

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2007 AT 9.00AM IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), N Doney (Community Family Services), C King (MP for Kaikoura), R Te Ua (Family Violence Coordinator, SEEK Coordinator and Strengthening Families Coordinator), T Hanbury Webber (Kaikoura High School), C Hartley, A Penman (Te Tai Marokura), J Blank (Community & Family Services), H Luafutu (Te Tai Marokura), L Vallance (Community Support Worker- Mental Health), J Burrows (Rural & Older Persons Mental Health Coordinator), M Falloon (Kaikoura Hospital Manager), K Roberts, G Weavers (Kaikoura Community Van), M Hislop, K Mackenzie (District Nurse), T Poharama, A Crowley (Kaikoura Star).

APOLOGIES: D Wright, Councillor B Woods, G Rae

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 02/05/2007

Senior Net

Councillor McChesney advised 6 people within the community were receiving home internet training on computer use through Senior Net.

Rural School Buses

The Road Safety Officer advised he had spoken with local rural school bus drivers who advised the rules on standing had recently been reviewed where intermediate and primary school children were required to stand if needed with secondary school pupils and adults given priority to sit.

The Road Safety Officer advised rural school bus driver, G Addis, had advised she was able to take 39 seated passengers and 10 standing passengers on her bus however it was very rare to have students standing in buses in Kaikoura. She advised if there was misbehaviour the drivers stopped to ensure the children were sitting down.

MP for Kaikoura, C King, advised he would make a point of following this matter up to see where it was at. K Mackenzie suggested it may be a matter of etiquette and politeness that younger children were expected to stand. M Kennedy will investigate Transit rules.

2. COMMUNITY VAN UPDATE

G Weavers, coordinator of the community van, was present to provide the committee with an update on the current trial of a community van within the Kaikoura district. She advised the community van had been operating for 3 months and an offer to extend the use of the van for a further 3 months had been taken up. It was a 10 seater van with a hoist and was mainly for use by the elderly and disabled. G Weavers advised it had been a slow process in getting the project off the ground however use had increased over the initial 3 month trial period and there appeared to be a need for it in Kaikoura.

G Weavers advised she had 17 volunteer drivers which was fantastic and weekly trips consisted of Medical Centre and physiotherapy visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and shopping trips on Wednesdays and Fridays. "Excuse for an Outing" trips were also undertaken on the first Thursday of each month.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Review of Gambling Policy

Mayor Heays advised an investigation had been undertaken into the district's Gambling Venue Policy following an application for gaming machines being received. It appeared Kaikoura had reached its cap through wording in the policy rather than actual machines in venues. Mayor Heays explained where a venue may have a licence for 18 machines, but physically only had 9 machines at its venue, the capped figure was based on the number of machines the venue was licensed for regardless of having less machines on site than licensed for.

Tertiary Education Commission Regional Facilitation Project

N Doney urged the committee to attend a meeting being held in Kaikoura on Thursday 7th June by Chief Executive Officer of Nelson/Marlborough Institute of Technology, Tony Gray. Education and ongoing education was very important in the Kaikoura community and the meeting would provide the opportunity to get involved and put forward proposals.

Mayor Heays advised a report had been prepared by Nelson Marlborough Institution of Technology and noted Kaikoura had been "lumped" into it. He advised no consultation with Kaikoura had taken place which he had made them aware of.

C King advised it was rather remiss on the part of NMIT to not have consulted with Kaikoura and noted Kaikoura often got caught up in the overlap between districts. SEEK Coordinator, R Te Ua, advised she would contact the high school to ensure they attended the meeting.

Local Services Mapping

N Doney advised, at the last Social Services meeting it had been put forward that the Social Services Committee would become a steering group for the Local Services Mapping Report Action Plan. He advised

a quarterly letter would be sent out by the Community Development Officer to those identified in the action plan.

J Blank of Community & Family Services referred to a questionnaire which had been placed in the agenda in order to gauge how the process of Local Services Mapping had gone for the Kaikoura community and that she was interested to receive feedback. R Te Ua advised there was more information being shared, more people attending meetings and stronger networks now than there had been prior to local services mapping. C King advised from his observation, as local MP for Kaikoura, there had been some massive gaps with delivery of service prior to local services mapping however it was great to see Kaikoura was now knocking on doors and tapping those accountable on the shoulder for service provision. C Cowen advised there had been a noticeable change in the health sector.

Councillor McChesney advised she was sad to learn N Doney was moving to Wellington and thanked him for his time of working with the Kaikoura community. C Cowen commended N Doney for breaking down barriers within some groups.

