



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

6 JUNE 2007

Memorial Hall Supper Room

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM
ON WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2007 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*

2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*

3. *Matters Arising from Report of 02/05/2007* *page 1*

4. *Minutes Action List*

MEETING	ACTION REQUIRED	BY	DATE ACTIONED
2 MAY 2007			
	Write a letter of support to Youth Parliamentary candidate Olivia Hall	Marion	Sent 30/05/07
	Liaise with rural school bus drivers as to whether pupils having to stand.	Mike	In Progress
	Write to letter of support to K Shaw of Wanganui High School	Marion	Sent 30/05/07

5. *Update on Community Van*

- ◆ **G Weavers will be present to provide the committee with an update on the community van.**

6. *Community Networker's Minutes* *page 8*

7. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 10*
 ◆ **Local Services Mapping questionnaire** *page 13*

8. *Family Violence Coordinator's Report* *page 14*

9. *Road Safety Update*

10. *Mayor's Update*

- ◆ **Report on Climate Change Conference** *page 16*

11. *Information for Committee*

- ◆ **Fluoridation** *page 17*
- ◆ **Community Grants** *To be tabled*

12. *General Business*

Minutes of the Kaikoura Community Networkers Meeting

Te Whare Putea/Heartlands, unit 3, 78 Beach Road
12noon Tuesday 8th May 2007

Present:

Henry Luafutu (Te Tai O Marokura); Jenny Bolton-Roche (TWP-Heartlands); Ma-rea Unahi (CCS); Julie Priddle (KHS); Rupia Te Ua (FVC), Lynne Whiting (CSW Ashburton); Peter Keeling (CSW Ashburton); Lois Vallance (CSW Kaikoura); Jackie Burrow (Mental Health Coordinator Healthcare NZ); Kathy McKenzie (District Nurse); Megan Pfeifer (CDO- KDC); Linda Craig (PHN-CDHB); Colleen Cox (FVC-MSD); Frank Maxwell (HNZC); Joan Clark (REAP); Colleen Cowan-Lee (Te Tai O Marokura); Gael Rae (W&I); Stephanie Moses (Community Law Marlborough); Shaun Frizzell (Disabled Sector); Daryl Mataiti (IRD); Noel Doney (FACS); Diane Kerrision (Brain Injury Assc); Ivana Korunic-Menedez (Epilepsy NZ); Lisa Kahu (Te Tai O Marokura); Alisha Hepi (He Waka Tapu); Ilona Tirikatene (He Waka Tapu); Leanne Lloyd (He Waka Tapu); Richard Wisnesky (CATINC); Janne Pasco (CATINC); Lyn van Velzen (W&I); Brett Cowan (Te Tai O Marokura).

Apologies:

Vanessa Goodwin (MYD); Andrea Taylor (Rural Mental Health); Tracey Reason (PHO); Trish Kennedy (CYF – Funding); Jill Sunnex (Family Mental Health); Trevor Walker (HZNC); Sara Rosandich (CYF); Trish Kennedy; Lynda Kitchingham (counsellor)

Jackie Burrows – Mental Health Coordinator (Healthcare NZ)

Health Care NZ are contracted to provide non-clinical support to the top 3% of psychiatric patients in the area. Lois Vallance has been employed as the Community Support worker in the Kaikoura area to provide 10 hours for 18-65 years and 10 hours for 65 years plus.

The community support worker will work on a referral basis. Referral forms are available and these can be made by GP's, self-referrals etc.

A respite service will be run from motels in Kaikoura and a flexible fund will provide assistance for things like moving, buying fridges etc.

An office is to be set up in Kaikoura and a space is yet to be found. If anyone has any suggestions or further questions around this service please contact Jackie on 03 3777527 or cell phone 021 237 4292.

ALISHA HEPI – HE WAKA TAPU

He Waka Tapu is providing an Alcohol and Drug service that is not rehabilitation based, but focuses on integration back into society. Referrals through CAFS. For further information ph 03 3738150.

