

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.25AM ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY 2008 AT
KAIKOURA MEMORIAL HALL, 34 ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), A Blunt (SEEK), D Wright (Order of St John), R Te Ua (Family Violence/Strengthening Families), C Hartley, K Roberts, (members of the public), L Vallance (Mental Health Worker).

APOLOGIES: Councillor M McChesney, D Lamont, K McKenzie, Kaikoura High School Youth Representatives,

Moved by L Craig, seconded by B Woods and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 04/06/2008

CDHB Update

The Community Development Officer advised an official update on Kaikoura Hospital was expected by the end of the week from Canterbury District Health Board and that funding had been approved to go through to the development stage. D Wright advised St John were tentatively looking at a proposal to build a new facility on their existing site.

Transit

The Road Safety Officer advised the proposed merge with Land Transport New Zealand and Transit had been slightly delayed and was now expected to take place on 3rd July 2008.

2. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST

Kaikoura Physical Activity Plan

The Community Development Officer advised a combined Council and Steering Group Committee had been formed and were scheduled to hear submissions on 23rd July.

Food & Fuel Prices

Included in the agenda was a comparison of food prices, taken from the internet, from leading supermarkets prepared by the Community Development Officer. The report showed Pak n Save as being the cheapest however it was noted New World supermarkets were comparable when coupon specials were running. It was decided L Craig would gather prices from New World in Christchurch and Blenheim, S

Frizzell would gather prices from Kaikoura New World and M Pfeifer would gather prices from Pak n Save in Christchurch.

L Vallance entered the meeting at 9.27am

Councillor Woods noted there was an alternative option for purchasing vegetables in Kaikoura that was considerably cheaper than New World.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Youth Council

An approach was made to Council for funding assistance for two youth to attend the Youth in Local Government conference in Christchurch in October.

Other projects include the Youth Council working on a possible half court at Seaview subdivision and also the possibility of bringing a big concern to Kaikoura in the summertime.

The Community Development Officer advised she had applied earlier in the year to the Ministry of Youth Development for a grant to run a youth skills project in Kaikoura and had been successful in securing \$60,000 funding towards the project. It was noted only 4 South Island projects received funding including Hurunui, Tasman and Selwyn, along with 11 North Island projects. The aim would be to run workshops for youth in Kaikoura such as film, innovation, music, dance, sound & lighting, and DJ'ing.

Cloth Nappies Update

Stage two of the Cloth Nappy initiative had been allocated \$1000 funding from the Social Services Committee however to date only \$60.00 had been spent meaning 3 parents had accessed the scheme. The Community Development Officer recommended the project continue until March 2009 as she was eager to drive it and have the rebate promoted by the two new midwives in the district.

Composing of Disposable Nappies

The Community Development Officer advised Council was supporting a new initiative to send all disposable nappies to a composting plant at Hurunui and recommended the Social Services Committee may wish to consider subsidising the cost of the \$4.00 biodegradable bag used for collection of the nappies. Mayor Heays suggested the Community Development Officer sit down with Council's District Planner to consider the cheapest way of getting the biodegradable bags to the people using disposable nappies.

Community Expo

Planning for a 2008 Community Expo for Kaikoura had begun and was scheduled to take place on Friday 24th October.

Kaikoura Labour Market Strategy

The Community Development Officer advised at the June Tourism & Development Committee meeting it was voted that the tourism Committee would act as a steering group to work with a Labour Market Strategy Working Party. Social Services Committee would also have a role to play in the strategy and would be needed for feedback. The Community Development Officer advised she would be bringing information back to the committee for feedback and it was hoped an application could be put together for funding to employ a consultant to prepare a strategy. The strategy would address issues such as seasonality of employment, income and many other issues.

The Community Development Officer advised the Community Events calendar was now up and running.

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Family Violence Officer presented the report advising positive feedback had been received from workshops held recently in Kaikoura.

It was noted reported family violence incidents had increased for the 2007/08 year which showed awareness was getting out and people appeared less tolerant to family violence.

5. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heays advised he had had a very busy month with Council's Annual Plan including the hearing of submissions and finally the adoption of the Plan. Approximately 70 submissions were received with some 30 being heard. Council also celebrated the auspicious occasion of the adopting of it's District Plan. The District Plan had taken some 19 years from start until being adopted and was hugely significant for a lot of people. Councillor Woods noted there had been a lot of work put into the District Plan. She noted it was superseded by the Resource Management Act and various other plans such as Environment Canterbury's District Plan, meaning it ran parallel with plans such as these.

Mayor Heays advised Council had recently held hearings of submissions to it's recently advertised Speeds Limits Bylaw and Water Supply Bylaw, followed by the adoption of both Bylaws.

Ma-rea Unahi entered the meeting at 10.10am

6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Road Safety Officer provided an update and advised Police had started a concerted campaign along State Highway 1, in particular the 80km zone.

The speed trailer had been deployed at Oceanview Motels until late August and the mounted speed screen previously at Beach Road was being re-programmed.

Civil Defence

New national signage for tsunami evacuation had just been released. The annual Civil Defence exercise “Pandora” was scheduled to take place on 26th September, based on a heavy weather event.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Marlborough Law

J Bolton-Roche advised Marlborough Law were expected in Kaikoura on Wednesday 9th July to run a seminar on the law relating to family violence. The seminar would take place from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Helicopter Landing Site

D Wright of St Johns advised changes were being looked at for the floodlights at the helicopter landing site at the hospital. The floodlights remained on all the time which was a waste of power so they were looking at changing the system where aircraft activated the lights as they approached.

CCS Awareness Breakfast

M Unahi advised CCS were hosting a disability awareness breakfast at Takahanga Marae on Wednesday 9th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.38am.