



# MINUTES

## Safer Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, 17 September 2020

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Safer Communities Committee Meeting  
Held in the Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru  
on Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 3pm**

**Present:** Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce, Betty-Ann Smart - Neighbourhood Support, Craig Chambers - Fire & Emergency NZ, Gordon Rosewall - Timaru Christian Ministers' Assn (Deputy Chairperson), Merali Taylor - Work & Income NZ, Robin Peterson - SC National Council of Women

**In Attendance:** Symon Leggett – Timaru District Council, Katrina Symons – Timaru District Council, Katy Houston – Aoraki Migrant Centre.

**1 Apologies**

Cr Steve Wills, Mandy Wills – Aoraki Migrant Centre, Lindy Graham - Aoraki Secondary Sch Principals' Assn, Julie Fosbender - CCS Disability Action, Dave Gaskin - NZ Police, Joel Burgess - Oranga Tamariki, Steve Zonneville - Primary School Principals' Assn, Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihi Trust, Christine Stewart - Timaru Community Patrol, Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury, Rene Templeton - SCDHB Child & Youth Mgr, Jock Anderson - Greypower Timaru.

**2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

There were no matters of a urgent business.

**3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

There were no matters of a minor nature.

**4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

**5 Confirmation of Minutes**

**5.1 Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2020**

**Resolution 2020/16**

Moved: Mr Gordon Rosewall - Timaru Christian Ministers' Assn

Seconded: Member Craig Chambers - Fire & Emergency NZ

That the Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Carried**

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 The Future of Safer Communities Timaru**

The committee discussed the future of Safer Communities Timaru.

The committee agreed that there is benefit in continuing to bring key local agencies and community groups together. The committee value the collaboration and information sharing that happens in these meetings. It's a great way to learn about what is happening in different areas around our district. The committee agrees that community voice is important and that this group should be community led, council supported.

Some of the key points made by the committee:

- It is time for Safer Communities to reinvent ourselves and establish what our own identity is. Identifying our strategic outcomes would be a good step forward.
- Needs and evidence based – identify problem, gap get evidence then come up with a plan.
- Need to provide a go to one stop shop, similar to an information centre where people can come and get advice on where they can go for support and they can be directed to the relevant agencies that do that work. One central source of information – web app that various groups can update themselves.
- Need to understand the community outcomes of what we are trying to achieve and have a strong sense of purpose and direction. Ensure we have the right agencies/people sitting around the table.
- Investigate Safe Communities Accreditation – funding avenues
- Get some guidance from Safer Waitaki on suggested next steps
- Another workshop type environment to brainstorm what our strategic outcomes are – keep momentum

## **7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

There were no matters of a urgent business.

## **8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

There were no matters of a minor nature.

**The meeting closed at 3.30pm.**

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**Chairperson**