He Waka Tapu is also running a Breast and Cervical Screening Programme. They are going to be running clinics in the District. They offer support and transport to women who need to travel outside the district for a colposcopy. For further information ph 03 3597407

REAP – JOAN CLARK

REAP (rural education activities programme) provides lifelong learning support to communities through multiple work streams, including early childhood, working with schools and adult and community education. They will support us in running courses where there is a demand. Barbara Timms at Te Whare Putea Heartlands is the local contact.

Lyn van Velzen (W&I)

Lyn and Daryl (IRD) ran a joint seminar that unfortunately had a poor attendance, which may have been due to lack of advertising.

Richard Wisnesky (CATINC)

Community Action to Improve Nutritional Capacity

This is a two-year project designed to work with communities and groups of people who want to take action to make changes in their lives about food. Richard is the Community Action Coordinator and Janne Pasco is a Dietician who is funded through the PHO to work with this community to make healthy food choices, and to create environments supportive of healthy nutrition with easy access to healthy food. They are keen to support community driven projects in this area. Please contact Richard or Janne on 03 3799840.

Brett Cowan - Nutrition and Physical Activity Coordinator for Te Tai O Marokura spoke about raising awareness and improving healthy lifestyles. He is involved in an edible garden project at Hapuku School. He hopes to link in with other regional and national projects.

Brett is also looking at running a healthy lunch pilot in term 3, where children order healthy lunches, which are made at the school.

Noel Doney – Family and Community Services commented that it is really important that groups working within the community collaborate so that there is no overlapping or duplication of services.

Noel suggested that a community provider expo might be a good way for us all to learn exactly what each of us do and also a good way to advertise services to the community.

Noel advised that he has accepted a secondment in Wellington so this will be his last meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Gambling Policy:

Council heard submissions on the draft gambling venue policy on May 16th. There were 8 submissions and five of these submitters spoke in support of their submissions. I have completed a report summarising these submissions and making a recommendation based on all submissions to be considered by Council on 20th of June 2007.

A proposed Shooters Bar which will be established on the West End has applied for gambling venue consent and has been granted consent for 6 machines for the first two years of operation as per the current gambling venue policy.

Youth:

Riria Allen and myself met with school council members on the 14th of May to present the recent Youth Survey results and to discuss the re-establishment of the Kaikoura Youth Council. The survey results strongly indicated that the young people of Kaikoura would like to have more of a say on community issues and would also like to have more practical involvement also.

A meeting has been organised for **June 26th at 5.30pm in the Supper Room at the Memorial Hall.** We are advertising this meeting widely amongst the 12-24 year olds in the Kaikoura District. Speaking at the meeting will be Kevin Heays, a Ministry of Youth Development representative and a past member of the Kaikoura Youth Council. Andrew Penman (Youth Councillor and youth activities coordinator – Te Tai O Marokura) will run an open forum for discussion and ideas. Prizes will be available for participation and light snacks will also be on hand. We hope young people will register their interest at this meeting and if interest is high we may even look at running an election for members.

Please spread the word! This is a positive opportunity for the 12-24 year olds in our community to really have some influence over what happens here and to learn great skills and have some fun along the way.

Crime Prevention Unit Funding

Our CPU application was successful. This means that there is funding available for the Family Violence Coordinator role for the year 07/08. The funding covers a project manager for 15 hours per week.

The project managers role is to investigate family violence prevention services that are funded for though not provided in the Kaikoura District. The first six months of the project will involve conducting an in-depth needs and gap analysis in this area. Once this is completed, a report will be written outlining any findings including gaps in service provision. The project manager will then advocate for the provision of these services within the district and will act as a liaison to help with the set up of these services in the district.

Another needs and gap analysis will take place and if there are still gaps in service provision and no agency funded to fill this gap, the project manager will facilitate the introduction of appropriate services (supported by CPU funding) in years 2 and 3 of the project.

We will need to investigate alternative funding for the Family Violence Coordinator role from July 2008 as the Crime Prevention Unit are no longer willing to fund the ongoing employment of coordinators.

