

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor Heays, Councillors B Woods, J Roche-Bolton (Te Whare Putea), Colleen Cowan (Te Whare Putea), L Craig (Public Health Nurse),

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-ordinator), R Kirkbride (Youth Employment Coordinator), N Doney, K Mackenzie (District Nurse), C Hartley, K Roberts, D Wright (Order of St John), V Goodwin (Ministry of Youth Development), T McCowen (Womens' Refuge), A Hislop & L Stewart (Kaikoura High School Youth Council).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Thomas, M Falloon, L Moffatt, M Unahi, G Rae, R Te Ua

***Moved by M Burdon seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 10/05/2006**

**Transit NZ Speed Zone**

The Road Safety Officer advised B Stratten of Transit NZ had advised the 80kph speed zone from Kahutara to Oaro was not a trial however it would be reviewed after 12 months if deemed to be not working.

**2. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

**Gambling**

The Community Development Officer advised while Problem Gambling Foundation had a breakdown on where class 4 gambling venues were located within local authorities, they were unable to advise how much revenue each district received back from gambling. The Problem Gambling Foundation had advised there appeared to still be a low number of referrals from the Kaikoura district and they would be looking at how their service could be developed and improved in Kaikoura.

The Community Development Officer advised she would write to each Trust in order to ascertain what level of funds came back to the Kaikoura district.

**Funding for Youth Initiatives**

The Community Development Officer advised an application for funding had not been lodged, however she felt there would be a lot of information and support available in the future. V Goodwin, of the Ministry of Youth Development advised the present funding round had closed however she would keep in touch as to when the next round of funding opened

The Community Development Officer advised there was approximately \$10,000 belonging to the Youth Council and efforts were being made to re-register the Youth Council.

#### **Update on Housing Fund Application**

The Community Development Officer advised she believed Council's housing application had been approved. Housing NZ Corporation staff were expected to visit in July to inspect the site for either pensioner housing, family housing or both.

#### **Social Services Community Fund**

Councillor McChesney advised a subcommittee for this fund had been formed previously, however she urged progress of this fund and sought volunteers from committee members to join a further sub-committee. The Community Development Officer advised she had initially met with M Unahi and J Bolton-Roche.

It was decided a sub-committee be formed with the following representatives and that a meeting be arranged by the Community Development Officer to be held at Heartlands:

- Councillor M McChesney
- Mayor K Heays
- M Burdon
- C Cowan-Lee

#### **Local Services Mapping Report**

N Doney advised he was unable to hand out copies of the recently completed Local Services Mapping Report as it had to be launched by the Minister of Social Development prior to being handed out.

### ***3. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS' MINUTES***

The minutes of the Kaikoura Community Networkers' meeting held 9 May 2006 were included in the agenda for information.

*T Winstanley, member of the public, entered the meeting at 9.32am*

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

#### **Visit to Kaikoura High School – C Lashlie, N Hewitt & T Grice**

Kaikoura High School youth representative L Stewart advised C Lashlie, N Hewitt and T Grice had recently visited the school and held

meetings with pupils. She advised she had attended a great meeting where relationships had been discussed.

A Hislop advised womens prisons, and how easy it could be to end up in prison had been discussed. Drugs and party pills had also been discussed and it was advised party pills were a Class A drug in America.

Councillor McChesney recalled the Social Services committee had written to all Kaikoura stockists of party pills in the past and suggested the new owners of the “Kaikoura Night n Day” store be written to. M Kennedy suggested all stockists be written to.

#### **Adult & Community Education**

The Community Development Officer advised Adult & Community Education held quarterly meetings in Cheviot. She advised the next step would be for the Marae, Te Tai o Marokura, P McGahan, M Unahi, and R Kirkbride to get together with a representative from Adult & Community Education. M Burdon to arrange a meeting with the above organisations.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Takanhanga Marae**

A request was sent to the Runanga, from the Social Services Committee, for Runanga representation at future meetings. As a result, a letter was received from Takahanga Marae offering the marae as a possible venue for future alternate meetings in able to allow Runanga members to be present.

