

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 AT  
TAKAHANGA MARAE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), L Howse (Work & Income), A Cowdley (Kaikoura Star), R Te Ua (Family Violence & Strengthening Families Coordinator), L Vallance (Healthcare NZ), G Rae (Work & Income NZ), J Burrows (Healthcare NZ Coordinator), L Kahu (Te Tai O Marokura), K Roberts, A Blunt (Youth Employment Coordinator), T Hanbury Webber (Kaikoura High School).

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor K Heays, K Mackenzie, D Wright, M Falloon, T McCowen.

*Moved by Councillor McChesney , seconded by S Frizzell and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 01/08/2007**

**Bread of Life**

The Community Development Officer advised an approach had been made to an organisation to umbrella the OSCAR programme. She advised there were funds available to set the programme up and it was progressing well and looking very promising.

**2. COMMUNITY NETWORKER'S MINUTES**

A methamphetamine workshop was recently held at Takahanga Marae. Approximately 30 people attended on the day and there had been quite a lot of interest since the workshop from people who had been unable to attend. The workshop was a Runanga driven exercise and was unique in that it focused on localised knowledge rather than national knowledge.

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

**Physical Activity Strategy**

The Community Development Officer advised a residents questionnaire was available for completion online and also available in hardcopy from the Library, Medical Centre and Takahanga Marae, and urged people to complete one if they hadn't already.

The Consultant contracted to undertake the Physical Activity Strategy was due in Kaikoura 17-19 September and would be interviewing many people and also running several focus workshops.

**CDHB Health Services Planning**

Council were looking at updating their website by displaying health services available to residents. The Community Development Officer was working with the Medical Centre to compile a list of services available in Kaikoura.

#### **Youth Council**

Kaikoura youth met recently and elected an executive committee. T Hanbury-Webber of Kaikoura High School was elected Chairperson and O Hall of Kaikoura High School was elected as the Council representative. O Hall would be attending future full Council meetings.

#### **Kaikoura Community Expo**

The Community Development Officer advised she was working with the Cancer Society who were running a Healthy Lifestyles Expo in conjunction with Kaikoura's Community Expo. To date over 40 stall holders had registered for the Expo and funding had been received from Family & Community Services, CDHB and the Cancer Society.

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

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

The Family Violence Coordinator advised the Alcohol & Drug campaign planned for 29<sup>th</sup> August was postponed due to sickness.

#### **Family Violence Campaign**

A big advertising campaign was launched in Wellington earlier in the week on Family Violence.

#### **Rugby Club**

Representatives from agencies throughout Kaikoura would attend a meeting of Takahanga Rugby Club next year to refresh the rugby club's buy in to encourage mentoring and no drinking around junior rugby games. Local police had advised a lot of the trouble appeared to start with the under 16 teams.

#### **Community Expo**

The Kaikoura Community van would be funded for the day of the Expo and used for ferrying people to and from the Expo. Councillor McChesney noted the walkway from the Marae to the Memorial Hall was very unkempt and needed tidying up prior to the Expo. C Cowen advised she would attend to bringing this matter up with the Runanga office in order to ensure it was cleared and safe prior to the Expo.

### ***5. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR***

A Blunt advised she was meeting with Kaikoura High School Principal later in the day to discuss letters being included with leaving card consent forms allowing her to keep in contact with school leavers.

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

The Road Safety Officer advised he had recently attended the TRAFINZ conference which was attended by engineers, police, Transit, Land Transport NZ and Road Safety Co-Ordinators. He advised Road Safety

Co-Ordinators now fell under a new organisation called Safe & Sustainable Travel Association (SASTA).

## **7. SOCIAL WELL-BEING**

Councillor McChesney had asked committee members at the August meeting to take the time to consider what well-being meant to them.

### **The following report was presented by K Roberts:**

*“For each individual, there needs to be a balance between what the person provides for their own needs and what they require from the community to assist them.*

*For well-being each person needs:*

*Adequate affordable housing with reasonable facilities;*

*Good health, backed up by medical facilities and nursing in hospital when health fails;*

*Adequate income, to cover home maintenance, warmth, sufficient food & water and necessary transport;*

*Secure environment, ensured by Police, Fire Service and emergency cover when needed;*

*Human support by families, good neighbours, companions who share interests, facilities to feed the mind, e.g. libraries, art shows, concerts, etc and opportunities for learning at all ages;*

*Opportunities for outdoor recreation and indoor exercise, wild areas, parks & gardens, safe footpaths & roads;*

*Sense of social connectedness, with chance to express opinions and to be listened to, and to question decisions.*

*Opportunity to help others and be responsible for their well-being;*

*Balance between work and free time and chance to choose between noisy and quiet occupations;*

*Council’s part is to prioritise available funds, to provide housing, water, waste disposal, fire, police and civil defence services, reduce road accidents and crime, ensuring environmental health, and coordinating social services to reduce family violence and effects of poverty, and provide recreational facilities for residents.*

*Accommodation providers and tour operators, whilst working alongside Council, should be largely responsible for the well-being of tourists.*

*Well-being can be gauged by collecting reports from each sector, for comparison with those of previous years, as suggested by N Doney of Family & Community Services.”*

### **Community Development Officer**

*“Well-being should include affordable housing which was especially relevant at the moment due to the Canterbury Community Trust having \$1.8m to give to the Marlborough district for affordable housing and suggested a working party be formed from members of the Social Services Committee.*

*High-speed internet connections would open up lots of opportunities for schools, businesses and individuals.*

*Farmers market would make healthy eating less expensive as it was extremely expensive to purchase fruit and vegetables in Kaikoura.”*

**Road Safety Officer**

*“All forms of communication are important to well-being. Clean drinking water; sustainable power to run homes and affordability to being able to stay warm. Ongoing maintenance of current infrastructure throughout the district. The ability to purchase second-hand appliances.”*

**S Frizzell**

*The ability to keep warm in winter, which requires being able to afford firewood on a benefit income, and have a draught free (and hopefully insulated) home.*

The Community Development Officer advised she would contact N Doney to prepare a report identifying key agencies who needed to report back to Council regularly. Such reports could be a part of establishing Council’s baseline assessment of what is ‘social wellbeing’.

The Road Safety Officer advised good communities needed a lot of volunteers who were prepared to step up and assist the district. It was noted people had less time to donate to volunteering due to the need for both parents having to work, and also through safety issues put in place by Central Government.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00am.***