Kaikoura Physical Activity Strategy

I have been working with the New Zealand Recreation Association to put together a project brief which is currently being advertised on the GETs website (Government Tenders). The brief will also be advertised in the Kaikoura Star on Wednesday the 23rd and 30th and in the Marlborough Express on Saturday the 26th. The closing date for proposals is the 6th of June and the project team will meet on the 12th of June to consider these proposals and make a recommendation to the Steering Committee and to SPARC.

Tertiary Education Commission Regional Facilitation Project

The Government is currently carrying out a Tertiary Education Commission Regional Facilitation Project that requires regions to provide a series of statements supported by appropriate evidence identifying needs, gaps and priorities in the region in terms of tertiary education. It is my understanding that this will form the basis of future funding for Tertiary Education within districts or regions this is including Kaikoura.

Tony Gray the CEO of NMIT will be in Kaikoura on the 7th of June at 12noon (Memorial Hall Supper Room) to meet with all interested people to consult on this. It would be great if we could have a good turn out to this meeting to ensure that we are well represented in this report so that more opportunities are available within our community.

Pensioner Units

Our funding application through the HNZA Housing Innovation fund has been approved so we now able to move forward in the process. On Tuesday the 29th of May I spent some time visiting the current residents of 95 Torquay Street answering questions and discussing the plans for the new units.

Local Services Mapping – Community Outcomes

At the last Social Services Committee meeting the committee asked that Noel Doney and myself prepare a report as to how the Social Services Committee could act as a Steering Group overseeing the Community Outcomes outlined by the Local Services Mapping report.

LSM AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES ACTION PLAN

The Social Services Committee is to act as a Steering Group to oversee the different action points identified in both the Local Services Map and the Community Outcome Plan. The role of the committee will be to receive reports quarterly from the partners within each results area and monitor and review progress as well as ensure linkages between the activities within each of the key result areas as relevant. The reasoning for this is to build collaboration, address overlapping services, identify problems and opportunities and to ensure progress is made in key areas.

Process:

Priorities identified through Local Services Mapping include:

- Education and Learning
- Housing
- Gambling
- Health Service Provision – Maternity Health Care
- Health Service Provision – Mental Health Care
- Level of Service Provision
- Family Violence
- Income
- Sustainable Development

Actions are taking place in each of these areas often by more than one provider or agency. These stakeholders involved in each outcome area have been identified and from this a lead agency will be nominated.

The lead agency will be contacted by letter from the Social Services Committee Chair Person on behalf of the Social Services Committee asking them to submit quarterly reports to the committee updating on progress in their particular area. Reasons for the reporting will have to be sold to the stakeholders and agencies involved, but as they have all signed off on the Local Services Mapping Report they should see the value in this as an extension of what they are already doing and an opportunity to work collaboratively within the community.

Stakeholders or agencies will be invited to present their report, and address questions from the committee, or if they are unable to do this then submits a written report. Many of these agencies already have to report on their progress and outcomes, so this will not mean that much extra work for them, just modifying their report for the committee.

The Community Development Officer will keep a list of lead agents and will send them a letter or email on behalf of the social services committee a month in advance to remind them that their report is due for the next Social Services Committee.

As there are eleven Social Services meetings a year and agencies are only required to report quarterly it is not envisioned that it will lengthen the committee meetings considerably as some of these actions are already reported on.

TAKING STOCK OF THE LSM PROCESS

Overview

LSM has now been underway for over two years, and we'd like to gain an understanding of how it has affected the communities that have participated in the process. We want to tell other communities your success stories and what you've learnt from the process.

Essentially, we'd like to know what has changed for agencies since LSM in regards to:

- information sharing
- working relationships
- coordination and collaboration

We'd also like to know what's changed for the community in regards to:

- accessing and using services
- making life better for children and families
- a sense of community.

