

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13
DECEMBER 2005 AT 9.00AM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors S Thomas, B Woods, M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-Ordinator), J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea).

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Unahi (CCS), N Doney (Family & Community Services), K Roberts, C Barton (Youth Council), L Moffatt (RTL), M Hislop, C Hartley, T Ayson (Kaikoura Star).

APOLOGIES: M Falloon, C McKenzie, G Rae, L Williams, L Craig.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by M Burdon and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 09/11/2005

Councillor Woods tabled a paper written by John Colquhoun received from K Roberts regarding fluoridation. It was agreed this item would be placed on the February 2006 agenda.

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Re-Useable Nappies

Councillor McChesney advised Council's recently appointed Environmental Development Officer would progress this matter in the new year.

3. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

M Burdon noted there had been a very good consistent effort of government agencies attending Community Networkers' Meetings throughout the year listening to what the community had to say and being accountable.

Housing New Zealand Corporation

Concern was raised as to whether fencing would be installed around Housing New Zealand houses being built in Kiwi Street, with particular concern that the railway line be fenced off.

M Burdon advised she would enquire with Council's Building Control Unit as to the fencing design for this site.

4. INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

Gambling Newsletter

The December 2005 Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand Newsletter was tabled. The November Newsletter was also included in the agenda which included Class 4 machine losses per district. Councillor McChesney enquired if venues such as Casino's were included in the list. M Burdon advised she would seek clarification from the Problem Gambling Foundation regarding this query.

Mayor Heays advised he had recently been interviewed by Sunday News regarding gambling and expressed concern that his comments had been misconstrued. Others interviewed had not been very well portrayed also. He noted the published article was very disappointing.

Lifting the age of alcohol

Councillor Woods asked if the committee supported the lifting of the age for drinking alcohol and asked if Council had received any response from people wanting to re-start Town Watch. Mayor Heays advised he and Councillor Pablecheque had recently visited local police. Sergeant R Smith had advised he was eager to instigate the up and running of Town Watch and would approach former members to see if they were interested in re-forming the group.

J Bolton-Roche asked where the youth of the district could go as there was presently no-where for them to gather and asked why Council could not support them and find somewhere for them to go. Councillor McChesney advised the issue had initially come up as a littering issue as youth were gathering at the Whale Watch carpark and smashing bottles and littering. M Hislop urged caution in setting up such a facility for youth, recalling it had been tried on two or three previous occasions and fallen apart due to the huge task of supervision.

C Barton advised education played a large part. He noted there were a group of approximately 30 16 year olds that at times behaved horrendously and cited a recent incident where an American tourist was assaulted in the Whale Watch carpark. He advised it was not the first time such an incident had occurred and such incidents often occurred unreported. C Barton advised he doubted if running a centre would work because the group were a culture that needed addressing on their own. N Doney noted there appeared to be two different groups of youth in Kaikoura and believed youth groups could be set up and be respected by the majority of youth but the group of youth responsible for bashings would only trash such a facility.

Mayor Heays suggested a Council initiated group could be set up to find out what had been set up in other districts of similar sizes and what other areas were doing successfully. M Burdon advised one of the issues in Kaikoura was parenting. In terms of Safer Community Councils there was a spectrum of prevention which was used for numerous issues and suggested it could be used at the upcoming Youth Hui.

5. CRITERIA FOR KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND

Feedback was sought from the committee on a draft criteria paper tabled by the Community Development Officer. Councillor McChesney noted it was the type of funding that could be used for setting up activities for youth.

Mayor Heays suggested an applications committee of 3-4 people be set up today to receive feedback. Councillor McChesney called for volunteers for this subcommittee.

- 1) Jenny Bolton-Roche
- 2) Ma-rea Unahi
- 3) Marion McChesney
- 4) Madeleine Burdon (Council Staff Representative)
- 5) Mayor Kevin Heays

It was decided the inaugural meeting of this group would be held later in the day at 3pm at Te Whare Putea.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by L Moffatt and resolved that the Social Services Committee give authority to the subcommittee to make amendments and final decisions on the Draft Communities Initiatives Fund Policy.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that Council adopt the Draft Criteria for Community Initiatives Fund in order for it to be released to the public.

The motion was put and carried.

6. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heays advised further discussions had taken place with Work & Income and Community Enterprise and as a result a pilot scheme had been offered to Council. Although it minimized what was initially intended, it would involve a job for someone to work with youth already in the workforce and to work with their employers to ensure the work they were doing was meaningful and sustainable. It would also involve finding those that were neither at school, work, nor on a benefit. It was expected the position would be for approximately 10 hours per week initially, reviewable 6 monthly and would commence in February or March 2006.

Mayor Heays advised it had been found that night classes for apprentices and workers having difficulty with the written component of their work could possibly be funded through the adult education system. He advised a letter had been sent out to 90% of employers in the district seeking feedback on whether there was a need for such classes and to encourage them to encourage their employees. Several enquiries had been received with the possibility of classes commencing in 2006.

Santa in the Cellar

Mayor Heays advised Kaikoura Winery had volunteered the site and resources for Santa in the Cellar to be held again this year, with the support of Council and Lions.

Community Awards

Mayor Heays advised he had been coordinating with a group of people regarding community awards for the following:

- Apprentice of the year
- Volunteer of the year
- Employee of the year

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATE

Included in the agenda was a newly created "Family Violence Referrals List". The Community Development Officer advised it was hoped the list could be distributed to motels prior to Christmas and possibly later on in the local telephone book. It was suggested it could also be placed on Council's Website and be sent to Accident Compensation Corporation. M Burdon commented she looked forward to Accident Compensation Corporation attending a future meeting and noted they had been receiving agendas and minutes for several years.

Long Term Council Community Plan

The Community Development Officer advised Council was hoping to have its draft Long Term Council Community Plan available by the end of March 2006.

Housing

M Burdon advised she was still waiting confirmation on Council's application for housing funding and advised she had recently attended a national Housing Forum in Christchurch which had been well worth attending. Mark Solomon had opened the Forum and spoken about housing issues in Kaikoura.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Local Services Mapping

N Doney advised the recently compiled Local Services Mapping Report had been finalized and was currently being printed and expected to be available early in the new year.

CCS Roadshow

M Unahi advised she was awaiting feedback from the recently held CCS Roadshow to be collated and expected the information to be available in the new year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.58am.