

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2007 AT
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), S Frizzell (Disability Sector), L Craig (Public Health Nurse), C Cowen (Te Tai O Marokura).

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), K Roberts, D Wright (Order of St John), G Rae (Work & Income), L Howse (Work & Income), A Cowdley (Kaikoura Star), T Hanbury-Webber (KKHS Youth Council).

APOLOGIES: M Falloon, N Doney, Councillors B Woods & S Thomas, R Te Ua & K Mackenzie for lateness, T McCowan, Z Battersby.

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 07/03/2007

Review of Gambling Policy

A copy of the Gambling Policy was tabled along with submission forms and committee representatives were encouraged read the policy and comment via submission.

CDHB Meeting

A further CDHB meeting was scheduled to be held later in the day. K Roberts advised she would be unable to attend the meeting but requested if the subject of fluoridation was discussed that a Social Services representative attending the meeting advise CDHB that this matter had been explored by the community recently and the Kaikoura community did not wish to have fluoridated water.

Pedestrian Crossing – Beach Road

M Kennedy advised he had written to B Stratten of Transit New Zealand and had been advised Transit would investigate the matter and respond directly back to IDEA Services.

Marlborough Community Law

Councillor McChesney advised a letter of support for an increased service in the Kaikoura district had been sent.

Closed Circuit Camera

Mayor Heays advised Council's security contractor, M Devine, would be presenting at the next Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that the minutes of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 7 March 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

Youth & Alcohol

C Cowen advised the reality of trying to remove drunk youth from the streets was that something serious could go wrong however there was a section under the Child Youth & Family Act where children under 17 could be uplifted. The fact that the police station was not manned in the early hours also caused a problem.

G Rae suggested local police have a roster system where their cell phone number could be called if needed. R Te Ua advised she had talked to Sergeant R Smith about the need for a camera outside the Strawberry Tree. Mayor Heays advised he believed Sergeant R Smith and one of the other officers at the station were working on a presentation to bring to Council as a community need.

Full support was given by the committee for a camera to be placed in the main street of the West End.

3. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

R Te Ua advised she was currently putting together a funding application and that she hoped to work alongside Te Tai O Marokura on underage drinking.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Community Development Officer advised she had recently undertaken youth surveys and had received over 200 replies which equated to over 50% of the target age group. The next step with the Youth Council would be to meet with the current youth representative at the High School (Student Council). It was noted a lot of interesting issues were coming out as a result of the collation of the surveys.

5. MAYOR'S UPDATE

SGL Funding

Mayor Heays advised a draft report had been presented to Council from SGL Funding and it was hoped a final report would be available for the public by the end of April.

Annual Plan

Mayor Heays advised Council had been working holding budget workshops. Once completed the draft would be placed on the website for public consultation, followed by adoption at the end of June 2007.

6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Road Safety Officer advised he and another Council Officer had been assisting Transit undertake a traffic count throughout the district. Counts were taken from each end of the district which classified traffic. Counts were also taken from the intersection at the West End and at the top of Killarney Street.

Pandemic Planning

M Kennedy advised he had recently attending a meeting at Amberley on Pandemic training . He advised it was a numbers game and rather frightening and noted in China there were 14 billion chickens that interacted with communities. There were four phases to the pandemic as follows:

- Keep It Out
- Stamp It Out
- Manage It
- Recovery

A roadshow had been put together by CDHB and would be coming to Kaikoura 6th, 7th & 8th of June and would be set up in the foyer of the hall.

Rural Fire

M Kennedy advised the district was still within a restricted fire season and noted it had been exceptionally lucky and had not had any rural fires, compared to Marlborough who had had 57 vegetation fires since November.

Speed Limit – District Roads

Mayor Heays advised he was extremely concerned about the lack of progress toward Council setting its own speed limits throughout the district. There were schools within the district screaming out and the road in front of the hospital was an accident waiting to happen.

Councillor McChesney asked the Road Safety Officer, on behalf of the Committee, to provide a report on the next process for the committee on this issue.

The Road Safety Officer advised he could make recommendations and speak with Council's Asset Manager.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Review on access to alcohol for minors

The Community Development Officer advised a review on access to alcohol was being undertaken and as a result feedback was being sought from anyone within the district interested in

commenting on this matter. The Mayor suggested a meeting with high school students would be invaluable. The Community Development Officer advised she would ask T Hanbury-Webber to email back feedback by the 11th April.

Regional Physical Activity Strategy Funding

M Pfeifer advised funding was being sought for a Regional Physical Activity Strategy undertaken in 2003 with letters being sent to people involved in sport and being active in general to attend a meeting. It was suggested Barnardos, the principal of Suburban School, and N Mason of the Community Gym be contacted also. She advised the funding was to employ a person to put together the strategy.

Community Van

Mayor Heays advised the community van was being used by a regular group of 7 to 8 people for shopping and errands. The van had "Transport for the Elderly" written on the side of it which the committee felt placed some stigma on it for possible users.

Davidson Terrace Walkway

Councillor McChesney advised fencing of the railway line was now completed.

Mayor Heays asked T Hanbury-Webber to go back to the Student Council and ask if the underpass was being used by school pupils.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am.