Questions

The questions we'd like to ask you are as follows:

- How does this process differ from other planning processes you've been involved in?
- What's changed in the way you approach planning services for the community?
- What's changed for the people who deliver social services to the community?
- What's changed for the people that use those services?
- What might you have done differently?
- Who else could you bring to the table?
- How will you build on the process in the future?

Specific examples, where possible, will help us build a picture of the process in your community.

If you have time, we'd appreciate it if you could jot down some notes before the meeting, which we could then take with us to ensure we get everyone's ideas for all of the questions.

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

I am very pleased to say that we have been granted the Funding from The Crime Prevention Unit. This funding round is for the next 3 years. This funding will pay for the first year of the coordinators role; we will be looking at other funding for this next year.

A planned Alcohol and Drug Awareness Campaign is being organized by a steering committee here in Kaikoura.

This campaign has eventuated through parents wanting to be educated about the drugs that are available.

A presentation has been on P and other drugs is planned,

We are still in the development stages and will keep Social Services updated on this matter.

The end of August is the date we are targeting for.

There has been some concern with the amount of alcohol that is drunk during the rugby season, by our rugby teams here in Kaikoura.

A letter has been forwarded to Takahanga Rugby with our concerns, with the hope that safety plans are put in place with great mentoring role models.

SEEK Report

Training Opportunities/youth training – Programme for Kaikoura has been planned.

It will be a 12 week programme and is designed to develop skills that will provide opportunities for sustainable employment.

Additional unit standards are in first aid, farm chainsaw and vehicle safety.

A national Certificate in Employment skills and credits towards National Certificate in Farming Skills level 2.

I will keep everyone informed of this programme as it progresses.

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them"

Rupia Te Ua
Family Violence Coordinator.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- I have taken the liberty of “borrowing” the bulk of our Environmental Development Officer’s report to Council regarding the Conference attended by herself, myself and Deputy Mayor Barbsself.

In essence the conference tended to be a celebration of achievements by the organization and its staff – and once we all got over that we were able to get down to business.

Much emphasis was placed on how councils can be leading from the front within their communities illustrating how sustainability and climate change can be mitigated and can be achieved by various work habits, building and infrastructure design, waste management, public amenities (eg lighting), green purchasing etc.

Kaikoura District again proved it is leading the way with all of this, with its current policies, continuing and planned actions.

I believe we three were rather proud to expound to anyone who would listen about our achievements and our visions. The ability to get off the couch and walk the talk seems somewhat lacking in most Australian Councils and Shires unless funding can be sought from elsewhere. NZ delegates in Melbourne were in agreement that our (particularly Kaikoura’s) attitude of “if you believe in – then get on and do it!” could well be adopted by others.

Nicole Sherrif (Council’s Environmental Development Officer) is more than happy to join us if requested to make a presentation of our Community’s Climate Change Actions.

- The Meeting I attended with other NZ mayors in CHCH to discuss Youth and their Safety has been pretty well documented in the KK Star, CHCH Press & TV NEWS and in Council Katchup.
I am more than happy to discuss further at the Social Services meeting if requested.
- Attached Conference Report:

Accelerating now! Local action: sustainability conference

The climate change conference held in Melbourne from 2-5 May was a gathering of local government leaders in sustainability action, throughout Melbourne and Australia. Approximately 75% of New Zealand's population are involved in the Communities for Climate Protection Program and over 87% of Australia's population are involved in the same program. It is estimated throughout Australia, approximately \$13.9 million (8.8 million tonnes of carbon) has been saved through actions implemented by of councils and communities.

The conference was attended by Mayor Heays, Deputy Mayor Woods and the Environmental Development Officer. Funding to enable Kaikoura District to be represented at the conference was generously provided by International Councils for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICELI).

In summary, the conference showcased opportunities to implement environmentally sensitive designs and actions relevant to Australia and New Zealand. Such opportunities require input and buy-in from council officers and the community - a requirement that is apparently more difficult in large organisations and communities. It appears that as a small Council and community, Kaikoura is well ahead of many organisations, who are still grappling with gathering necessary support and buy-in to take action.

