikoura when can. Part of role is funding for groups.

Linda (PHN), been here 4 weeks after 15.5 years with Plunket. Has been checking out the area, meeting staff at schools, the Meng B campaign is finished, only a "mop up" till 7 Dec. (NB I'm not sure if the following comments belong here so appreciate correction *Will be involved with Care & Protection Panel and the Family Violence Network –Kaye Johnston = Manager? (of Family Mental Health Services in CHCH)*)

Frank (HNZC) for Blenheim, Picton and Kaikoura. Expect Kiwi St houses to be ready by March 2006, lots of inquiries. Applications are steady and accommodation very tight, market buoyant.

Jenny (TWP-H) works for te Whare Putea trust and coordinates Heartlands services in Kaikoura, making appointments for IRD, MCL etc; Concern about rise in requests for food parcels, due to rent, fuel, power, food prices going up. Marlborough & Kaikoura have lowest wages in country; there is a need for the adult minimum wage to be raised. Also the maximum that can be paid out in Kaikoura for the accommodation supplement is low. Is no decision re establishing a foodbank locally but TWP are grateful for donations toward food

parcels. Also works alongside mere at New Life center, gets referrals and undertake *low level* social work.

Response from Robin: the special benefit is available (until March 2006) to assist with high accommodation costs – don't have to be on a benefit to get assistance, can be non-recoverable.

Gayle (W&I) majority of special benefits are paid out for assistance with accommodation. Currently are getting support from Blenheim office whilst short staffed. NZ Super is going well as don't have to go to Blenheim any longer. *Suggestion from meeting that this be advertised in local paper.*

Carleton - youth worker here for 2 years employed by New Life Trust. In 2006 Trust want a f-t children's worker and a p-t worker to assist with young women. He liaises with primary schools, about 40-45 young people and 7 leaders; wants to branch out more and build up leadership skills and qualities. Has restarted the local Youth Council and hopes (with support) to pull a committee together again after a 2 year lull; the Big Day Out to be organised and run by youth participants) has been postponed from Dec 05 until March 2006 to allow more time. Sees need to talk with other youth organizations and workers eg Youth Trust, Jaana and Mannu and would like an Event center!

Madeleine (KDC and SF) also refer to monthly Report to KDC Social Services Committee for indepth updates: **Family Violence** network & Te Rito project progress, intended that Refuge emergency response workers and extended hours for local FV network coordinator will be initiated shortly. Also MSD meeting locally and new resources being developed will have draft of one and call meeting in December. **LTCCP** –much to do here with updating Community Outcomes and continue to liaise with wider Canterbury Council group with development of indicators and measures. CCS workshop; found this well worth attending and be good to see summary of information shared when available; **Housing** – new project manager in Wellington so awaiting some contact, am attending the National Housing Forum 1 day in ChCh on 18th Nov.

In response to mention about working party looking at project for supporting apprenticeships, Gordon from MCLC mentioned the Small Business Enterprise Trust and Marlborough EE Trust, P O Box 177, Blenheim who have funding of their own and have given a helping hand i.e. with apprenticeships where need identified i.e. for assistance with childcare to enable study. Often apprentices over the age of 22years have the least support and subsidies disappear. Also joined with MDC to promote a graduation ceremony (celebrate the achievements) and could be extended to Kaikoura. Suggest contact REAP about MARLA. Tindall Foundation have funding for providing all Trades Graduations.

Meeting closed 1pm

Next Meeting: last for the year - shared lunch – tea & coffee provided

Update on Family Violence Network
Meeting Schedule 2006

Social Service Cttee funding
Youth Hui proposal

Tuesday 13 December 2005

Noon –1.30pm

TE WHARE PUTEA – HEARTLANDS

Unit 3, 78 Beach Road

Report to Social Services Committee Meeting, 14 December 2005
From: Community Development Officer/Family Violence Coordinator

Family Violence network & Initiative:

1) Hours for the Coordinator have been increased from 5-10, short-term basis (that project only runs to June 2006). The coordinator will remain a Council employee, the position has been advertised and I envisage an appointment by 3rd week of January. I will remain in a support role to the Coordinator and network. It will be exciting to progress the objectives in the strategic plan that have been on hold for some time due to compliance requirements for Te Rito.

2) An attached referral DRAFT document for the local network, phone contact only with emergency separated out from support services. It requires approval and feedback by participating agencies before a final version is distributed locally as widely as possible. It would be useful to track if knowledge of who and how to access support (along with the new local p-t refuge workers) leads to an increase in reporting of incidents to Police and Marlborough Women's Refuge.

LTCCP:

i) Collation of the youth survey has begun, with assistance. Initial planning has also begun for a 'youth" hui early Feb 2006, to bring together local people involved with our youth/rangatahi so we can share our projects, improve communication and collaboration, identify long term goals, develop strategies. Council will then be more informed regards 1) working alongside young people 2) applying for youth development funding for the local district and 3) our role regards supporting or implementing the identified youth community outcomes.

ii) Another staff member and I have attended a Canterbury Community Plans project group consisting of other TLA staff and regional bodies e.g. ECAN to assist our development of LTCCP processes. iii) We also were interviewed by a researcher commissioned by the DIA regards involvement with them (and other central government agencies) to progress Community Outcomes. This will be an increasing amount of work and a staff project group will assist with deadlines.

Housing Project:

Contacted the new Project Manager in Wellington who is progressing approval for our application before we have confirmation in writing. Recently attended a national Housing Forum in Christchurch (very informative especially regards funding and contacts) and visited CCC Housing staff who have assisted us regards their latest "social housing" development brief, design, policy etc;

Funding:

Some policy drafts compiled, discussed by subgroup for presentation at Dec meeting. We envisage the new Council finance staff member will assist with administration of applications.