



AGENDA

Safer Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, 25 November 2021

Date Thursday, 25 November 2021

Time 2pm

Location Meeting Room 1
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1461956

Safer Communities Committee

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Safer Communities Committee will be held in the Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Thursday 25 November 2021, at 2pm.

Safer Communities Committee Members

Steve Wills, Mandy Wills - Aoraki Migrant Centre, Lindy Graham - Aoraki Secondary Sch Principals' Assn, Julie Fosbender - CCS Disability Action, Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce, Jock Anderson - Greypower Timaru, Betty-Ann Smart - Neighbourhood Support, Dave Gaskin - NZ Police, Craig Chambers - Fire & Emergency NZ, Joel Burgess - Oranga Tamariki, Steve Zonneville - Primary School Principals' Assn, Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakahi Trust, Gordon Rosewall - Timaru Christian Ministers' Assn (Deputy Chairperson), Christine Stewart - Timaru Community Patrol, Merali Taylor - Work & Income NZ, Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury, Rene Templeton - SCDHB Child & Youth Mgr, Nigel Bowen (Chairperson) and Robin Peterson - SC National Council of Women

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Members are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

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Chief Executive

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- 1 Apologies**
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- 4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021

Author: Katrina Symons, Community Services Operations Coordinator

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021**



MINUTES

Safer Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, 16 September 2021

Ref: 1461956

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Safer Communities Committee Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 2pm**

Present: Steve Wills, Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce, Betty-Ann Smart - Neighbourhood Support, Joel Burgess - Oranga Tamariki, Gordon Rosewall - Timaru Christian Ministers' Assn (Deputy Chairperson), Merali Taylor - Work & Income NZ, Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury, Rene Templeton - SCDHB Child & Youth Mgr, Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Robin Peterson - SC National Council of Women

In Attendance: Symon Leggett – Timaru District Council, Katrina Symons – Timaru District Council, Michelle Robertson – Timaru District Council, Mark Kroening.

1 Apologies

Mandy Wills – Aoraki Migrant Centre, Lindy Graham - Aoraki Secondary Sch Principals' Assn, Julie Fosbender - CCS Disability Action, Dave Gaskin - NZ Police, Craig Chambers - Fire & Emergency NZ, Christine Stewart - Timaru Community Patrol, Steve Zonneville - Primary School Principals' Assn, Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihi Trust, Christine Stewart - Timaru Community Patrol, Jock Anderson - Greypower Timaru.

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business identified.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of a minor nature identified.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2020

Resolution 2021/17

Moved: Mr Gordon Rosewall - Timaru Christian Ministers' Assn

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

6 Reports

6.1 Safer Communities Operational Update

Group Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services spoke to the report and the key activities that the new Safer Communities Coordinator will focus on initially. The committee were very excited with the appointment of the Coordinator and are looking forward to the further development and implementation of the Safer Communities Strategy.

Resolution 2021/18

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Member Steve Wills

That the report is received and noted

Carried

6.2 Lockdown Challenges

The committee members had a roundtable discussion about any issues arising in our community during lockdown.

The general themes coming through from the committee were:

- Lockdown has been a bit quieter this time around however there was greater uncertainty as we weren't ready for it. Government has not responded with any relief. A number of agencies and businesses really struggling to come out of lockdown as well this time around. Some businesses considering redundancies.
- It has been a really difficult period for agencies like the YMCA as it is a challenging time for safety of young people.
- More anxiety felt around the new Delta environment. Vaccine roll out is going exceptionally well. Continuing to encourage the message for people to book in.
- Crisis support is something we should be having at a Safer Communities level.
- Lockdown really hard in the hospital environment. Very challenging for staff and families. Ensuring we are keeping up communications is really important.
- Emergency management response in place including continued meetings with the psychosocial groups. Feedback has been really positive with NGO's not experiencing the issues that they experienced last time. Less people needing support with food and shelter.
- Chamber of Commerce are running some Health and Wellbeing sessions in November based around Micro Aggression and being less tolerant of people in the workplace.
- MBIE are also organising some psychological first aid sessions for the Mackenzie District.
- Oranga Tamariki 100% operational during lockdown – our message is we are still working remotely however when needed we are out in the community doing the work required.
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) better prepared this time around. Majority of staff are working from office. Key issues arising included food accessibility and affordability,

access to Wi-Fi and devices for students, overdue to power accounts, family violence, low access to vaccine and the wage subsidy. There is a bit of a backlog in regards to the sole traders applying for the wage subsidy. MSD are increasing the number of staff taking calls in regards to the wage subsidy. Also have a team of staff making outbound calls in that space.

