

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2007 AT THE  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM , KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, S Frizzell (Disability Sector), C Cowen (Te Tai O Marokura), L Craig, (Public Health Nurse), R Smith (NZ Police).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), C King (MP for Kaikoura) L Howse (Work & Income), Alice (Kaikoura Star), R Te Ua (Family Violence & Strengthening Families Coordinator), K McKenzie (District Health Nurse), M Hislop, C Hartley, L Vallance (Healthcare NZ), L Kahu (Te Tai O Marokura), K Robert, A Blunt (Youth Employment Coordinator), M Unahi (CCS), Z Battersby (Kaikoura High School).

**APOLOGIES:** D Wright (Order of St John), M Falloon, G Rae (Work & Income), J Burrows, J Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea),

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

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

District Nurse, K Mackenzie, advised she was present at the 4 July meeting and asked for her name to be recorded 'in attendance'.

**2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Transit rules on school buses**

M Kennedy advised he had spoken with Transit NZ regarding this matter and noted it was rather complex as rules varied from vehicle to vehicle as to whether pupils were allowed to stand and depended on individual contracts with drivers. He advised the current system was currently under review and he would report back at a later date.

**Investigate into Bread of Life OSCAR Programme**

C King advised there seemed to be a strong opportunity for Bread of Life to be picked up from where it was left and a lot of support had been shown from the principal of Kaikoura Primary School for that to happen. C King advised he had recommended that Kaikoura connect with OSCAR in Christchurch rather than Nelson.

C King advised he would continue his investigations and report back to the committee with the process for the programme to be picked up. Councillor McChesney asked for the Community Development Officer to work with C King on this matter. The Community Development Officer advised she would also work with L van Velzen, Child Care Coordinator from Work & Income as she had been progressing it to date.

### ***3. COMMUNITY NETWORKER'S MINUTES***

#### **Community Expo**

A Community Expo was being organised for 9<sup>th</sup> October at Takahanga Marae and agencies were encouraged to utilise any advertising budget they may have to promote their attendance at the Expo. It was noted S Moses, of Community Law Marlborough, had indicated she was willing to be a guest speaker at the event.

#### **Epilepsy NZ**

A recent epilepsy campaign in the Kaikoura Star had been disappointing as no response was received from it.

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

#### **Youth Council**

A positive response to nominations for the Youth Council had been received, with nominations still being accepted.

#### **Kaikoura Physical Activity Strategy**

Consultants would be visiting the district later in the week to meet with the project team and a further 2-3 visits would also be undertaken to consult with the wider community. It was noted the consultant was very familiar with Kaikoura and knew the district well which was very important.

#### **Tertiary Education Programme**

The Community Development Officer advised more specific information on Kaikoura was now included in the NMIT Tertiary Education report following it being taken up with NMIT that Kaikoura had been lumped in with top of the south areas. The document was a living document and would be regularly updated.

#### **Pensioner Housing**

It was hoped building work would commence on the new pensioner units by mid August following building contracts having gone out for tender.

### ***5. FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT***

R Te Ua presented the report advising a response had been received back from the Takahanga Rugby Club acknowledging the concerns raised surrounding alcohol, and a copy of the Club's Code of Conduct was received which the Club were happy for members of the Community Networker's group to go through and add comments too.

#### **Alcohol & Drug Campaign**

An Alcohol and Drug Campaign was scheduled to take place on Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm at the Memorial Hall. It would be an education night for the entire community, the purpose being to educate the community on types of drugs, and their effects. It would also provide a great opportunity for questions to be asked and answered regarding drugs from both parents and youth.

### **Strengthening Families**

R Te Ua advised she had recently attended a regional Strengthening Families meeting in Christchurch which had provided a great networking opportunity. A presentation had been shown at the meeting featuring a nationwide campaign on domestic violence which was about to start. The slogan for the campaign was “It’s Not Ok” and would include sports celebrities advertising the “It’s Not Ok” slogan.

Sergeant R Smith advised notification of domestic violence had doubled since advertising campaigns had commenced. He noted while funding had been provided for advertising and campaigns, there appeared to be a very real need for funding to be provided for actually treating the problem. Councillor McChesney asked C King to provide feedback on what funding Kaikoura could expect to receive for treatment of domestic violence.

### **SEEK**

A Blunt, recently appointed Youth Employment Coordinator, was introduced and welcomed.

## ***6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE UPDATE***

Councillor McChesney tabled some notes she had taken at the recent Local Government conference held in Dunedin. She advised the new age was digital and internet and as a Council, Kaikoura must be on board and ready. A low turnout for Local Government voting showed people were not engaging and that texting could well be a way of getting the public involved in referendums and feedback on government issues.