Councillor McChesney advised she and Mayor Heays had also discussed changing the date of future meetings from the second Wednesday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month in order to allow time for the minutes of the meeting to be prepared and included in the Council agenda of the same month.

There was a general consensus from all members present that future meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month and that they be held alternatively at the Memorial Hall Supper Room and Takahanga Marae.

### **6. RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION – PRIME PINE LTD**

Included in the agenda was an application to Environment Canterbury for changes to an existing discharge permit held by Prime Pine Kaikoura Ltd. Prime Pine Kaikoura Ltd, located at 222 Beach Road was Kaikoura’s sole sawmill and produced dry treated and untreated timber for the New Zealand, local and export market.

Mr T Winstanley, a resident of Beach Road, advised he wished to outline to the committee the effects the Mill had on residents living

nearby to the Mill and urged individuals to lodge a submission to Environment Canterbury.

He advised a kiln was bought six years ago to accelerate the drying process of timber which had previously been air dried. The kiln required a boiler and as a result residents were forced to move away for the sake of their children's health. Past Mayor, J Abernethy had arranged a meeting with a conciliator regarding the effects on nearby residents however no agreement had been reached. A second kiln was then erected.

T Winstanley advised he was an asthmatic and had had to increase the use of his inhaler from six times per day prior to the kilns being installed to 16 times per day and suggested it would be ideal if the Mill was moved.

Councillor McChesney thanked Mr Winstanley for sharing his information, as a social and economic matter and invited representatives to make a personal submission to Environment Canterbury.

#### **Order of St John**

D Wright advised there had been no reduced ambulance service in Kaikoura since February due to himself and a St John staff member from Christchurch undertaking to cover any gaps. He advised Kaikoura had been identified as a regional 'hot spot' with Christchurch St John's putting a business case together in order to attract government funding. He advised while the funding process could take up to three years it was at least a start and further noted there were 7 new recruits in Kaikoura.

### ***7. MAYOR'S UPDATE***

#### **SEEK Position**

Mayor Heays advised the newly appointed Youth Employment Coordinator's main role was to ensure all youth in the district were employed and tracked once they had left school, along with the promotion of sustainable employment.

#### **Success Award**

Mayor Heays advised he felt success was not celebrated enough in small communities and sought the committees support for an annual or biannual event to celebrate success. He advised the concept would be to incorporate the existing Council Community Service Award with work place nominations such as Employee of the Year, Office Administrator of the Year, Apprentice of the Year, and a ceremony for apprentices that had graduated the year before.

Mayor Heays advised he envisaged it would be a community initiative, facilitated by Council, and sought a commitment from the committee

prior to taking it to Council and asked for 3-4 volunteers who were willing to help drive it and make it happen.

The Social Services committee expressed unanimous support of an annual or biannual event to celebrate success. Councillor McChesney asked the committee if they would be prepared to support the event financially as there would be a cost to host such an evening. Mayor Heays suggested the funds could be raised from fundraising by the subcommittee.

## **8. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

### **Earth's Fury**

M Kennedy advised Earth's Fury had been well received by the community, All school children had visited as had approximately 10% of the population. Static displays by Order of St John, Red Cross and Coastguard were also provided.

M Kennedy advised while bad weather had dominated the news for the week Kaikoura had been fortunate enough to have got off the lightest of all districts. He advised it had been a timely reminder that storms could come from no-where and there was now an emphasis on preparedness.

### **Pandemic**

A New Zealand Crisis Management Model: Pandemic Scenario, was tabled. M Kennedy advised the District Health Board were the lead agency involved with many welfare agencies playing a major part, along with Civil Defence Emergency Management groups.

