

**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

7 February 2007
Memorial Hall Supper Room

COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 DECISION-MAKING REQUIREMENTS

Except as below, a statement of compliance and a completed decision checklist is required for any agenda item on a council committee or the council recommending that a decision be made. This will be the responsibility of the person signing off the agenda item

The compliance statement and checklist will not be used for:

- Recommendations that information be received or that the Council make a decision.
- Decisions taken under the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Biosecurity Act 1993 in relation to resource consents, decisions required when following the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, other permissions, submissions on plans, or references to the Environment Court.
- Decisions taken to proceed with enforcement procedures under various primary or secondary legislation or regulations, including procedures under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002, and Kaikoura District Council Bylaws.
- Administrative and personnel decisions that are entirely internal to Kaikoura District Council.
- Other decisions where the procedures to be followed are set out in Legislation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The council committee (or the council) must formally certify that:

- (a) It is satisfied that it has sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, in terms of the district's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the effects on community outcomes, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions.
- (b) It is satisfied that it knows enough about and has given adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

(a)	A Statement of the Proposed Decision
(b)	A Statement of the Objective of the Proposed Decision and the Issue or Problem being addressed
(c)	A list of all reasonably practicable options, (including doing nothing)
(d)	For each option in (c): An evaluation of the Benefits and Costs, in terms of the district's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being
(e)	For each option in (c): A statement of the extent to which community outcomes would be promoted or achieved in an integrated and efficient manner
(f)	For each option in (c): A statement of the Impact, if any, on Kaikoura District Council's capacity to undertake its responsibilities
(g)	If the Proposed Decision is a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, a statement of how Maori values have been taken into account
(h)	A Statement of significant inconsistencies, if any, with any Existing Policy, Plan or Legislation arising from the Proposed Decision.
(i)	A statement how the views and preferences of affected or interested persons have been given adequate consideration during the definition of the problem or issue, the objective, the assessment of options and the development of the proposed decision, including the particular contribution of Maori to the decision-making process

Notes:

The significance of proposals and decisions determines how much time, money and effort is put into exploring and evaluating options and obtaining the views of affected and interested parties. The significance of proposals and decisions is determined through reference to criteria contained in the policy on significance.

The policy on significance together with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the Council's requirements in relation to decisions. Some decisions can only be made through the Long-Term Council Community Plan, or after the Special Consultative Procedures set out in the Act have been used, (refer to the policy on significance and the Act).

All decisions of Kaikoura District Council are subject to the decision-making requirements of section 76 of the Act unless inconsistent with specific requirements of other legislation.

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00
AM ON WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2007 AT MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Welcome to Colin King, MP for Kaikoura*
3. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
4. *Matters Arising from Report of 06/12/2006* *page 1*
5. *Community Networkers Minutes* *page 4*
6. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 6*
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8. *Mayor's Update*
9. *Road Safety Update*
10. *General Business*

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.00AM ON 6TH DECEMBER 2006 AT TAKAHANGA
MARAĒ, TAKAHANGA TERRACE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), C Cowan (Te Tai o Marokura), M Kahu (Te Tai o Marokura),

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), S Frizzell (Disability Sector), K Mackenzie (District Nurse), C Roberts, C Hartley, D Wright (Order of St John), N Doney (Ministry of Social Development), Councillor S Thomas, T McCowan (Women's Refuge), R Te Ua (Family Violence & SHK Coordinator)

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Woods, Mayor K Heays, M Falloon, I. Craig, M Unahi.

1. WELCOME TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Newly appointed Community Development Officer, M Pfeifer, was welcomed to the meeting. M Pfeifer advised she was relatively new to the district and had previously been working as a Work Broker and Case Manager for the Ministry of Social Development.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Canterbury District Health Board Visit

J Bolton-Roche advised if anyone wished to pass information on to G Bateup and his team she was willing to be a contact person for passing information to them.

