

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

- PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chairperson), Councillor S Thomas, J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), L Moffatt (Education Representative).
- IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-ordinator), R Te Ua (Family Violence Coordinator), M Unahi (CCS), N Doney (Ministry of Social Development), K Mackenzie (District Nurse), K Roberts, D Wright (Order of St John), T McCowan (Womens' Refuge), C Hartley.
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor B Woods, Mayor Heays, M Falloon, G Rae, L Keeri Keepa, M Hislop, L Craig A Hislop, L Stewart, C Lee.

***Moved by L Moffatt seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 05/07/2006**

**Amendment to Minutes**

*Youth Development*

M Burdon advised she had asked the Chief Executive Officer for assistance for updating finances of the Youth Council rather than actual funding assistance.

**2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Distribution of Local Services Mapping**

N Doney advised the Community Plan for Kaikoura had been launched at the Kaikoura Parish Centre on Tuesday 1 August and was attended by approximately 40 people. He advised the next step would be to action it.

**Write to Gambling Trusts**

M Burdon advised replies had been received from 2 Trusts to date however a reply was still awaited from one Trust. Councillor McChesney requested M Burdon to condense and collate all the information when to hand and report back to the committee.

**Pedestrian Count Ludstone/State Highway Corner**

Councillor McChesney asked for a volunteer to record pedestrian data at the intersection of State Highway 1 and Ludstone Road. Family

Violence coordinator R Te Ua offered to record data and would liaise with the Road Safety Officer regarding this.

### ***3. CCS PRESENTATION***

R Mullens, Disability Awareness & Education Coordinator for CCS was present and advised it was her job to get out and talk with groups such as the Social Services Committee about people with disabilities within the community. She advised the recent CCS Roadshow had identified the need for effective leadership and follow-up and suggested ways in which this could be undertaken such as:

- 1) Rotation of the Chairperson;
- 2) Include a person with a disability on the committee;
- 3) Ensure many sectors of the community were involved in CCS;
- 4) Produce a bi-monthly newsletter.

Councillor McChesney advised the Social Services Committee was a committee of the Kaikoura District Council with 4 elected members sitting on the committee and the chairmanship was an elected process.

R Mullens advised approximately 7 different recommendations had come out of the Roadshow and suggested it may be useful for the committee to look at the 7 and select 2-3 which it felt were the most important and work on them one at a time.

Councillor McChesney advised local CCS Service Coordinator M Unahi was the committee's liaison person and voice and ears and requested she lead the committee through the steps required during the general business section of future meetings. R Mullens suggested others may wish to come on board to support M Unahi in order for her not to be a sole voice and suggested the committee could be proactive rather than reactive and noted most communities appeared to be reactive rather than proactive.

Councillor McChesney suggested an audit could be undertaken of the Kaikoura urban township for accessibility prior to a visit by B Clarke of CCS and that Councils' Chief Executive Officer, engineers and building inspectors could also be included in a future meeting.

### ***4. COMMUNITY NETWORKER'S MINUTES***

M Burdon advised the Tangata Whaiora workshop scheduled for Wednesday 2 August had been cancelled.

It was noted Bread of Life OSCAR programme had not commenced due to transport issues and insufficient numbers enrolled to date.

### ***5. BARRY STRATTON – TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND***

Councillor McChesney asked B Stratton if anything could be done by Transit to make crossing State Highway 1 at Ludstone Road safer for school children and the community in general.

B Stratton advised any area beyond the kerb within an urban area was Council responsibility however Transit were happy to work in with options. A school crossing could be considered however schools would be required to come on board to manage it. Another option could be a tactile crossing which involved changing the surface of the footpath either by texture or colour.

B Stratton advised people needed to be encouraged to cross at the safest point available. While it was a tricky corner cars were not travelling fast and the average speed of cars at this point was recorded at approximately 35kph.

D Wright suggested traffic be warned rather than children and asked if it was possible to have flashing yellow lights warning motorists children could be crossing ahead, similar to what was used in Christchurch on the Moorhouse Avenue overbridge for traffic. B Stratton advised this method of lights had not been used in the past for pedestrians however he was happy to look into it and suggested such lights could be linked to only work when the a button was pushed while pedestrian was standing on the footpath. It would need to be put past Land Transport New Zealand and was possibly worthy of putting up as a trial.

N Doney suggested the flashing lights could be suspended from the railway bridge and could flash automatically between 8am and 9am and again between 3pm and 4pm daily.

J Bolton-Roche asked B Stratton if anything could be done to make Beach Road safer as large trucks parking on the sides of the road blocked the vision of those coming out of Heartlands/Subway. B Stratton advised there was a legal requirement to park 1 metre from entranceways. Vehicles could be banned from parking there however he believed this would only upset the business community. Councillor McChesney suggested the existing yellow lines at the entrance to the Heartlands/Subway precinct could be extended slightly.

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

### **Youth Development Hui**

M Burdon advised promotion and training for the Youth Council would be undertaken in the near future.

### **Social Housing**

M Burdon advised a national review of the accommodation supplement was taking place and urged the committee to look at putting in a submission.

Councillor McChesney advised Kaikoura was currently level 3 in terms of accommodation supplement funding and asked the Community Development Officer to put in a submission on behalf of the Social Services committee in order to get this funding to level 2 and noted it was essential to not miss the boat.

## ***7. CORRESPONDENCE***

Included in the agenda was a letter of request from CCS Kaikoura for two representatives from CCS to be on the Social Services Committee.

Councillor McChesney advised she would need to clarify the structure of the committee with the Chief Executive Officer in terms of representation.

## ***8. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE***

The Road Safety Officer advised New Zealand was one of the highest vehicle ownership countries in the world. Approximately 230,000 cars were imported each year, with 65% used and 95% from Japan.

New Zealand had a unique road network with a considerable amount of roading for such a small country ranging from motorways to paper roads. M Kennedy advised it was anticipated there would be more motorbike accidents as baby boomers were now starting to retire and had more disposable income than ever before and as a result many were buying motorbikes.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.***