

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2009 AT
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Syme (Committee Secretary), M Pfeifer (Community Development Officer), M Kennedy (Road Safety Officer), A Blunt (SEEK), L Vallance (Mental Health Support Worker), K MacKenzie (District Nurse), M Unahi (CCS Disability Action), K Roberts (member of the public), .

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Woods, A Carter, S Brady, D Wright.

Moved by S Frizzell, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 5/11/2008

Request for Accessibility Audit

A request had been given to the Chief Executive Officer requesting the process for obtaining an audit of the community. The Community Development Officer advised that M Unahi from CCS Disability Action had contacted Council to undertake an audit of Council buildings.

Family Violence and Strengthening Families Coordinator

R Te Ua had left Kaikoura to move back to the North Island. Councillor McChesney acknowledged R Te Ua was a valuable worker with a wonderful personality and she would organise an official card / letter to be sent to R Te Ua thanking her for her work.

L Vallance and J Bolton-Roche entered the meeting at 9.09am

2. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

Councillor McChesney advised Marlborough Law had suffered a large funding cut and only had one staff member left in the centre with G Strang doing case management. Trips to Kaikoura had been cut to one day per month. Councillor McChesney advised she was on the committee however had been unable to attend meetings, Y Morrison had attended meetings.

S Frizzell advised he had been for a ride on the Conquest Bike whilst it was in Kaikoura.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The Community Development Officer presented her report and advised this was her final report and applications for her position closed on Thursday 5 February 2009.

Youth Skills Project

A Hip Hop dance workshop had been held on the 29th and 30th of January 2009 with a display at the Waitangi Day event. The Community Development Officer advised film workshops would be held in February and videos would be put together with mixed music tracks. A CD of the music tracks would be released and A Penman was confident this would be listed on the Top 40. The space under the community gym had been secured for the project which was previously run from the High School. The Community Development Officer advised she was currently trying to secure funding for year two of the project.

Kaikoura Youth Council

The Kaikoura Youth Council was involved in the Waitangi Day event and was also helping the Mayfair Theatre to fundraise on Friday the 13th of February. The group had a number of goals this year including the location of a basketball half court in the town rather than at a school.

M Unahi entered the meeting at 9.14am

Waitangi Day Event

Te Tai O Marokura were holding an event to mark Waitangi Day. The event would be held on Thursday the 5th of February 2009.

Physical Activity Plan

The Community Development Officer advised the Legacy group had been working hard to ensure actions within the plan were implemented. A funding application had been sent to the Community Trust for a recreation coordinator.

Labour Market Development Strategy

The Community Development Officer had been working with The Tourism Officer and they had completed an Expression of Interest to the Ministry of Social Development to access funding to complete the strategy.

Family Violence Network and Strengthening Families

R Te Ua the coordinator for both roles had left Kaikoura to be closer to family. The hard work and achievements of R Te Ua in both roles was acknowledged.

Community Events Calendar

More community members were aware of the Calendar and it had been well utilised. The calendar was available on line and was published in Council's monthly newsletter, however, it was too large to be included in the previous month.

This was M Pfeifer's last Social Services meeting and Councillor McChesney wished M Pfeifer well and advised it had been lovely having her as part of the committee.

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heays provided a verbal update and advised Council was currently undertaking a review of the rating system and six road shows had been run in the district with five out of the six encouraging. He advised submissions closed on Monday the 9th of February 2009 and would be considered the following Friday.

Vests in Kaikoura

Mayor Heays advised he would be delivering vests, donated by Fulton Hogan, to children who biked to school and was visiting Woodbank and the Kaikoura Primary School later that day.

Kaikoura Youth Skills Project

Mayor Heays highlighted the significance of this project and advised it was huge by national standards.

CDHB Update

Mayor Heays advised a presentation was made to the CHBD on the 19th of December in Kaikoura reiterating the importance of a new medical facility. The board had endorsed in principle the model of care.

Town Signage

Mayor Heays advised he had dealings with a premise in town over a sign which he noted Human Rights deemed illegal because it was a change in the level of service offered to a race or creed. It was also noted it was in breach of the Signs Bylaw.

Wharf Update

Mayor Heays noted progress was slow as a large structure had to be built to hold the machines building the Wharf. The contractor advised it would take a couple of months to complete the wharf.

5. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

An update was provided by the Road Safety Officer, M Kennedy. He advised there had been a lot of traffic on the road over the Christmas period. A road safety display would be set up at the A & P Show including a Bogan car, Seat belt sledge, free water and a competition. It was noted the reduction of the breath alcohol limit was gaining momentum with the new government.

6. RURAL FIRE UPDATE

M Kennedy advised the fire risk was extreme and all fire permits had been revoked. He advised it was not normally this dry until April. There had been a lot of nuisance fires on the beach and it was lucky there had not been more wind. M Kennedy acknowledged the Fire Brigade had done a great job over Christmas. On the 11 of February 2009, M Kennedy was taking local volunteer fire fighters to Omaka to attend a course on helicopters and the use of monsoon buckets.

7. CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

M Kennedy advised this years Pandora exercised would be held in October and would be based on a major power outage of up to 14 days for the Canterbury Region. He advised the implications of 14 days

without power were huge. Civil Defence information was available on Council's website.

8. SEEK

A Blunt provided a verbal update. She advised seek was now a youth transition service since the 1st of January. All school leavers would be tracked for the first year after leaving school. Information would be contained on a national database. Students would be given a form to complete when leaving school. A Blunt advised she would receive training the following week. Councillor McChesney noted there were a large number of children returning to school because of the economic downturn and most jobs required NCEA level two.

A feasibility study to set up a trade training academy had been investigated. It was noted there was very few jobs with long term training like apprenticeships available currently. The trade academy would allow youth to do literacy and numeracy at school whilst undertaking trade training. M Kennedy suggested researching programmes previously used in the district. M Unahi advised Access courses had previously been run from the Marae.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Footpath South Bay Parade

L Kahu raised the issue of the footpath along South Bay Parade and advised essentially there was no parking on either side of the road. If a car was parked with a tyre on the edge of the footpath the other side of the car was 42cm from the centre line. If cars were parked along the side of the road vehicles needed to cross the white line which was dangerous.

L Kahu advised a number of residents had complained. It had been suggested by Council's Asset Manager that cars be parked on the other side of the road. L Kahu advised often there was not room to park on the other side of the road.

Council's Engineering Support Officer would be invited to attend the next Social Services meeting to provide an update.

C MacKenzie left the meeting at 10.06am

Look out Telescope

S Frizzel advised the telescope at the lookout did not have wheel chair access and needed a ramp. Mayor Heays advised the telescope was not Council owned at suggested S Frizzel contact C Valkhoff the owner.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.08am