3. FAMILY VIOLENCE REPORT

The Family Violence report was presented. R Te Ua advised she had recently attended a conference in Blenheim titled "Strategies in the Prevention of Family Violence" which had been very thought provoking and as a result she was eager to build some strong networks within the community.

Family Variety Show

R Te Ua advised most of the month had been spent organizing a variety show which had been held on 2 December. The Variety Show had been extremely successful and promoted awareness of family violence.

4. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

J Bolton-Roche advised the Community Networkers Meeting of 14 November had been a quick meeting

SEEK Position

R Te Ua advised she had recently met with G Gatward-Smith of Nelson and provided a report based on data collected to date however she was advised the position required her to work with clients rather than data collecting. R Te Ua advised she would be working closely with schools once the new year started up.

N Doney advised R Te Ua had held an excellent meeting with some of the business people within the community where they had identified the issue of not being able to get staff, coupled with the issue of lack of accommodation available. N Doney advised he had spoken with Housing NZ who had advised they had no statistics to support an accommodation crisis and expressed concern that this indicated people were not approaching Housing Corporation for accommodation.

C Cowen suggested forms be provided to property management companies for filling out by those looking for accommodation within the district.

M Kahu advised she had heard comments that names were being dropped off waiting lists after a period of time.

R Te Ua advised in terms of employment, she was trying to gather information on what the need was, what employers wanted and what sort of courses were wanted for the district, noting businesses were eager to support it.

5. SENIOR NET UPDATE

Councillor McChesney provided an update. She advised Senior Net were struggling to get the numbers to continue, even though the age had been lowered to 50 years of age. If Senior Net folded, its 5 computers would be lost from the district and would be distributed to a Senior Net equivalent within New Zealand. Councillor McChesney advised she had stepped in and offered Senior Net to come under the auspices of the Social Services Committee with Council's Office Manager taking care of financial matters. The next official meeting for Senior Net would be held after the March Social Services meeting and everyone was most welcome to attend. Councillor McChesney advised they were eager to find people with the knowledge to teach computer skills.

6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Road Safety Officer advised three new billboards had been erected throughout the district with interchangeable skins.

The speed trailer would be deployed around the town over the Christmas period which provided a halo effect in terms of speed.

The Road Safety Officer advised there was now no requirement for over 80's to undertake annual driving tests however if GP's felt the need for an assessment then referrals would be arranged.

Two publications were tabled;

1. Real Kiwi's Driving Guide --- What's good about driving in NZ
2. Fire Smart - the homeowners manual

7. MAYOR'S UPDATE

In the Mayor's absence, Councillor McChesney advised Council had recently engaged the services of SGL Funding Group to undertake a funding strategy for the proposed new community facility. Meetings had taken place with various key people from within the district and would continue to be undertaken in order for SGL Group to get a real feel for the make up of Kaikoura as a community.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

K. MacKenzie advised she had recently met with Canterbury District Health Board and provided a report on statistics and patients for whom she cared for and what it would mean to Kaikoura if a new hospital was built. D Wright of St John advised he was scheduled to meet with the Board the following week. The Board had contacted him asking for a list of groups of people to contact as they were currently in the process of gathering figures and statistics on what was needed in the Kaikoura district. M Kahu advised the Board had not been in touch with her. N Doney advised he would ask the Board to contact Te Tai Marokura.

There being no further the meeting closed at 9.46am.

MINUTES OF THE KAIKOURA COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MEETING

Te Whare Puta/Heartlands, unit 3, 78 Beach Road
12noon Tuesday 12th December 2006

Present:

Jenny Bolton Roche (TWP), Frank Maxwell (HNZC), Trevor Walker (HNZC), Stephanie Moses (Community Law Marlborough), Megan Pfeifer (KDC), Rupia Te Ua (FV Network), Linda Craig (Public Health Nurse), Gayle Rae (Work and Income), Ma-rea Unahi (CCS), Lyn van Velzen (Work and Income – CCC & WFI), Shaun Frizzell (Member of the public).

