

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chairperson), Mayor K Heays, Councillors B Woods, S Thomas, M Burdon (Community Development Officer), L Moffatt (Education Representative), J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), L Craig (Public Health Nurse), R Smith (Kaikoura Police).

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), R Te Ua (Family Violence Coordinator), D Wright (Order of St John), T McCowan (Marlborough Womens Refuge), N Doney (Family & Community Services), K Roberts, C Hartley (Members of the public).

APOLOGIES: M Unahi, G Rae.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST:

Problem Gambling Foundation

The Community Development Officer advised she was still waiting to receive a response from the Problem Gambling Foundation regarding the breakdown of funding for Kaikoura.

Youth Initiatives

The Community Development Officer advised a follow up meeting to the Youth Hui had been scheduled for 22 May 2006 and noted Ministry of Youth Development staff were now based in Christchurch for servicing the South Island.

Social Services Community Fund

The Community Development Officer advised the draft application form for this fund was still to be finalized. Councillor McChesney advised it was vital and extremely important for the application form to be finalized in order to move forward with the fund.

Family Violence Advertising

The Family Violence Coordinator advised a letterbox drop would take place shortly.

2. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Family Violence Coordinator advised she had been busy networking and was presenting working on a report for the Crime Prevention Unit.

She advised she had recently attended a seminar titled “Training with Parents as First Coaches” which had been an excellent seminar. Councillor Woods asked how authoritative it had been. The Family Violence Coordinator advised the speaker was a well spoken ex-principal who spoke on essential elements of preschool ages, how the brain worked and how parents could aid learning.

3. INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

Floride

Councillor McChesney read and tabled an informative letter written by local dentist C Lidgard, following a request at an earlier meeting.

C Lidgard advised fluoridation had been a hotly debated subject since the early 1950’s when the link between fluoride and reduced dental decay was recognized. He advised he was personally guided by the recommendations of the dental association which reviewed current research regularly (both pro’s and con’s) which consistently came out in favour of water fluoridation as the most effective way of reducing a populations dental decay.

C Lidgard advised the Social Services Committee, as a group of representatives of the community would need to decide whether the guidelines recommended by the Dental Association and District Health Board were more valid for the community as a whole than the concerns of the residents who were against fluoridation.

N Doney advised the fluoridation debate was a Canterbury wide campaign and not just targeted at Kaikoura.

Councillor McChesney advised the committee had read, investigated, listened and heeded information and she felt it was now time to put the matter to rest and sought ideas from the Committee as to what it wished to put forward to Council.

Mayor Heays advised he had initially raised the topic of fluoridation as Council was nearing hooking up to its new water supply, however with all the investigations and sourcing of information that had been undertaken by the committee he did not want to pursue the matter any further.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that the majority of attendees of the Social Services Committee agree not to persue the issue of fluoridating the Kaikoura water supply at this time.

The motion was put and carried.

Councillor McChesney advised the make-up of appointed committee representatives on the Social Services Committee needed to be revisited and updated and requested this matter be looked at by the committee at the next meeting.

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayoral Meetings

Mayor Heays advised he had recently embarked on a Friday programme of visiting local schools as part of Council's Long Term Council Community Plan. He advised schools on how the local government system worked and sought feedback on what they felt the district needed which he hoped would provide a comprehensive idea of what the community wanted in terms of children, youth and education.

The Mayor advised he was conducting monthly meetings with invited groups of senior citizens and he was also available to meet with the public at the village green in the West End every Friday.

Zone 5& 6 Meeting

Mayor Heays advised himself and Council's Chief Executive Officer had recently attended a Zone 5&6 meeting in Dunedin where the main topic of discussion had been micro-chipping of dogs. He advised it looked fairly likely the micro-chipping bill would be passed by Parliament despite all of the South Island voting against it.

Councillor Woods advised the committee there was a very informative pamphlet available at the Council Offices regarding micro-chipping of dogs.

5. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Transit New Zealand Speed Zone

The Road Safety Officer advised Transit New Zealand's proposed 80km speed zone from Kahutara to Oaro had been confirmed and would be put in place within the next 6-8 weeks. He advised it would reduce the speed in which vehicles approached corners and it was hoped by dropping the medium speed to 80km per hour traffic accidents would reduce.

Councillor Woods asked if the Order of St John had reports on accidents attended on that particular section of the road. D Wright advised such information was available.

Councillor Thomas advised if cars were struggling to reach 80kph on stretches of the road then he failed to see how trucks could reach 80kph. Sergeant Smith advised trucks were crashing at 50kph on 35kph signposted bends which was well below the speed limit. He believed while new drivers to the area would travel at 80kph, he did

not feel reducing the speed would have any effect on trucks crashing on that particular stretch of the road.

Councillor Thomas advised he felt a little nervous that Transit saw reducing the speed as fixing the problem of crashes on that section of the highway and asked if it was for a trial period of one year. Sergeant Smith advised it was not a trial period.

Councillor Woods expressed concern advising she was under the impression Transit had initially advised it would be for a 12 month trial period. The Road Safety Officer advised he would contact B Stratten of Transit New Zealand for clarification.

The Road Safety Officer advised Nelson Senior Sergeant E Davy had recently visited the district, followed up by two reports which had been forwarded to Council's roading engineer. The following areas were pointed out in the report as being of concern:

- Schoolhouse Road 1 – requires better signage on approach to State Highway.
- Unwarranted and unregistered tractors and trailers at South Bay marina area.
- 50km signpost in Ludstone Road – too close to Kaikoura High School.

Sergeant Smith suggested the 50km signpost in Ludstone Road be shifted back as far as Mt Fyffe Road.

Civil Defence

Earth's Fury

The Road Safety Officer advised an interactive roadshow called "Earth's Fury" would be in the district 19-20 May. All school children would be visiting on 19th May and it would also be open to the public over the two days by way of gold coin donation.

Tsunami

The Road Safety Officer advised there had been a recent tsunami warning following an earthquake in Tonga and he wished to take the opportunity to reiterate the civil defence siren in the district.

For civil defence emergencies the siren would ring for at least 10 minutes while being switched on and off every 30 seconds. He noted it would sound totally different to the fire alarm.

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATE

LTCCP

The Community Development Officer provided a verbal update. She advised she had spent time working on Council's Long Term Council Community Plan by way of meetings and distributing surveys.

Youth Hui

The Community Development Officer advised minutes from the Youth Hui held in February had been distributed and a follow-up meeting had been scheduled.

Crime Prevention Unit Funding

The Community Development Officer advised of funding available from the Crime Prevention Unit however applications were required to have evidence based statistics.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS**Local Services Mapping**

N Doney advised the Local Services Mapping Report for Kaikoura that he had commenced 20 months ago was now printed and copies would be available to the committee at the June meeting.

N Doney advised a lot of time had been spent sourcing information from Kaikoura websites and noted all websites were amazing and extremely informative.

Fire Tanker

The Road Safety Officer advised the district had a new asset, being a fire tanker that had been sourced from Fonterra in Morrinsville. He advised it was worth approximately \$100,000 and had cost the Kaikoura community only \$13,500. The Road Safety Officer advised the new tanker was a tremendous asset to the community and thanked Fonterra for providing it to the community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.52am.