

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2007 AT
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), K Mackenzie (District Nurse), A Cowdrey (Kaikoura Star), M Hislop, C Hartley, K Roberts (Members of the public).

APOLOGIES: M Falloon, L Vallance, , D Wright, T McCowen, D Lamond, M Unahi, R Te Ua.

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

The Committee went into Workshop mode.

1. WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL WELL-BEING

Community Wellbeing in Kaikoura – Workshop 05 December 2007

Outcomes:

Income/Employment

- Low wages
- high proportion of people on a low income
- poverty – not enough money to pay for suitable housing and food/petrol
- Seasonality of Employment
- Sustainability of Employment – if the whales disappear or the price of fuel reduces tourism employment will be affected (economic development). Too much dependence on tourism in Kaikoura.
- Suitable employment for appropriate pay

Youth

- Education
- Social habits – drugs/sex – youth culture
- Rights vs Responsibility
- Discipline and respect
- Lack of basic skills – budgeting, cooking, gardening

Health

- Maternity care
- Need to travel for health care
- Facilities
- Aged care facilities
- Equal opportunities in health for Kaikoura residents (access)
- Emergency

Housing

- Affordable housing
- Insulation/home heating/Solar water heating

Water

- Clean Water and safe storage

Inner Peace

- Security (law and order). Local rapid response rather than a response from Blenheim.

Protection of the Natural Environment

- Test productive value of land prior to zoning for subdivision

Priority areas of focus:

Income, Youth, Food costs, Fuel costs

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 07/11/2007

The Community Development Officer advised a community events was currently being prepared and encouraged the committee to forward any events they new of to be included in the calendar. The calendar would be available from Council's website and possibly I-Site. It was hoped it would be promoted by Out of the Blue Fm and the Kaikoura Star.

3. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Feedback on treating domestic violence

A letter was received, along with information that was tabled, from MP Colin King following a request at the August Social Services Meeting.

Copies of the Marlborough Regional Indicators report had been distributed by the Community Development Officer.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Police

A letter was forwarded to Police on 16 November. Councillor Woods asked where information about rents being too high had been received from and noted market rental was standard practice across the board and Police were no more disadvantaged than teachers.

It was advised the matter had come about because there were currently two police houses empty and there a lack of policemen in the district. Councillor Woods advised her main concern was why the empty houses

weren't being rented out to the community as Police in Kaikoura often tended to have their own houses. Councillor McChesney advised she would follow this matter up.

Ronald McDonald House

A request for a donation was received from Ronald McDonald House.

Moved by L Craig, seconded by J Bolton-Roche and resolved that the Social Services Committee donate \$100 to Ronald McDonald House.

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Community Development Officer presented the report.

Youth Council

Two Youth Council representatives attended the November Council meeting and would be attending and reporting to Council on a monthly basis. Current projects being undertaken by the Youth Council were:

- Murals on West End toilet facility
- Youth Council Forum
- Graffiti Wall
- Development of Youth Council website

Councillor Woods suggested it may be a good idea for the Youth Council to consult with the community regarding the location of a graffiti wall, further suggesting it would be a good project for the Youth Council to consult with the community.

OSCAR

The Community Development Officer advised an OSCAR afterschool and holiday programme would be under the umbrella of Kaikoura District Council. Council was currently seeking a manager and childcare assistant in order to the facility to establish.

Affordable Housing

A funding application for a further two units was submitted and pending with a vision for temporary family housing.

6. FAMILY VIOLENCE REPORT

Councillor McChesney presented the report in the absence of the Family Violence Officer.

Alcohol & Drug Campaign

16 people attended the recently held Alcohol and Drug campaign and all found it to be very useful and informative with a lot of information provided on the consequences of using P, marijuana, cactus juice and other such products.

Mayor Heays expressed disappointment at the poor turnout to the campaign and noted the information that was presented should have got to the whole community.

A needs analysis for family violence was currently being prepared by the Family Violence Officer and would be included in the February agenda.

7. KAIKOURA HEALTH SERVICE PLAN

Included in the agenda was a draft Health Service Plan for Kaikoura, produced by Canterbury District Health Board following recent meetings and investigations into the district's health services and hospital facilities. The Plan was part of a three stage project as follows:

- Stage 1 Health Service Plan
- Stage 2 Financial Plan
- Stage 3 Funding Plan

The Community Development Officer urged anyone with feedback on the report to contact her and the information would be fed back to Canterbury District Health Board as they were eager to hear feedback from the Kaikoura community.

8. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Reusable Bags

Mayor Heays advised 10,000 reusable bags had recently arrived and were being distributed throughout the district for use. They would also be available for purchase from Council Offices and various other outlets. The main thrust of distributing the bags to all households throughout the district was to encourage reuse and a reduction of plastic bags in the district. Mayor Heays advised the project had been fully funded by the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.

Talking Heads

Mayor Heays advised he had been invited to join a group called "Talking Heads" which was a group of Mayors from Buller, Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough, and heads of departments from Government agencies. They were currently identifying social issues which would be followed up on with a plan of action. Last year's theme had been "Healthy Children" which they had developed a plan including 5-6 actions which had all been followed through with. Mayor Heays advised the current main issue for the group was violence in the community, based on alcohol use.

9. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Road Safety Officer presented the report advising he had received a commitment from AIG Insurance Group to participate and fund a fatigue stop in the district.

Councillor McChesney advised Barnardoes childcare was moving to the high school in 2008 and were concerned the school buses blocked Rorrison's Road access which would lead to parents having to exit via Ludstone Road. The Road Safety Officer advised this issue needed to be taken up with the school.

Mayor Heays advised Council would be extending the footpath to St Josephs gate and a Kea Crossing had been approved to operate outside St Josephs School on Ludstone Road. He noted both the High School and St Josephs had expressed a commitment to make it work.

Rural Fire

It was predicted that Kaikoura would be in an extreme fire danger by Christmas, with real concern being expressed for neighbouring districts Marlborough and Hurunui.

Exiting from Mitre 10, Beach Road

M Hislops expressed concern at the difficulty in being able to exist from Mitre 10 on Beach Road with a right hand turn. Councillor McChesney noted B Stratten from Transit had advised in the past that there was a legal requirement for a one metre clearance from driveways however the white lines went right up to driveways and entranceways and did not allow a one metre clearance. Councillor McChesney requested the Road Safety Officer to clarify this matter with Transit.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteering

M Kennedy advised the Kaikoura community relied on a lot of volunteers such as Meals on Wheels, Coastguard, Red Cross, Fire Brigade, Rural Fire, Civil Defence, Community Bus, Fisheries Officers, St Johns and many more involved with education, sport, litter and plunket, and suggested the Social Services make some sort of acknowledgement in 2008 to the volunteers. The Community Development Officer concurred and suggested a free luncheon with certificates for all of the volunteers. Mayor Heays noted the community already celebrated a community recognition awards night and community service awards night on a triennial basis, with the next one due in 2009.

Basic Intensive Week

L Craig advised of an upcoming training skills workshop being held 3-6 March 2008 in Kaikoura. The workshop would involve an intensive week of training in skills, concepts and techniques of Choice Theory, Reality Therapy and Lead Management, presented by M Bolton of the William Glasser Institute, USA. The course was available for anyone to register and the fee was \$650.00.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.36am.