

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Woods (Deputy Chair), Mayor Heays, J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), Colleen Cowan (Te Whare Putea).

**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), M Falloon (Hospital Manager), C King (MP for Kaikoura), N Doney, K Mackenzie (District Nurse), K Roberts, D Wright (Order of St John), V Goodwin (Ministry of Youth Development), T McCowan (Womens' Refuge), L Stewart (Kaikoura High School Youth Council).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M McChesney, S Thomas, G Rae, L Keeri Keepa, L Craig A Hislop, L Moffatt.

***Moved by M Burdon seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 14/06/2006**

**Social Services Community Fund**

M Unahi asked for clarity regarding the community fund. M Burdon advised the fund had been finalised and applications had been called for in the Kaikoura Star of 5 July 2006.

**Adult & Community Education**

M Unahi asked for clarity on Adult & Community Education. M Burdon advised it was nationally funded and Kaikoura was now involved with the North Canterbury branch. She advised because of issues around numeracy and literacy funding had been applied for in order to bring a representative to the Kaikoura district.

**Safety Signage**

K Roberts advised posts had been erected in Churchill Street and asked for an update. M Kennedy advised B Stratten of Transit New Zealand would be attending the August Social Services meeting and would address all roading and signage issues within the district.

**2. COLIN KING**

Councillor Woods welcomed MP Colin King to the meeting. C King noted it was good to see such a strong attendance at a social services meeting and advised he had 5 matters he wished to discuss.

**1. Kaikoura High School**

C King noted considerable progress had been made at Kaikoura High School however he believed the community would need to continue supporting it and noted getting the school back on track had come as a considerable cost to the taxpayer, being \$169,000 for the commissioner and other items.

**2. St Johns**

C King advised he had recently visited St Johns in Christchurch along with Mayor Heays and hoped to continue working together in order to get a solution for the service noting the area from the Hunderlees to Kaikoura had finally been recognised as a “hot-spot”.

**3. Works Infrastructure**

C King noted the relocation of Works Infrastructure, however he believed it would follow a due process.

**4. Wharf Area**

C King asked if there were any plans for the Wharf area since Pacific had closed down and noted it was very important for Kaikoura to keep its standard very high.

**5. Business Awards**

C King noted Kaikoura had done very well at the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards in 2005 and urged continued attendance.

*C Cowan-Lee entered the meeting at 926am*

**3. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

**Family Violence Advertising**

R Te Ua advised a flyer advising how to access the family violence network, should it be needed, had been distributed into all households throughout the district.

**Distribution of Local Services Mapping Report**

N Doney advised he was unable to distribute the Local Services Mapping Report as he was waiting to see if the Minister was going to be involved with the launch of it.

**Gambling**

M Burdon advised of the 3 Trusts she had written to, only one had replied to date advising they did not have access to seeing applications for funding and noted it would be interesting to see what the other Trusts had to say. C King suggested this information could be sought as an official information request if needed.

**Community Initiatives Fund**

M Burdon advised the subcommittee would be meeting following the Social Services meeting. She advised the fund had been advertised and

applications would close on the first Friday in August with forms available at Council and on Council's website [www.kaikoura.govt.nz](http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz)

#### **Party Pills**

L Copping advised she had written to all possible stockists of party pills within the district, being Night & Day Foodstore, Kaikoura Liquor Centre and West End Dairy. C King advised the feeling regarding party pills was consistent throughout the country. He advised substantive investigations were going into party pills as to date the classification of them had not been able to be altered.

#### **Transit**

M Kennedy advised B Stratten would be in attendance at the August meeting. C King advised Transit were required to be a good citizen and in being a good citizen they had to ensure safety. He advised he would be meeting with Colin Knags of Transit New Zealand who was responsible for looking after the Marlborough regions. Councillor Woods suggested C King meet with Council's Road Safety Officer following the meeting.

#### **Pedestrian Count – Ludstone/Churchill intersection**

M Kennedy advised he had recently taken a count at this intersection however he suspected numbers were down due to it being a wet day. On Thursday 22 June between 8.15am and 9.30am thirty seven school children were counted crossing with a further six crossing on the Lyell Creek Bridge.

### ***4. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT***

R Te Ua advised the recent visit from C Lashlie, N Hewitt and T Grice had been well received and worthwhile for Kaikoura High School.

She advised buckets would be handed around the township during the week 17-23 July in support of Women's Refuge with all funds generated from Kaikoura going toward Kaikoura women staying at the Womens's Refuge house in Blenheim.

### ***5. INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE***

#### **Party Pills**

C King advised party pills were classified as a Class C drug however the Minister's position was that there was not sufficient solid scientific evidence to put them into the next category as an illegal drug. He advised the Minister, Jim Anderton, had been closely involved with mental health and was very very aware of the problem further noting it was heartening to see a comprehensive research was being undertaken.

### ***6. MAYOR'S UPDATE***

**Council Website**

Mayor Heays advised the Council website was being used phenomenally and had received 15,000 hits for the month of June.

### **Community Success Awards**

Mayor Heays advised a small committee had been appointed to spearhead the awards, consisting of himself, W Fina'i (Kaikoura Star), L Denton, M McChesney and N Burnby.

### **Mayoral Clinics**

Mayor Heays advised he had recently met with K Mackenzie and M Falloon to discuss the elderly. It was decided an update be sought from G Bateup on progress with the hospital.

Transport for over 65's was also discussed by way of a van being purchased. C Mackenzie advised there was funds available that had not been accessed for some time, to be spent wisely in the community and a van with a hoist was currently being looked at. J Bolton-Roche advised she was very eager for a van to be purchased for the elderly as she often wondered how they got about once they were unable to drive. She suggested it be run as a voluntary service with drivers, similar to Meals on Wheels.

B Woods advised it was important to note that mentoring the young was often talked about however she felt the elderly also needed mentoring and suggested it could be driven from the Social Services Committee as it would be very useful for the elderly folk of the Kaikoura community.

Mayor Heays advised he was also visiting schools on a weekly rotation basis seeking feedback and the following suggestions had been received from local children as to what they wanted to see in the district:

- Indoor swimming pool
- The Warehouse
- Bungy jumping
- \$2 Shop

## ***7. GENERAL BUSINESS***

### **Road Safety**

M Kennedy advised he had recently attended a meeting with Police regarding re-gazetting speed camera areas in the Kaikoura District. He advised the area would be expanded to encompass the new 80km speed zone from Peketa to Oaro and there was a possibility of Schoolhouse Road being included.

M Kennedy advised there had been a successful drink drive campaign occurring with the theme being the unacceptability of letting your mate drink and drive.

### **Housing**

M Burdon advised she was hoping to meet up with housing people from Wellington in the near future.

### **Youth Development**

M Burdon advised there was a focus on reregistering the Youth Council. She advised she had asked the Chief Executive Officer for assistance for updating finances of the youth council.

### **Human Rights**

C Cowan-Lee advised the Human Rights Commission were holding a workshop for consumers on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. It would be a day workshop with mental health people to inform them of their rights. She advised they were also thinking of running a workshop for those working with people with mental illness.

C Cowan-Lee advised she would report back on the workshops at the August meeting.

### **Kaikoura Hospital**

M Falloon advised Kaikoura Hospital was presently full, which was good. She believed it was because of the amount of elderly within the district.

C Cowan-Lee asked how difficult it was for women to have to go away for birthing. M Falloon advised the hospital had two postnatal beds however mothers tended not to come back to Kaikoura hospital after giving birth and tended to either go to Burwood or Rangiora Hospitals, or home. She noted Christchurch Women's Hospital was moving women out within 4-6 hours of giving birth.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.*