

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Syme(Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), A Blunt (SEEK), K Mackenzie (District Nurse), D Wright (Order of St John), K Roberts, M Hislop(Members of the public), L Vallance (Mental Health), K Fennwick (Te Tai o Marokura), A Clifford (Engineering Support Officer).

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Woods, M Kennedy, A Carter, R Allen

APOLOGIES FOR LATENESS:
L Vallance

*Moved by L Craig, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that
apologies be accepted.*

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 4/2/2009

Waitangi Day Event

Councillor McChesney advised she had heard from a number of people who had advised they had intended to attend the event and did not realise it was held the day before Waitangi Day.

2. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

Community Law Marlborough

Councillor McChesney advised a meeting had been held on the previous Thursday. It was noted funding had been cut by 43.9% and eventually the service could be back to phone contact. J Bolton-Roche advised there had been discussions regarding finding a resident lawyer. This would mean the service would not have to fund travel costs.

MainPower Insulation Project

L Kahu advised the deadline for applications had been extended. A Blunt advised 200 applications had been received at last count. J Bolton-Roche advised the boundaries for the project had been extended to include outlying areas.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

Kaikoura Youth Skills Project

The Community Development Officer advised M Pfeifer and A Penman were continuing to work on funding for year two of this project and applications had been made to public charities for resourcing of equipment.

Kaikoura Youth Council

The Youth Council would be commencing recruitment drives at events like the Waitangi Day event and the Mayfair Theatre fundraiser to encourage other youth to become involved in community projects.

4. SEEK

A Blunt presented the report and advised she had received training and SEEK was now a Youth Transition Service. A Blunt would now contact all school leavers and they would become registered on a national database. She would be able to track school leavers whilst they relocated, keeping in touch to ensure they were on track with work or study and offer help and support where needed. A Blunt advised there were 30 Youth Transition Areas and if a person moved away from the district an agency in their area would keep in contact with them.

A Blunt advised she was investigating the possibility of holding a careers expo in May. The aim, if possible, was to hold this on the day following the Christchurch Careers Expo, that way providers who had come to the area especially could be accessed. A Blunt was currently seeking support from the High School.

5. KAIKOURA COMMUNITY CENTER – A FEASIBILITY STUDY

A Blunt presented the report and advised the Community Development Officer had applied for funding for a feasibility study for a community center in Kaikoura. It was envisaged the community center would be one place that could be used by youth and the community. A feasibility study would investigate the current facilities which were available and consider these along side current and future use.

A Blunt advised the facility could contain space for a trade training academy, spinners and weavers, recording and dance studios, school holiday programmes, afterschool programmes and visiting social services agencies. She advised the idea was to find out what the community needed how the community felt and who would want to use the facility. The application had been sent to the lotteries community and a decision was not expected until June.

6. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

South Bay Parade Footpath

L Kahu had raised concerns regarding the footpath on South Bay Parade. She advised there was essentially no parking on either side of the road and if cars were parked along the side of the road vehicles needed to cross the centre line which was dangerous.

The Engineering Support Officer attended the meeting and advised he believed the issues regarding the footpath on South Bay Parade had been previously resolved through Council and the status quo would remain. He advised safety was paramount and noted if a road narrowed this naturally slowed traffic and did not believe safety was an issue. L Kahu advised as a resident she felt safety was definitely an issue because traffic did not slow down. L Kahu advised she had received a complaint when her vehicle had been parked partially on the path. She felt it was

not her issue as she had not put the footpath in the wrong place or made it too wide.

The Engineering Support Officer advised a smaller footpath would not solve the problem and footpaths were required by regulation to be 1.2 meters wide. He advised if the road was to be widened a footpath would be put on the other side of the road and the issue was cost. It was suggested signage be erected and the speed limit changed.

Councillor McChesney advised speed limits could only be changed if government regulations were met. A Clifford advised during the review of the Speed Limit Bylaw 30km an hour for this area had been investigated, however, the area did not meet the criteria. J Bolton-Roche asked if the end of Moa Road could be reopened to create a one way road around this area. D Wright suggested a short one way section between two speed humps. The Engineering Support Officer advised he would investigate the use of signage and a one way area and would report back at the next Social Services meeting.

7. MAYORS UPDATE

Changes to the Rating System

Mayor Heays advised Council had undertaken a review of the rating system and believed Council had come up with a fair and equitable system. He advised the system had been changed to more targeted rates and people would be able to see exactly where their money was going. He advised for the purpose of rates the district had been divided into three areas these were urban, semi-rural and rural. He advised this would be included in the 10 Year Long Term Council Community Plan. Also included would be the budgets for the coming year and what Council was looking to achieve over the next ten years. Mayor Heays urged people to read the plan when it was available as it was a very important document and advised submissions would be invited on the document.

Vests in Kaikoura

Mayor Heays advised he had delivered the vests to primary school children in Kaikoura who biked to school and felt parents needed to encourage children to wear their vests.

New Wharf

Mayor Heays advised progress to date had been below sea level.

Cruise Ships

Mayor Heays advised the last two cruise ships for the season were expected within the week. He advised most of the time the passengers from the ships were on shore all day and he welcomed passengers from the ships to Kaikoura.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

K Mackenzie felt a walkway from the Garden of Memories to the Seal Colony was needed. She noted the speed limit was 50kph and felt a walkway was required to keep people off the road. Councillor McChesney advised a Walking and Cycling Strategy had been adopted

by Council and this area had been identified. She advised Council was trying to obtain funding. K Mackenzie felt if dollars were limited the areas that were most vulnerable should be started first. Mayor Heays advised a review of signage to highlight walkways was currently being undertaken.

A Blunt enquired why the Department of Conservation would not install a toilet at the Seal Colony. It was noted the seal colony was listed as one of the Department of Conservations most visited sights in New Zealand. The Community Development officer noted there was only one toilet at Jimmy Armers Beach and often there was no toilet paper. L Kahu suggested a Superloo be installed which people could pay to use. It was decided a letter would be sent from the Social Services Committee regarding a toilet at the Seal Colony.

9. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Road Safety /Rural Fire Officer provided a written report which was tabled at the meeting.

A & P Show

A road safety display had been set up at the A & P Show with the cooperation of the Canterbury Regional Road Safety Committee. A competition dealing with fatigue had been held and bottled water, car litter bags and pens were distributed to participants. 130 competition entries were received. The number of people was down 60% on previous years and this was attributed to the rain.

Speed Survey

The Road Safety Officer had acquired a hand held laser speed gun in order to conduct speed surveys. The laser gun is on loan from Land Transport New Zealand.

Viasis Speed Monitoring Device

The device which was normally mounted on a pole on Beach Road had technical problems which were currently being addressed. It was hoped the device would be operating again soon.

10. RURAL FIRE UPDATE

Fire Season Status

Due to rain the fire danger had lowered and the District had reverted back to a restricted fire season.

Helicopter Training

The Rural Fire Officer had taken three volunteer fire fighters from Goose Bay to Omaka for monsoon bucket training. The practical training involved an RNZAF Iroquois helicopter and monsoon bucket. The training included aircraft safety, a short flight, communications, bucket filling and assessments for NZQA unit standards.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.23am