

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 9.00AM IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), J Roche-Bolton (Te Whare Putea), Mayor Heays, Councillor S Thomas, L Craig (Public Health Nurse),

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Burdon (Community Development Officer & Strengthening Families Co-ordinator), N Doney, R Te Ua (Family Violence Co-ordinator), M Unahi (CCS), K McKenzie (District Nurse), D Wright (Order of St John), M Hislop, C Hartley, K Roberts, S Frizzell (Members of the public)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Woods, L Keeri Keepa, G Rae, T McGowan, L Moffatt, C Lee, M Kennedy, A Hislop & L Stewart.

Moved by L Craig, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST

Review of Committee Representation

Councillor McChesney advised she had recently met with the Chief Executive Officer for guidance following a request for two representatives to be on the Social Services Committee with full voting rights.

M Unahi advised she now realised her request was incorrect and instead of requesting for two CCS representatives she had meant to request representation by someone from within the community with a disability.

Councillor McChesney invited Mr Shaun Frizzell, who was in attendance, to be a representative for disabled persons onto the committee. S Frizzell advised he would like to attend a couple of future meetings before accepting.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the Social Services Committee appoint a representative from the disability sector of the community to its committee.

Mayor Heays suggested G Kleiss may need to be replaced as he had not attended a meeting for a long time and requested a letter be written to him to clarify this matter.

Arrange Meeting with Marae, Te Tai, etc.

M Burdon advised a meeting had still not been held however a lot of information had been collated in the meantime.

Record Pedestrian Numbers at Ludstone Road

R Te Ua advised a recent observation between 3pm and 3.30pm had recorded 7 adults, 40 students and 7 cyclists crossing at this intersection. M McChesney requested R Te Ua undertake a morning count between 8.15am and 9.00am.

Submission to Accommodation Supplement

M Burdon advised she had recently attended a seminar in Nelson where attendees had been asked by Housing New Zealand to look outside the square. M Burdon advised she had clearly stated at the seminar that Kaikoura was looking for a change in status in terms of the supplement and that a submission would be sent by 30 September. M Burdon noted the submission was open to anyone within the community and was also posted on the website.

2. FAMILY VIOLENCE REPORT

The Family Violence Coordinator advised during the month of August time was spent campaigning agencies to attend future network meetings. Victim Support and Tasman/Nelson Police had expressed a desire to attend future meetings.

Support was received from the Kaikoura Lions Club following an invitation for the Family Violence Coordinator to attend as a guest speaker. The Lions Club had been very receptive and pledged to sponsor the Family Violence Network for its Community Awareness Campaign toward the end of the year.

The Family Violence Coordinator advised a further year of funding had been gratefully received from the Crime Prevention Unit.

3. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

M Burdon advised a planned Labour Market Forum had been cancelled and was unlikely to be rescheduled until next year.

Councillor McChesney advised she and M Burdon had recently met with Senior Net who were currently struggling to keep the network alive.

While Senior Net was a self funded organization they were often looking for an injection of support and people wanting to learn the use of computers. M McChesney advised she had offered them the possibility of becoming part of the Social Services Committee.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Councillor McChesney informed the committee that Community Development Officer M Burdon had recently tendered her resignation and would be taking up a position as Community Development Officer at Waimakariri District Council. On behalf of the committee Councillor McChesney thanked M Burdon for her wisdom and energy and noted she had been of great support to the Social Services Committee

Housing

M Burdon advised there had unfortunately been a further change in Housing New Zealand Corporation personnel in Wellington. She advised Councils Asset Manager G Saily was the project leader within Council.

Youth Development

A recruitment drive was currently being undertaken for membership of the Youth Council, with Kaikoura High School offering representation. 15 members were required in order to elect a new committee and utilize funds. M Burdon advised a clear message had been received from surveys undertaken by pupils at the High School that there was a mandate for more youth activities within the district. Historically the funds were left over from when the skate park was built. Councillor Thomas noted what a well used fantastic facility the skate park was for youth.

Community Initiatives Funding

The Community Development Officer advised 3 applications had been received for the last round of funding. Two were successful and one was outside the criteria. She advised the next round of funding would close on 1 October and forms were available from Council, Councils website and Heartlands.

OSCAR Project

Enrollments were currently being taken for the next school holiday programme. M Burdon advised the after school programme was unable to be established due to a barrier with transport from schools to the venue. A quote of \$45.00 for 1 pick up had been received and it was now felt a daily commitment was required from a licensed driver for a mini bus.

Councillor McChesney asked for information from the breakdown of funding from the two gambling trusts to be included in the October agenda.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays advised weekly school visits were continuing along with Friday village green sessions and noted it was interesting to observe how well used the newly installed bridge was being used by the public.

Community Gala Awards Night

A large thank you was sent out by the Mayor to all that had attended and helped to organize the Community Awards Gala night held on Friday 1st September. It had been a great night for the community. Mayor Heays advised one of the highlights for him had been the encouragement it had provided to the youth of the district and asked that it be noted that those who received awards were nominated by the community, not the Council.

Community Care Trust

Mayor Heays advised the Community Care Association consisted of two groups, being the management and the trustees. The trustees had been quiet over the last few years and had been written to seeking acknowledgement that they still wished to be trustees as the management were eager to commence new projects.

Zone 5 Meeting

Mayor Heays advised the main topic at a recent Zone 5 meeting he had attended had been rates and as a result a special enquiry was likely to be held and it was felt the results would show that Councils were under-funded by government and over-funded by ratepayers.

It was felt the rates rebate scheme was at a fair and equitable level in terms of eligibility however the fact that 25% of ratepayers qualified for it showed there may well be something wrong with it as over half of the other 75% of ratepayers were not eligible and were struggling to pay their rates.

Apprentice Support

Mayor Heays advised the Building & Construction Industry Training Organisation had hired Councils building inspector N Burnby to run classes to assist with practical support for apprentices.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Education

M Unahi advised Marlborough Community College were looking at bringing courses to Kaikoura. In terms of funding from the Ministry of Education Kaikoura fell under the Nelson region.

Mental Health

M Unahi advised she had recently attended a mental health hui at Takahanga Marae and learnt Kaikoura had a 3 month waiting list for services related to this. Councillor McChesney asked N Doney if this was included in his recently launched mapping report. N Doney advised while it was noted as an issue regarding a service being provided from Christchurch, all mental health services were currently being restructured and he believed the reality for a community such as Kaikoura was the issue of access to services or availability of services. M Burdon noted the issue was around service provision and funding

and it was very important to continue advocating it in Councils Long Term Council Community Plan.

Kaikoura Village Christmas

J Bolton-Roche advised she had been asked by a member of the districts New Life Church to present a proposal to the committee to bring a Christmas experience to the community by way of a community event. Use of the village green and carpark would be required to host an event with games, lollie scrambles, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, bands and spot prizes.

J Bolton-Roche advised they were looking for funding and would most probably put in an application to the Community Initiatives Fund for funding.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05am.