

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 AT  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor K Heays (Acting Chair), J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), S Frizzell (Disability Sector), C Roberts, C Hartley, D Wright (Order of St John), R Te Ua (Family Violence & SEEK Coordinator), G Rae (Work & Income), A Cowdley (Kaikoura Star).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M McChesney, Councillor B Woods, Councillor S Thomas, M Pfeifer, T McCowan, K Mackenzie, M Falloon.

**1. WELCOME TO COLIN KING**

Mayor Heays opened the meeting and welcomed C King, MP for Kaikoura.

C King advised he was interested to see how Kaikoura High School performed in 2007 with its new principal and the outcome of the next Education Review Office (ERO) report. He was also interested in Canterbury District Health Board's health needs for Kaikoura, and acknowledged the great efforts of the Kaikoura Coastguard team in getting its new boat in the water.

***D Wright left the meeting at 9.11am.***

C King advised his main focus was skills, trade training, absenteeism around schools, and dealing with Industry Training Organisations.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 6/12/2006**

**SEEK Position**

Mayor Heays advised he and R Te Ua had been working closely with Work and Income regarding the SEEK position and noted Work & Income were now asking for the position to be redirected in order to be more people based. R Te Ua advised she was now focusing more on youth that had left school and referrals from Work and Income.

**SGL Group**

Mayor Heays advised various workshops centered around the proposed aquatic centre and museum were being held with both Council and the community during the week. An aquatic fitness specialist and a museologist had been engaged to run the workshops.

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

The Community Development Officer's report was read in her absence.

#### **Affordable Housing**

The successful proposal for pensioner units was submitted by The Design Team Architects, and a presentation of an initial concept plan would be shown to Councillors and Council Staff during the week with the design due for review by Housing New Zealand Corporation early March.

#### **Gambling Policy**

M Kennedy advised a report from Eureka Trust in the Christchurch Press of 3 February had shown over 20% of funds from gambling went back into gambling. He noted the Kaikoura Trotting Club had received \$100,000 in funding which he found interesting since gambling machines for Eureka Trust had only been in place at Robbie's Bar & Bistro for approximately 8 months.

#### **Oscar Project**

G Rae advised after school care and holiday day care for children was now available to families within the district, subsidized by Work & Income New Zealand. Holiday programmes had been running since June and an after school programme was commencing today.

### ***4. MAYOR'S UPDATE***

#### **Community Van**

Mayor Heays advised the Kaikoura Community Care Trust had recently borrowed a van from Rangiora Van Trust, which was expected any day, for a three month trial to see if there was a need for such a service prior to raising \$70,000 for its own van. The van would be required to be used only by the elderly or disabled and would be available for shopping excursions and medical trips. The Trust was now looking for volunteer drivers and a location to store the van.

#### **CDHB**

A presentation to the Social Services Committee was expected to be made shortly as a follow up to a presentation made in August.

#### **Freedom Camping**

Mayor Heays advised Council had been very proactive educating campers with pamphlets distributed throughout campervans.

#### **Climate Change Protection (CCP)**

Mayor Heays advised funding had been secured from Central Government for Council's Environmental Development Officer, Councillor Woods and himself to attend a climate change conference being held in Melbourne early May. He advised since Kaikoura was leading the way it was important to attend and bring back information for

the community. K Roberts suggested a public meeting be held in order for the community to hear what was said at the conference.

#### **5. FAMILY VIOLENCE UPDATE**

R Te Ua advised she was putting together a funding application in order to hold a domestic violence conference in Kaikoura as she had recently attended one in Blenheim which was very good and had lined up services available and identified gaps. Mayor Heays congratulated R Te Ua on putting together a fantastic concert held in December to raise awareness of family violence

#### **6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

The Road Safety Officer reported only one fatality in the district during the xmas period. He advised the ACC speed trailer had been deployed throughout the district over the holiday period.

A new Police campaign called “Speed Kills Kids” had just begun where police were raising the bar and not tolerating speeds higher than 5km above the speed limit around schools at any time of the day. The radius of the campaign was currently 250metres around schools but would soon be going out to 500metres and would drop down to a 4km tolerance. It was noted the campaign included preschools.

Mayor Heays advised Council was about to look at the speeds of its own roads throughout the district as it now had the ability to change speeds.

The Road Safety Officer advised he would be erecting a road safety display at the upcoming A&P show being held on 24 February.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.56am.***