There were suggestions at the conference that all libraries should provide free internet access for its members to ensure all children were on an equal baseline

### **Community Well-Being**

Councillor McChesney advised she had attended a community well-being workshop at the conference entitled “Are we there yet? Has well-being really improved” and had invited Council Chief Executive Officer, S Grant, to the meeting to lead the committee through the steps it could take to address and monitor well-being within Kaikoura.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council developed its first Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) for the period 2006-2016 which talked specifically about community well-being. The Chief Executive Officer advised he believed it was the role of the Social Services Committee to monitor the well-being of the Kaikoura community and to assess what well-being meant to Kaikoura specifically. Well-being covered a whole raft of issues such as affordable housing, community facilities, youth, elderly, health, and recreational activities. Well-being started from the cradle right to the very old and meant different things to each sector of that group.

Kaikoura was very fortunate to have a group such as the Social Services Committee however better use could be made of the skills bought to the committee by its members. The Committee should be looking at where it wanted to go in the future and the strategies needed to be put in place to achieve that. It needed to look at the demographics of the community to see what it needed. There was a real opportunity for the Committee to have huge input into Council's Long Term Council Community Plan when it was due for review in 18 months time for the period 2009-2019 in order to see if what was set out in the plan was being achieved.

The well-being section of Council's Long Term Council Community Plan was tabled to the committee and Councillor McChesney asked the committee to read through it, think about it and come back to the next meeting to discuss how well-being in Kaikoura could be gauged and if it was being achieved.

L Kahu advised she supported the idea of free internet access for library users as she increasingly saw homework coming home that required internet help. Councillor McChesney concurred she would like to see the committee follow this through collectively.

## ***7. ROAD SAFETY REPORT***

### **Speed monitor**

A new speed monitoring tool which had the ability to visibly display speed and a message was expected to arrive in the district by the end of September. 5 brackets had also been purchased which would allow it to be moved from site to site. It was noted ACC had contributed 50% toward the purchase price of \$13,000.

### **Road Safety Action Plan**

The Road Safety Officer advised he had attended a Road Safety Action Plan meeting on 11 July, attended by ACC, Land Transport, Police and Council staff. It had provided tools to plan ahead and look at compliance emphasis.

### **Fatigue Campaign**

A fatigue campaign, sponsored by ACC, was in the pipeline and it was hoped a marquee would be set up at Clarence for a 24hour period providing coffee, food and a portalo, to encourage people to stop and have a break.

### **Civil Defence - Exercise Pandora**

The annual civil defence exercise, Pandora, was scheduled to take place for a 24hour period on 14-15 September and would be based on a massive earthquake on the Hope Fault. It was the first time Exercise Pandora had been run over a 24hour period.

## ***8. MAYOR'S REPORT***

### **SEEK**

Mayor Heays advised A Blunt had been appointed to the role of Youth Employment Coordinator, taking over from R Te Ua. The role involved

working with employers and employees and was to help people into meaningful and sustainable employment.

#### **Toilet Upgrade**

Mayor Heays advised Council was having a workshop later in the day to discuss a major revamp and upgrade of the West End toilet facility with the vision of changing the composition and making it more vandal-proof.

#### **Mangamaunu Toilet**

The installation of a toilet at Meatworks was expected to take place very soon, following a site having been determined following consultation with engineers and Environment Canterbury.

#### **New Wharf**

Tenders for the replacement of the new wharf were currently open through Council's consultants OCEL Consulting.

#### **Solar Light trial**

Solar lights were about to be installed following an offer to free trial two lights for an 8 month period. One would be installed in the West End and the other at the bottom of Whitby Place.

#### **Community Trust Housing Fund**

Mayor Heays advised a \$20m housing fund from Community Trust was available nationwide. It was unknown how much Kaikoura would be able to apply for as the fund was population based and Kaikoura was part of Marlborough District who expected to receive approx \$1.8million as a whole.

#### **Kekerengu Moa Hunt**

A major cycle event was scheduled to take place in November. The inaugural Kekerengu Moa Hunt, marketed by Top of the South Promotions, was a mountain bike race which would take place at Kekerengu and had been sponsored by Council's Tourism & Development Committee.

#### **Plastic Bag Free Kaikoura**

Mayor Heays, along with Council's Environmental Development Officer, were busy getting children and youth involved with this project by way of designs for bags. To date there had been a huge amount of support from businesses and the community in general for a reduction in the use of plastic bags. Funding had been received and the aim was to provide every household with one free usable bag.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Youth Parliament**

C King advised O Hall had recently represented the Kaikoura electorate at Youth Parliament where she served on the Youth Health select committee and had had significant input into a discussion on party pills.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.58am.*