Apologies:

Felicity Woodham (CDHB), Noel Doney, Leena Keri Kepa, Lianne Nicholls

Round:

Ma-rea (CCS):

There are Christmas Tree Festivals going on in the region. Businesses and organisations buy these trees and decorate them. Members of the public pay a gold coin donation to vote for the best tree. You can see the trees in Christchurch, Blenheim and Rangiora. This will be happening in Kaikoura next year.

There is training available next year for Family Governance and Self Directed Services and also a Leadership Series for Families who have a child with a disability.

There is a dawn blessing at 4.30am of the Peninsula Walk Way on Saturday the 16th of December.

Gayle (Work and Income):

Work and Income will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday the 22nd and will reopen on the 8th of January. There will be someone available in Blenheim for emergencies (food and stranded travel). Hologram letters will be faxed from Blenheim to the service providers.

Linda (Public Health):

Public Health will be closed for the Christmas break from Wednesday the 20th of December and will reopen again on the 8th of January.

The CDHB are doing a pilot project in Kaikoura looking at health services and infrastructure. Felicity Woodham (ph 0274446749) is the project manager and would like to talk to interested peoples. The group discussed isolation to many services and the difficulties involved in accessing funding to travel to either Christchurch or Blenheim to access services such as maternity care.

Rupia (Family Violence):

The Family Violence Network Variety Concert was held on the 2nd of December in the Memorial Hall. This was a very successful evening with 250 people attending. Resource packs were given out on the night and were well received. This event has received good feedback.

Megan (Community Development Officer):

Megan advised that although she is new to this role she is looking forward to the challenge and being involved in Community projects

Stephanie (Community Law):

Community Law is shutting over the Christmas break, but will be back on the 3rd of January. Someone will be contactable by phone in case of an emergency. There may be a clinic at the end of January.

Frank and Trevor (HNZC):

HNZC is open throughout Christmas, with reduced staff. They are best contacted on their 0800801601 number which is available 24 hours, 7 days.

Lyn (Work and Income – CCC & WFF):

Information provided on holiday programmes. There is one in Kaikoura and the rest are in Blenheim. Oscar approved programmes have a subsidy available of up to \$3.31 per hour per child.

Fortnightly Family Assistance payments are available through the Working for Families Package. This is paid through IRD and current thresholds are available from 1st of April 06 to 31st of March 07.

In Work payments are also available to a two-parent family working at least 30 hours per week, or a sole parent family working at least 20 hours per week. Please contact Work and Income for further information regarding entitlement to these payments.

Meeting Closed at 1pm

Next meeting will be held on February 13th at 12 noon.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Affordable Housing Project:

We have been tidying up some loose ends for the Housing Innovation Fund HNZC Project. As part of this I have put together a tenants handbook that includes information for potential and actual tenants around eligibility, application process, tenancy issues, changing circumstances, repairs and maintenance, emergency phone numbers etc. The funding has not been signed off, but is looking promising.

It has been suggested by Housing NZ that we may need to look at a formula for rent setting. As rents are currently around 20% of NZ Superannuation it may be an idea to base our formula on this.

The Design Team Architects submitted the successful proposal for the Pensioner Units. The initial meeting was held with Gallo and myself to discuss the design brief and to get the ball rolling. The contracts have been signed and the Design team will present their initial plan to Councillors, Stakeholders and council staff on February the 8th at 1.30pm. The design is due for review by HNZC in early March.

Gambling Policy:

The Gambling Venue Policy that the council implemented in 2004 is due for review this year. To prepare for this I have sent letters to all stakeholders including local venues, Trusts, Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health, Problem Gambling Foundation, local social service providers and Maori. The letter advised of the upcoming review and invited Stakeholders to submit relevant information with regards to this review.

From this information and other research I have been able to access I am in the progress on putting together a report detailing information necessary to carry out the review. Information includes objectives, expenditure, distribution of proceeds, problem gambling among other issues. This report will be ready in late February for the Gambling Review Subcommittee when it is re-established at the next full council meeting.