- Longer flow on effect this time around, we don't know when we are going to get in front of this disease. There is some worried people out there, small businesses are just holding on from last time.

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no urgent business items.

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no minor nature matters.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

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Chairperson

6 Reports

6.1 Safer Communities Co-ordinator Bi-monthly Report - November 2021

Author: Michelle Robertson, Safer Communities Coordinator

Authoriser: Symon Leggett, Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services

Recommendation

That the report is received and noted.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide the Safer Communities Committee with an operational update on activities and progress in the Safer Communities space.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 While the safety and wellbeing of our Community are important, the content of this report is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Discussion

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 3 Timaru District Council's (TDC) new Safer Communities Coordinator, Michelle Robertson has been busy starting in her new role, meeting with representatives from the following groups; Community Patrol, South Canterbury National Council for Women, South Canterbury District Health Board (SCDHB), Secondary School Principals Association, Te Aitarakhi Trust, YMCA, Neighbourhood Watch, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Christian Ministers Association, Multicultural Aoraki, St Johns Ambulance, Chamber of Commerce and Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 4 Key issues highlighted through these meetings include the following:
 - 4.1 Mental health and wellbeing with particular increase due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Discussions had with a representative of mental health and primary care from the SCDHB confirmed an increase in demand for mental health services. The MOH have launched an online support platform to try and lessen barriers to getting support in the COVID-19 world when face to face consultations are harder to guarantee. There is a genuine need to provide ongoing long term mental health support for all people in our community.
 - 4.2 Housing, specifically a lack of quality social housing, especially for safety and emergency purposes.
 - 4.3 Drug and alcohol addiction and its harmful impact on whanau, friends and community.
 - 4.4 There are concerns about the increase of gang members and their presence within our communities.
 - 4.5 Family poverty and harm.

- 5 Other areas mentioned were mainly directed towards the Youth in our community:
 - 5.1 Where do children go (11-14 years) after school if their parents are working? There is not a community centre /hub where children who do not play sports or involved in after school activities can go.
 - 5.2 Prevalence of vaping in our youth
 - 5.3 The presence of suicide (Mental Health)
- 6 There were a number of discussions around poverty and lack of life skills, that if taught could make a huge impact on people's health and well-being both physical and mental.
 - 6.1 One suggestion was around developing community gardens and providing education to people on how to grow, harvest, prepare and cook healthy meals on a budget, promoting self-belief, confidence and enabling those who are unemployed an opportunity to apply for work.
 - 6.2 The South Canterbury Sustainable Trust are building a Community Venue/Education Centre on council ground in Redruth (on the seaward side of the Crow's Nest). This will have meeting rooms, a kitchen and toilets which will be available for hire. Planned opening will February/March 2022.
 - 6.3 They are working to develop, design and build a community garden where volunteers from the community would do exactly as suggested above with the idea of a paid part/full time manager in the future (funding required).
- 7 FENZ – Discussions were had on fire safety and the concern around lack of education in our community. Contact with local Real Estate agents, and property managers was suggested to encourage meetings with landlords and tenants in order to better protect themselves and their properties.
- 8 Aoraki Multicultural – Connecting with South Canterbury Kindergarten Association (SCKA) to liaise with different cultural groups, using positive discipline strategies or other barriers that may be challenging to newcomers.