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Funding

The Family Violence Coordinator presented the report and was thrilled to advise funding had been granted from the Crime Prevention Unit for the next 3 years.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Campaign

A drug and alcohol awareness campaign was scheduled for August for both parents and children to attend. Parents and children would be separated into two meetings with children being talked to by local doctors. It would provide the opportunity for parents to ask questions about drugs and alcohol without their children being present and for children to ask questions about drugs and alcohol without their parents being present. A workshop on the drug "P" by R Smith would also be held on the same night.

Takahanga Rugby Club

R Te Ua advised a letter had been sent to Takahanga Rugby Club asking for coaches and managers to be mindful of drinking alcohol around youth in order to be good role models.

SEEK Report

R Te Ua advised of an upcoming course for unemployed people designed at providing skills and qualifications for the workplace. Mayor Heays advised he believed the course had come about following a request from employers within the district. While the course required a minimum of 10 participants, they were aiming for 15 and it was hoped computers from SeniorNet could be used.

5. ROAD SAFETY REPORT

Speed Monitoring Device

The Road Safety Officer advised the speed trailer was currently being deployed around the district. A proposal had been put through to ACC for Kaikoura to buy its own speed monitoring device which was a portable unit that clipped onto a lamp post showing speed and a message with data collected from the machine able to be downloaded and if successful, ACC would fund half of the cost.

Ohau Point Repairs

The Road Safety Officer advised Transit were about to start work on the cliff face at Ohau Point with the road being closed for most of the day. The road would only be open for 15 minutes at a time and delays of at least 1-2 hours would be experienced. The work was scheduled to take place between 12th – 21st June.

Road Safety Plan

The Road Safety Officer advised Kaikoura currently had a joint road safety plan with Marlborough identifying such things as speed, alcohol and driving to conditions. Kaikoura was not going to get its own Road Safety Plan and proposed to have an initial meeting on 11th July.

Pandemic Road Show

The Road Safety Officer advised the Pandemic Road Show was currently touring around the Canterbury district and was expected to be in Kaikoura on 20/21/22 June. Letters of invite were being written to schools, businesses and community groups inviting them along.

IDEA Services request for Pedestrian Crossing

The Road Safety Officer advised an earlier request from IDEA Services for a pedestrian crossing to be placed on Beach Road was currently being looked at by Transit NZ. He advised if a pedestrian crossing was not able to be installed Transit were looking at putting a pedestrian refuge in the centre of the road.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays presented the report.

Hurunui One Way Bridge

Mayor Heays advised a campaign was being driven by himself, G Jackson, Mayor of Hurunui District Council and MP for Kaikoura C King regarding the Hurunui Bridge as it had been identified as clearly causing traffic problems, being a one way bridge on State Highway. One of Transit NZ's main policies was to keep traffic flowing and moving so it was hoped a good response would be received from Transit.

Youth & Safety

Mayor Heays advised he had attended a Safety for Youth meeting along with many other Mayors, following the recent Edgeware Road tragedy in Christchurch. Mayor Heays advised he was pleased to advise that once again Kaikoura was leading the way and was already

looking at youth issues. Mayor Heays felt instead of bagging youth or parents, he believed Mayors needed to get involved and take ownership. He advised the rebirthing of the Kaikoura Youth Council was exciting and would be a major advantage for the community.

Climate Change Conference

A report on the recently attended climate change conference held in Melbourne was included in the agenda. Mayor Heays advised funding to enable Kaikoura District Council representatives to attend the conference had generously been provided by International Councils for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). Mayor Heays advised the conference show-cased opportunities to implement environmentally sensitive designs and actions relevant to both Australia and New Zealand. He believed Kaikoura was well ahead of many organisations and had had many things in place for some time.

7. INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

Fluoridation

M Kennedy advised the report included in the agenda for information purposes on fluoridation was a very biased negative report and he would rather see a more balanced opinion than one so biased.

Charity Gaming Community Grants

Tabled was a Charity Gaming Community Grants bulletin showing grants distributed throughout the country from various Gaming Trusts. It was noted Kaikoura Voluntary Coastguard received a total of \$104,00. in grants from various Trusts.