Youth:

I have met with Jana Kahu who is currently looking after the Youth Council re-registration. She has been unable to progress this to date. Kevin and I have offered to work with her on this. A meeting is set for the second week of February to work on this.

I also held a meeting with the Youth Development group who are very committed to getting the Youth Council up and running prior to looking at any other project work. It was agreed that this would be our focus.

I am meeting with Tim Smith and Zara Battersby (Head Boy and Girl) to discuss ideas for a possible future project to secure funds for on Thursday 1st of February.

Oscar Project – Bread of Life

Leena Kerei-Keepa has been following up this project, but as she has now left Work and Income she has passed it onto me. Bread of Life are able to provide an after school programme, but there is an issue mainly surrounding transport from schools to the venue of St Peters Anglican Hall. One taxi company has quoted \$90 per day, which is too expensive. I have contacted Karen at Kaikoura Designer Tours and Travel also for a quote.



Pub Charity

18 DEC 2006

Kevin Heays
Kaikoura District Council
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13 December 2006.

Dear Kevin,

Following on from our meeting last week, I am writing to you to clarify a number of issues in regards to Adrian Straayer's Problem Gambling Presentation in relation to Kaikoura.

Unfortunately, much of what Adrian has stated can not be backed up by facts. I hope some of the following information will help you to reach a clearer understanding of Pub Charity's activity in your town.

For every dollar gambled in our gaming machines nationally approximately 90 cents is returned in winnings. Typically, of the remaining 10 cents rose by Pub Charity:

- 20% is paid to Government as Gaming Duty
- 12.5% is paid to Government as GST
- 1.1% is paid to Government as a Problem Gambling Levy
- 1% is paid to Government as gaming license fees
- 37.12% minimum must be returned to the community
- 25-30% is used to cover the operational costs of a strictly Not-for-Profit organisation (servicing machines, Venue reimbursement for "Actual and Reasonable" costs defined by the Gambling Act 2003, overheads etc)

Pub Charity pools funds for distribution by local authority. In this way we ensure that funds raised in Kaikoura stay local.

The actual figures for Pub Charity in Kaikoura for the period October 05 to September 06, therefore, are as follows:

Total raised by Pub Charity in Kaikoura	\$505,408.02(GST incl)
Gaming duty	\$101,081.60
GST	\$56,156.45
Problem Gambling Levy	\$5,610.03
Licence Fees	\$11,382.00
Allocated to the Kaikoura donations pool (For a society this figure has to be 33% of the Society turnover)	\$152,025.20
Actually donated to Kaikoura	\$150,593.49

For Kaikoura the donations pool percentage is 30% due to the turnover per machine being lower than the national average

Returns to each community will vary due to the turnover variations across each region. The three venues in Kaikoura have average weekly banking of around \$25,600, or \$609 per machine. While this is quite typical for South Island rural areas, once you get into Suburban Christchurch or Dunedin this rises to around \$950 per machine.

It was interesting to note that the Problem Gambling Foundation (PGF) had put player loses in Kaikoura at the Suntrap as \$427k for six months. The banking at this venue is approximately \$8,000 per week. This would equate to player loses of 208k for the period. The Problem Gambling foundation have simply extrapolated figures based on the Christchurch figures of \$950 per machine and painted a totally incorrect picture. They have also assumed the loses are the same for The Adlephi and simply divided the figure by two to get player losses of \$213k for the New Commercial. I ma not sure where they got the grant information from bur clearly it is also incorrect.

The PGF have now given this presentation and presented similar information to other TLA's.

As a founding member of the Charitable Gaming Association (CGA), an entity striving to minimise harm to gamblers, whilst maximising returns to the community, Pub Charity is especially interested in operating transparently.

This year, Pub Charity's Grants, Marketing and Communications Manager, Ben Hodges, has spoken at public seminars throughout the country. The objective of his presentations has been to give as wide a cross section of the community as possible, first hand information on Pub Charity's donation criteria and to provide useful tips on filling in applications.