Safer Communities Collaborative Learning

- 9 Michelle attended a Zoom meeting with Helen Algar and Shirley Bee (Stronger Waitaki) discussing a broad range of Safer Community issues. Michelle is meeting with Helen on Monday 15th November. (The original meeting was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions)
- 10 Michelle attended a Zoom meeting with Lesley Symington (Mid Canterbury Safer Communities) with an invitation to visit.
- 11 Discussions with Paul Mason (Safer Communities Tauranga) although like Michelle, he is new to job and has a lot of initiatives already set up. There are plans to schedule a zoom catch up within the next 3 months.
- 12 Correspondence via phone/email to Tracey Earl regarding the closure of Safer Communities head office in Auckland. A working group has been established and would like to stay community driven and continue with accreditation. Michelle will continue to liaise with Tracey over this process.
- 13 Michelle attended a Strengthening Families bi-monthly meeting with other organisations and found this to be very informative and learnt of the organisation E Korowai Tamariki Whakamana Au Te Whanau. The work this collaborative group does is very interesting and

Jane Culhane has been invited to speak to Safer Communities Committee to speak about their work.

Age-Friendly

- 14 Michelle has been working alongside Abi Goodhew (Venture Timaru) and a Community Steering Group to look at ways Timaru can become a more Age Friendly place to both live, work and to age successfully.
- 15 The purpose of this project is to work towards developing a formal Age-Friendly strategy and action plan for our district, based on the eight interconnected WHO (World Health Organisation) Age-Friendly domains.
- 16 These activities are essential in structuring the most appropriate goals and actions for our ultimate objective: making our district an even more inclusive place for all ages to live, learn work and play.
- 17 It is with great please that we're able to confirm that our application for a \$15,000 grant was received and accepted. This funding will go towards contracting an external organisation to collate the information from the community surveys, analyse the feedback and draft an action plan.

Looking Ahead and Next Steps

- 18 It is clear that our Safer Communities Strategy (Attachment 1) key initiatives are areas of great importance, with the improvement of mental health and wellbeing also a common theme. We are confident the strategy is aligned with our community needs and our continued focus on improving mental health and wellbeing for our community will have a positive outcome on our key initiatives.
- 19 The next steps will include looking at these initiatives collectively, prioritising and setting up special interest groups for each work stream.
- 20 Michelle has a number of meetings lined up over the next month as outlined below and will provide an update on these in our next meeting in January 2022.
 - 20.1 Attending the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Health and Well-being Summit
 - 20.2 Attending Aoraki Multicultural Coffee group.
 - 20.3 Face to face consultations with Safer Communities Co-ordinators in Oamaru and Ashburton.
 - 20.4 Work with Angus (TDC Digital Content) designing and continually updating website.
 - 20.5 Continue connecting with community organisations.

Attachments

1. **Strategy Plan for Timaru District July 2021** [!\[\]\(b7e1c8bc060ab2af8bc42ce81bfcf3c4_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(2d0771195b0e0240efcbd9d75c7cddb8_img.jpg\)](#)

TIMARU DISTRICT SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Strategy, Operating Plan & Outcomes

CORE PURPOSE

To enable a responsive, resilient and connected community who are contributing to the wellbeing of all in a sustainable and collaborative way.

VISION

Safe, resilient and connected communities in the Timaru District.

MISSION

To collaborate and empower our communities safety and wellbeing.

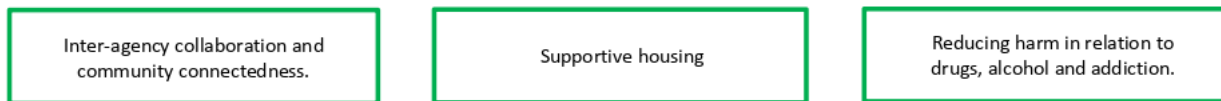
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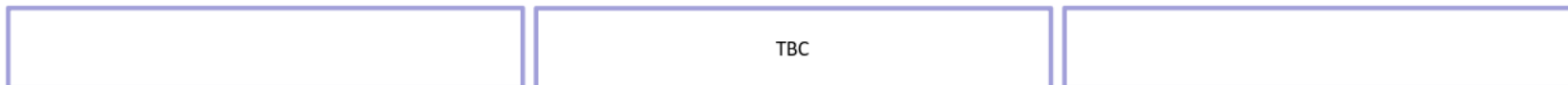
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



OPERATING PLAN - KEY INITIATIVES



DASHBOARD - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters