

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor Heays, Councillor S Thomas, M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-ordinator), R Smith (Kaikoura Police), C Cowen (Te Tai Marokura).

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer), G Rae, M Unahi (CCS), N Doney, K Roberts, L Moffatt, M Hislop, C Hartley, R Te Ua (Family Violence Co-Ordinator), L Craig (Public Health Nurse), T Ayson (Kaikoura Star).

APOLOGIES: C McKenzie, C Barton.

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 14/12/2005

Amendment to Minutes

- Apology – L Craig advised she was absent from this meeting and had submitted an apology.
- Amendment Page 2 – “Spectrum of prevention”.
- Page 4 – Item 7 - “Family Violence Referrals List”

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Re-Usable Nappy Vouchers

The Environmental Development Officer advised commitment was given by Council in July 2005 for \$2000 to be spent providing cloth nappies to local Kaikoura parents.

Arrangements had been made with two cloth nappy suppliers to provide nappies to Kaikoura District Council at discounted wholesale prices. They were:

- GreenBums (local supplier), and
- FuzziBunz, a Wellington based supplier.

The Environmental Development Officer advised \$1000 would be spent initially to purchase approximately 60 nappies and depending on the success of the first stage the remaining \$1000 would be spent on additional nappies.

Vouchers were being created that would be distributed through local midwives and the hospital and would be promoted via the Kaikoura Star and local radio. Parents would be encouraged to pop into the Council offices with proof of their residency to collect one nappy from each supplier and appropriate information regarding washing, care, additional nappy suppliers, benefits for the baby, the environment and finances. She advised it was planned to feature a local parent who uses cloth nappies in the Star to promote the initiative.

The Environmental Development Officer advised arrangements were in place for nappies to be provided to Council in early March with promotions initiated in mid/late February.

Councillor McChesney asked if the budget had been considered and noted the Social Services Committee had initially agreed to one nappy per new born baby.

The Environmental Development Officer advised \$2,000 had been allocated for the project. \$1000 would be spent initially after which the project would be reviewed.

Councillor McChesney suggested the committee make an amendment to the original motion.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by L Moffatt and resolved that two nappies be provided to local parents per baby for a trial period.

3. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

For Information.

Councillor McChesney noted there had been quite a large increase in attendance at recent meetings and thanked the Community Development Officer for her input and minuting of meetings.

4. FLUORIDATION

Included in the agenda was an article written by John Colquhoun regarding fluoridation which had been submitted by Kathie Roberts. K Roberts advised she had written to a gentleman in Toronto who had also initially been pro fluoride and was now anti fluoride.

Councillor McChesney volunteered the services of the Community Development Officer in following this up via the internet with K Roberts.

5. CCS REPORT

An overview of the recently held CCS 2005 Roadshow was provided by M Unahi.. She advised the workshop, attended by 12 people, being

a wide cross section of the community. The following actions were identified from the workshop:

- Effective leadership and follow up
- Accessibility
- Participation by all sectors of the community (Representation)
- Enhanced communication between community/Council & Sector agencies
- Motivational empowerment through workshops outcome apprentice
- Transaction of policies/concepts to action
- Incorporation of the needs of people.

The Community Development Officer advised she and Council's Building Inspector had attended the workshop and had both found it particularly useful. Councillor McChesney suggested a CCS facilitator be invited to attend a future Social Services Meeting.

6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Science Alive

The Road Safety Officer advised Science Alive would be visiting the district with an exhibition called "Earth's Fury" focusing on weather events and tsunami and was sponsored by Environment Canterbury.

A&P Show Display

A road safety display would be held at the upcoming A&P Show being held in Kaikoura on 25 February 2006. The tent would be shared with Council who would be providing a display and literature on its Long Term Council Community Plan.

Speed Campaign

The Road Safety Officer advised of a campaign called "Speed Kills Kids" which was launched on Tuesday 7 February. He advised it was a very focused campaign on reducing speeds around schools.

Sargeant Smith advised the campaign was set up to target local people, however the trend being noticed over the first two days of the campaign was tourists offending.

Mayor Heays advised Council was now able to set speed limits on Council owned roads throughout the district and suggested when Council looked at re-setting speed limits particular urgency be given to roads outside of schools.

Moved by C Cowen, seconded by R Smith and resolved that the Social Services Committee recommend that Council continue moving in the direction of resetting speed limits in the district and that the Social Services Committee be involved in that process.

The motion was put and carried.

State Highway/West End Intersection

The Road Safety Officer advised roadworks at the State Highway/West End intersection were scheduled to commence 27 February where Transit would be opening up the West End by providing two lanes for traffic heading out of the West End.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATE

Youth Development Hui

The Community Development Officer advised planning was well underway for a 24 hour gathering at Takahanga Marae on 15-16 February 2006. She advised the gathering would provide a forum to continue discussions regarding local youth priorities for Long Term Council Community Plan purposes and potential applications to the Ministry of Youth Development funding.

Community Development Role

The Community Development Officer advised she would be strongly recommending to Council to commit to retaining the Community Development role as a permanent Council position at a minimum of 30 hours per week. She advised Council had a statutory obligation to consult with the community and noted there was a lot of work to be undertaken on social wellbeing that no other staff member in Council was responsible for.

Family Violence Co-Ordinator

The Community Development Officer advised a new coordinator, Rupia Te Ua, had been appointed for 10 hours per week on a 12 month contract.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays advised Council was currently embarking on a series of budget workshops.

Mainpower

The Mayor advised over 2000 eco-bulbs had been sold in the district following a voucher being distributed to households by Mainpower for discounted energy saving lightbulbs. Mainpower were now seeking suggestions on power savings and were looking for solutions from innovative groups.

Fluoridation

Included in the agenda was a report on fluoridation by John Colquhoun, contributed by K Roberts. Mayor Heays advised he was yet to receive any kind of support for fluoridation and noted it was rather timely as Council neared connecting up to its new water source for the district.

Councillor McChesney asked for an informal show of hands for fluoridation to be progressed:

- For 3
- Against 5
- Undecided 4

The Community Development Officer was asked to forward fluoridation information included in the agenda to Canterbury District Health Board representatives who had presented at the November meeting.

Employment

A position for initially 10 hours per week to ensure 16-24 years olds within the district were employed was expected to be advertised by Work & Income New Zealand. The role would also include liaising very closely with employers.

Freedom Camping

Mayor Heays advised a report on freedom camping within the Kaikoura district would be presented at the Tourism & Development Committee meeting later in the day, providing direction for Council.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Liquor Licensing

Sergeant R Smith advised he was eager to see the hours of liquor licensing within the Kaikoura district shortened to 1am as local police did not have the resources to police the town centre to 3am. Initial enquiries with the liquor licensing sergeant in Blenheim had shown the authority did not favour restricting hours as they believed it was every businesses right to make an income, however Sergeant Smith advised he wished to challenge that right.

Councillor Thomas suggested it appeared to be a police staffing issue and asked if there was anything the committee or council could do to assist. Sergeant Smith suggested video surveillance in the West End would be very useful. He advised he had spoken with Townwatch and they were eager to get up and running again in the district.

Councillor McChesney noted Council's Liquor License Committee was expected to meet within the next few weeks and she would ensure the matter was raised with that committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.44am.