Mayor Heays noted gaming trusts were obliged to give away 33% of profits however if funds were not applied for and granted, the funds eventually disappeared to other regions.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Update from C King, MP for Kaikoura

1. Hurunui Bridge

C King advised he supported the campaign by Kaikoura and Hurunui District Council Mayors for Transit to look at replacement of the one way bridge at Hurunui and suggested those Councils make an approach to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

2. Ohau Point

C King advised he was delighted to see work was about to commence around Ohau Point and Irongate as it would up the standard of the road.

3. Kaikoura High School

A letter from Minister Mahary was received by C King, advising an amendment to the constitution of the Kaikoura High School had been accepted. The High School appeared to be going very well and a recent meeting with Principal Allison showed he was very pleased with how it was going.

C King noted it was wonderful to see that Kaikoura High School pupil, Olivia Hall, had come out on top at the recent Youth in Parliament contest and advised she would be involved in the debating chamber at the House of Representatives shortly.

4. Youth Meeting – Waste Management

A meeting with Marlborough Girls High, Marlborough Boys High and Kaikoura High school regarding waste management had recently taken place where pupils were taken to the Fulton Hogan shingle plant in Blenheim and shown how 5% of crushed glass was used as a base coat for roading. C King noted it was great to see how far ahead the pupils of Kaikoura were in relation to waste management.

5. Seafood Poaching

C King noted a recent prosecution for taking excessive amounts of seafood from the Kaikoura coastline and advised he would be very eager to see a meeting and discussion as he believed there was a need for a paid fisheries officer to be present to mind the area.

M Kennedy advised he was a voluntary fisheries officer and would strongly advocate the need for a paid fisheries officer.

Health Hazard – Meatworks Beach

T Poharama advised firstly she wished to support the idea of a paid fisheries officer as she believed it was very very important for the Kaikoura area.

T Poharama advised she believed Kaikoura had a huge health hazard at Meatworks beach with human faeces. The problem was evident four years ago when a community meeting had been funded however four years later there was still no toilet out there and she felt she could no longer take her children to this particular beach due to contamination from human faeces.

T Poharama expressed great disappointment that a hold had been put on a toilet being located at Meatworks beach and noted there were a lot of other people in the community very disappointed. 300 signatures had been collected from users at a recent surfing contest in the weekend which would be presented to Council. T Poharama reiterated there was a very big health hazard on the beach just north of Kaikoura and noted it was not green, it was brown.

Councillor McChesney advised there had been a working party working over the past 3 years and the process had come to a final decision however it had to be put on hold. A meeting was scheduled later in the day at 4pm with the working party and the full Council.

J Bolton-Roche advised she used to live near Meatworks beach and felt the people who were against the toilet and stopped it being installed

obviously did not live out there as she recalled people used to come up her driveway and excrete on the lawn.

Mayor Heays advised Council were committed to putting a toilet at Meatworks beach in 2007 and the meeting later in the day was to iron out the exact problem preventing it.

Youth Council

A Pennman of Te Tai o Marokura advised a meeting was organised to be held on Tuesday 26th June at 5.30pm to discuss the role of the Youth Council and to encourage those attending to put their names forward for nomination to the Council.

Bread of Life – Oscar Programme

J Bolton-Roche of Te Whare Putea advised she wished to raise an issue with the Kaikoura OSCAR Programme as it was currently on hold for three weeks and she had a very strong belief that it may not reopen. The problem was the effect that such an action was going to have on the community as a number of families relied on the service and it may mean some parents will have to leave their jobs in order to look after their children. She advised when OSCAR was up and running it was being well used so it was not a numbers issue.

J Bolton-Roche expressed disappointment at the Bread of Life OSCAR programme pulling out of the Kaikoura district as they had arrived and committed themselves to the district and were now saying they did not want to. She advised it was not a venue problem and believed it may be because of a staffing issue and asked what families would do in the school holidays as she did not to see families ending up on benefits because of the closure.

C Cowen suggested it may work under an umbrella group and further suggested Te Whare Putea could be the umbrella group for OSCAR as she believed local ownership would be great. Mayor Heays asked were they not under some sort of contract since they had applied for funding. Councillor McChesney requested C King to find out any form of information on this matter and report back to the committee.

N Doney – Community & Family Services

N Doney acknowledged the following people from within the Kaikoura community for “making things happen”:

- Ramon Smith • Megan Pfeiffer • Gail Rae
- Michelle Falloon • Kathy Mackenzie • Ma-rea Unahi
- Bruce Pagan • Lisa Kahu • Linda Craig • Colleen
Cowen • Rupia Te Ua • Jenny Bolton-Roche.

N Doney advised they were the people responsible for making things of a social and health nature move along with the Kaikoura community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.14am