### **Beach Road**

J Bolton-Roche asked if yellow lines could be marked on Beach Road outside the Heartlands centre as it was extremely dangerous when exiting the carpark onto Beach Road. D Wright advised another area of concern was Beach Road/Hawthorne Road junction and requested yellow line marking in order to prevent the public from parking close to the intersection. M Kennedy advised he would speak with B Stratten of Transit New Zealand.

### **Land Transport New Zealand**

M Kennedy advised Land Transport Safety Assn (LTSA) were now Land Transport New Zealand. A recent consultation document had shown LTNZ were proposing to only pay out 75% of funds presently being received for safety programmes in schools, A&P exhibits and for the speed trailer with the balance having to be paid by Councils, noting they were trying to pass over more responsibility to district councils.

### **Safety Signage**

Councillor Woods asked if it would be possible to have a small sign erected at the intersection of Churchill Street and Ludstone road, placed at a level where little children could read it to remind them to

stop and look. M Kennedy suggested Schools be made aware of the crossing danger at this intersection. D Wright suggested having a school crossing, run by the schools. M Kennedy advised absolute buy-in would be needed. C Cowen-Lee suggested a letter be sent to Transit and local schools seeking feedback on what they felt should be done.

M Kennedy suggested finding out how big the problem was and advised he would monitor the site in the mornings and afternoons to gauge how many students were crossing.

D Wright suggested temporary flashing lights would have a better impact on traffic than actual signage.

M Kennedy was instructed to contact Roz Frost and Barry Stratten with regard to what could legally be placed at the site in terms of signage and safety. It was further decided that the Social Services Committee would write to local schools reinforcing the committees concerns on that corner, and supply data collected from M Kennedy. M Kennedy advised he would arrange for B Stratten to attend a future meeting.

## ***9. GENERAL BUSINESS***

### **New Library Facility**

K Roberts asked the committee if any members shared her concerns on access to the library if it were to move to the proposed new site on the corner of Churchill and Scarborough Streets. She advised it was presently convenient where it was for all to use and felt the present space constraints at the library could be solved by taking over the dive shop area, owned by Council. K Roberts advised the library would probably be the most frequently visited part of the new complex and asked the committee for their feelings on this matter.

C Cowen-Lee advised she was excited about the library possibly moving to a new location and assumed it would be bigger and have the facilities to enable the public to relax and read, noting she found the present library to small to read and relax in.

Mayor Heays noted access was certainly a big issue however it would be up to the community rather than the Council as to the new facility. He advised while the main thrust of Council's Long Term Council Community Plan was the proposed new facility on Churchill/Scarborough Street, every individual within the community would get their chance to submit on it, as well as the new facility.

### **Computer at Heartlands**

C Cowen-Lee advised there was a free computer available for the public to use for making Curriculum Vitae and school work.

### **Early closing of Hotels**

Mayor Heays advised he had attended recent meetings hosted by Sergeant R Smith regarding 1.00am closing time for all hotels, and as a result they would be closing at 1.00am for a trial period until the week prior to Seafest.

**Youth activities, Mayfair Theatre and Seafest**

A Hislop advised there was nothing for youth to do within the community and noted the movie theatre was poor and hardly used by local youth. J Bolton-Roche advised she felt it came back to the culture of the community and suggested a survey be undertaken to find out what the community thought of Seafest. Councillor McChesney suggested J Bolton Roche either write to Kaikoura Information & Tourism Inc or attend a future Seafest Committee meeting.

Councillor McChesney advised the Mayfair Theatre now had new seating and asked if the movies that were being shown were the type youth wanted to see. A Hislop advised there appeared to be a lot of older persons type movies being shown. Councillor Woods suggested the Mayfair Theatre place a public notice in the local newspaper to advertise the uniqueness of the theatre and the uniqueness of the camera system being used, noting it was the historical value and step back in time that held the most value and should be promoted. C Cowen-Lee suggested this could be a discussion item for the Youth Hui group.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.50am.*