Some key learnings from the conference included:

- *Measuring and monitoring:* The need to measure and report on progress and targets are drivers of innovation and bring about change within local government and businesses. This session reinforced the value of involvement in the Green Globe Program for Kaikoura, which provides annual audited information relating to the communities resource use, consumption and associated costs.
- *Sustainable building design and retrofit:* A field trip was taken to two of Melbourne's 'eco buildings'. One building was designed and built with energy efficiency, air quality, economics of operation in mind. This building is estimated to have cost 20% more than a regular building, with a running cost of close to 75% more efficiency- allowing for a relatively short financial payback period. Interestingly, it is known that the building also creates revenue through increased staff productivity and reduced sickness, as the air flow is continually exchanged not recycled.
- *Development:* There is great opportunity for incentives to be provided for environmentally beneficial plans and designs, however national regulations often do not support such options. Through the conference it was a recurring comment that national legislations need to ensure local authorities are more able to prioritise and process simply and cost efficiently plans that contain environmentally sensitive components. Through the existing resource consent requirements many developers are simply not able to afford the time and finances required to incorporate environmentally sensitive options.
- *Community awareness and involvement:* Working with community groups provides access to the members of the local community, to gather feedback about initiatives that could be implemented. Once again Kaikoura is fortunate in the various community groups and the opportunities this brings about for collaboration.
- *Business benefits:* Learning to integrate sustainable practises into core business, including areas of planning, cross council approaches, cost/benefit analysis, maintenance, and overcoming obstacles were key aspects of the conference.

Fluoridation Doing More Harm Than Good, Studies Show

New York – May 10 – Contrary to belief, fluoridation is damaging teeth with little cavity reduction, according to a review of recent studies reported in *Clinical Oral Investigations*.⁽¹⁾

Pizzo and colleagues reviewed English-language fluoridation studies published from January 2001 to June 2006 and write, “Several epidemiological studies conducted in fluoridated and non-fluoridated communities suggest that [fluoridation] may be unnecessary for caries prevention...”

They also report that fluoride-damaged teeth spiked upwards to 51% from the 10-12% found over 60 years ago in “optimally” fluoridated communities. Dental fluorosis is white-spotted, yellow, brown-stained and/or pitted teeth.

Fluoridation began in 1945 when dentists thought that ingested fluoride incorporated into children’s developing tooth enamel to prevent cavities. However, Pizzo’s group reports that fluoride ingestion confers little, if any, benefit and fails to reduce oral health disparities in low-income Americans.

Also, any difference in fluoride tooth enamel surface concentration between fluoridated and low-fluoridated areas is minimal. And the relationship between higher enamel fluoride levels to less tooth decay was not found.

“Some risk of increasing fluorosis may be attributed to the ingestion of powdered infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water... [and] foods and beverages processed in fluoridated areas... Furthermore, the use of dietary fluoride supplements during the first 6 years of life is associated with a significant increase in the risk of developing fluorosis,” they write.

Lawyer Paul Beeber, President, New York State Coalition Opposed to Fluoridation says, “Recent news reports claiming fluoride-free bottled water caused the cavity increase trends in toddlers are implausible because rising fluorosis rates clearly indicate that children are over-fluoridated, not under-fluoridated.”

“There’s no dispute that too much fluoride damages teeth, actually making them more decay-prone. Research is indicated to see if fluoride is causing the cavity escalation,” says Beeber.

Some studies Pizzo reviewed focused on communities that stopped water fluoridation. “...after the cessation, caries prevalence did not rise, remained almost the same or even decreased further,” writes Pizzo’s group.

“In most European countries, where [water fluoridation] has never been adopted, a substantial decline [75%] in caries prevalence has been reported in the last decades,” they report.

To avoid dental fluorosis, the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control advise against mixing concentrated infant formulas with fluoridated water.

“Fluoride is bone- and health-damaging as well,” says Beeber.

Reference:

1) <http://www.newmediaexplorer.org/chris/Pizzo-2007.pdf>

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