This talk, the fact we routinely publish all our approved and declined applications for public scrutiny and the fact that the DIA routinely (and without major incident) audits our finances/donations, is a world away from the murky picture that Mr Straayer portrays of our processes.

We are proud of the good work Pub Charity has done in Kaikoura, and hope to be able to make a positive contribution to your town for many years to come. The level of grant is simply a function of the level of turnover within the TLA.

I trust this answers some of your questions and clarifies Pub Charity's position in your community.

Enclosed is a copy of the recent CGA grants supplement and an annual report.

It was nice to meet you the other day. I hope Pub Charity can maintain a dialogue with your council in the future.

Yours sincerely,



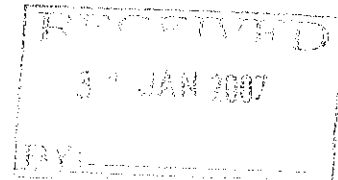
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Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister for Racing
Associate Minister for Senior Citizens



25 January 2007

Mr Kevin Heays
Mayor
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Dear Mr Heays

RE: SUPERGOLD CARD

The exciting new SuperGold Card for seniors announced recently will provide easy access to government concessions and to business discounts for everyday goods and services. The new card recognises the contribution seniors and veterans have made and continue to make to New Zealand.

We are aware that seniors have been able to access concessions offered by local government for some time by showing their Community Services Card or NZ Super Card. The SuperGold Card will replace these separate cards for seniors when it is launched in August of this year. We want to offer you the opportunity to have the information about your local government seniors concessions updated for the SuperGold website and directory that will be sent to all cardholders.

The directory and website will list details of all current local government, business, and central government discounts and concessions available to seniors, so we want to make sure the information we have about your concessions is correct and up to date.

We surveyed your organisation in May of last year to find out what concessions your local government offered. Card staff will follow up with you shortly to ensure that information is still up to date.

In the meantime, could you please let relevant staff know that the SuperGold Card will replace the Community Services and NZ Super Cards for older people from August 2007. The existing Community Services Card will continue for eligible people under 65 years of age.

It is important to us that you are kept fully informed of developments in relation to the card and so we have attached a factsheet for further information.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Winston Peters
ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Hon Mark Burton
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUPERGOLD CARD

Key Information



- The SuperGold Card is a concession card for New Zealand residents who are 65 or over, or who qualify for NZ Superannuation or a Veteran's Pension.
- It will provide commercial discounts from participating businesses, and easy access to concessions on government and local authority services.
- The card will be credit card sized. It will carry the holder's name, a number and whether the holder receives NZ Super or a Veteran's Pension, or has a Community Services Card. A photograph for ID purposes is optional.
- Associated legislation was introduced last year. Funding for the card's implementation and operation has been made available. The card will be available in August this year.
- About 540,000 people – including around 15,000 under the age of 65 – will be eligible to receive the card.
- It will be sent automatically to people receiving NZ Super or a Veteran's Pension, and to people aged 65 or over who receive a benefit. Other residents aged 65 plus will qualify for the card, but will need to apply.
- Cardholders' spouses who are under 65 will be able to access the commercial discounts.
- Veterans will receive a specially-branded SuperGold veterans card.
- The SuperGold Card replaces the Community Services Card and Super Card. People who currently hold those cards will be able to access their entitlements through the SuperGold Card, and more concessions may be added later.
- There will be no change to existing NZ Super entitlements.
- The Ministry of Social Development has set up a freephone for seniors wanting to make inquiries. It is 0800 25 45 65.
- The Ministry will also produce a directory and establish a website listing all discounts being offered to cardholders.
- A wide range of discounts for everyday goods and services are likely to be offered, and the experience in Australia is that commercial discounts build up year by year.
- MSD is now seeking expressions of interest from businesses. Conditions are being finalised but are likely to include a requirement that discounts last at least 12 months.
- A freephone has been set up for interested businesses on 0508 65 00 00