

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.00AM ON 1st NOVEMBER 2006 AT THE SUPPER
ROOM, 34 ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, L Craig (Public Health Nurse), Councillor Woods, N Doney, D Wright, K McKenzie, G Kleiss, L Moffat, R Smith (Police), M Faloon, J Bolton-Roche

IN ATTENDANCE: J Woodgate (Minutes Secretary), C King (MP for Kaikoura), C Roberts, C Hartley, W Fina'i, S Parsons, J Stone, Members of Public

APOLOGIES: M Kennedy, M Kahu, T McCowan, G Rae (WINZ)

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by L Craig that the apologies be accepted.

Open with Karikia from Marion.

Councillor McChesney advised that there would be no representative from the Takahanga Marae attending the Social Services meeting.

2. WELCOME TO COLIN KING

MP C King spoke about the gambling service that had recently received bad press in the National headlines. He was interested to find out who had delivered the contract for this in Kaikoura, he was advised that Linda Kitchingham does this. MP C King was interested to see how this programme is structured in Kaikoura. Funding would perhaps come from Canterbury District Health Board. Watch this space as MP C King would be following this matter through.

MP C King was interested to see what was in place to help the ambulance in Kaikoura receive funding. D Wright advised that Kaikoura had a 7 day a week service cover now. Christchurch has identified Kaikoura as a regional hot spot and will try to get a business plan together to provide support.

Councillor Chairman McChesney advised that she will try to get some statistics together from the Marae in regards to the situation with the poker machines and usage in relation to the Maori population here in Kaikoura.

3. MATTERS TO ARISE AS GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Chairman McChesney advised the committee that while attending a meeting at the Takahanga Marae there had been discussion on the Youth Council. The skate park, whaka ama and the Youth council were all put together by former Kaikoura resident Mrs R Roberts. At the moment the Youth Council have to re-register to gain access to the money that belongs to the Youth Council. To do this it is required to have 15 signatures of actively involved people to get it up and running again. Councillor Chairman McChesney is willing to commit to the Youth Council. It is suggested to perhaps put an article in the star, J Kahu will talk to W Fina'i about this.

R Smith gave feedback that the youth of Kaikoura have asked if there could be a venue for them to hang out at. J Bolton-Roche advised that if you have a venue then you need a full time Youth Worker that is committed to managing it.

J Bolton-Roche enquires to the mayor how the community van is coming along. The Mayor responded that Council has applied through the Public Gaming Trust for funding. At the moment it is a matter of getting the trust together so Council can get some direction with where to allocate the funds. It is progressing. J Bolton that she had been in contact with a lady in Kaiapoi that carries out a similar role to her and she is quite happy to pass on helpful information to help Kaikoura get their van up and running. It was advised that Kaiapoi does use a lot of voluntary drivers.

The Mayor has feedback from On Track for over pass. The temporary fence has been snipped and pulled back and the gentleman from On Track is keen to put a fence around 25m of this area, he is currently negotiating with G Saidy.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 03/10/2006

L Craig went to a Child Care Summit, this course was aimed at ages 0-5. Lots of information on dental, nutrition, immunization, SIDS.

MP C King commends the police on the action taken throughout the Kahu case. He advises that it will be along time before New Zealand's Bill of Rights will be changed.

There is a 12 month programme coming through soon to bring New Zealand males into the modern times in terms of new ways of thinking and learning different behavior patterns, as men generally have more of a problem with abuse and drinking in New Zealand than woman.

5. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

Nothing to report.

6. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATORS REPORT

R Te Ua advised that she has sent out 3 letters to the Seafest committee. There was a water station at this year's festival, provided by RD Hughes which was well used. It was reported that this year's festival was one of the more successful in terms of police involvement and well behaved members of public. R Te Ua advised that she is holding a community concert in November at the Memorial Hall that will host a range of acts including singing, dancing and BBQ's starting from 7pm.

7. INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

This is not available just yet.

8. 10.00AM CANTERBURY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD VISIT

Introduction of Canterbury District Health Board members.

The whole project is under a 12 month time frame. Hence there will be quick action on implementing services required to the Kaikoura District. They wish to build on services that are currently available to Kaikoura.

The models of service delivery are important to understand before you can deliver properly.

- Presentation of Overview of Services and Utilization 2006 – Introduction to Health

The Social Services Committee was presented with a n information handout.

Points noted were:

A recent review of rural health services has highlighted a number of issues for the Kaikoura District.

The Kaikoura community concerns include:

- Difficulties for local woman in accessing prenatal maternity care
- Travel costs for woman using maternity services in Christchurch or Blenheim
- Long wait for child and Family Mental Health Services
- Some difficulties in accessing secondary health care services in Christchurch
- Travel costs and transport availability when using secondary services in Christchurch
- Age, lay out and maintenance costs of Kaikoura Hospital
- Need for better facilities for GP's, other local providers and visiting health teams
- Shortage of home care staff to provide personal care and domestic assistance for people who have been assessed as needing this help
- Difficulty in recruiting volunteers for ambulance and fire services

This focus is 10-15 years ahead of us, normally these goals are immediate. It is about how we deliver services and the principles behind that.

Mayor Heays enquires as to how far along through the process they are in providing better health care to Kaikoura. The CDHB responded that they were at the start of this process.

The group from the CDHB advised that they will be tapping into the work that N Doney has been undertaking – they do not want to re-invent the wheel.

N Doney advised that at one stage there was a matter that came up about up skilling the providers in Kaikoura. CDHB needs to be providing more resources to the GP's.

CDHB advised that they are hoping to get the pilot completed by this coming Christmas.

W fina'i has asked what will happen to the hospital that is currently available in Kaikoura. Of which the CDHB responded that they need to look at what services are needed first then they will be able to assess the building in question.

CDHB advised that there are other similar sized hospitals / medical centers from around New Zealand that CDHB will eventually look at combining some of their ideas to come up with the best possible facility for Kaikoura.

CDHB advised that one of the principle ideas is integration. Up until now this has been an information gathering exercise. In the future CDHB will hope to run parallel with the ideas and what is actually going on so that at some point these two will merge and run in a more influential direction.

Mayor Heays enquires as to the timeframe for getting this project implemented.

He was advised that this is really up to the executive management team, but would hope to have a clear idea by the end of July 2007. The urgent issues that need addressing are service issue and facility issues. There are no obvious answer as yet.

S Parson comments that there needs to be more congeniality to the process.

Looking at the community as a hole we all work together quite well it is when it comes to working with outside providers that problems arise.

G Kleiss advises that as a whole he is impressed with the health system here in New Zealand as compared to other health care providers eg in the USA.

9. MAYORS UPDATE

Mayor Heays advised that he believes an outcome from the SEEK job will come. He would like to see all the Youth workers in Kaikoura to have a get together to compare notes and familiarize each other with the work that each is undertaking. He also commented that in regards to Seafest weekend the Liquor Bylaw seemed to have produced a good result. R Smith advised that Kaikoura has had its first conviction with the Liquor Bylaw which involved issuing a \$200 fine. At Seafest the Liquor Ban did tie up Police resources a lot more than other years. He advised that more signage is required from Council to reinforce the message throughout the Kaikoura township. It was noted that the majority of people arrested and pulled up for drink driving this year at Seafest were from Rangiora, these people were not ticket holders.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.