

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD  
AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009 AT  
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,  
KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Syme(Committee Secretary), 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), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star), J Leary (Mental Health), H Main (Kaikoura High School).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M McChesney, S Haberstock, C Hartley

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

*J Bolton-Roche entered the meeting at 9.08am*

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS**

S Frizzell advised the path through Churchill Street was currently inaccessible to wheelchairs because the surface was loose gravel and there were no ramps leading into the top of the park and believed some people were unable to negotiate the step. Mayor Heays advised he understood the footpaths in the park were to be sealed and advised the New Zealand Transport Agency had not consulted with Council regarding the kerb and channel on Churchill Street and this had resulted in works not done which should have been.

**2. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES**

**MainPower Insulation Project**

MainPower had not reached their target of 300 houses for this project. It was noted the emphasis was on low income families. J Bolton- Roche advised MainPower had advertised to encourage those who could not afford the \$250 fee to apply, if their application was successful the fee could be paid off. Applications could also be made to Work and Income to help pay the fee.

**3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

**Kaikoura Youth Skills Project**

Mayor Heays advised the Youth Skills Project was going well. There were a number of Youth involved and the project was mainly dance, music and performing. The project now occupied a room under the Community Gym at 25 Beach Road and the room had been named the "All Stars" room. He advised the project was becoming legendary. It

was noted an application to Pub Charity for funding towards a computer, drapes and equipment had been unsuccessful.

#### **Kaikoura Youth Council**

Two Youth Week funding applications had been approved. The Youth Council were organising a Quiz night and a “Short Movie” night for Youth Week.

#### **Family Violence Network and Strengthening Families**

L Vallance had been appointed as the new Strengthening Families / Family Violence Coordinator and would commence work on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. L Vallance would be based at Heartlands.

The Family Violence network had applied to the Community Action Fund to start a Community Men’s Shed. The outcome of the application would be known early June.

#### **Kaikoura Health Facilities**

Consultation about the proposed Kaikoura Health Facilities with the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) was well under way. Meetings were held fortnightly and current points of discussion were space requirements and omissions. Further Kaikoura Health Facility requirements needed to be put forward prior to June 2009 which was the time the funding arm of the Canterbury District Health Board was expected to have its full business case ready. L Craig advised the CDHB were focusing on a population health for 4,000 people and felt the tourist population and people involved in accidents had been forgotten and needed to be allowed for. M Kennedy also noted Kaikoura’s isolation as an issue.

### ***4. MAYORS UPDATE***

#### **Accessibility Audit**

Mayor Heays advised previously the committee had enquired about the process of an accessibility audit. He advised if a full audit were undertaken a professional would have to be paid and this would cost a large amount of money. Currently any new building or the retrofitting of an existing premise required the accessibility standards as outlined in the Building Code to be met. He noted a premise could not be made to put in a ramp unless they were retro fitting or undertaking other building works which required a building consent. He advised other departments had their own standards defined by legislation for example car parking and health.

M Unahi advised in 2005 CCS Disability had undertaken national workshops and two recommendations were made for Kaikoura. One was a representative of the disability sector sit on the Social Services Committee and this was S Frizzel the second recommendation was that a community audit be undertaken. M Unahi advised a workshop had been held the previous year with staff and Councillors and Mr B Clarke had also presented.

The workshop identified concerns regarding accessible access into stores/ shops. D Wright felt if Council spent a lot of money and then could not action the recommendations provided by an audit this would be a waste of money. M Unahi felt some issues had not been dealt with when buildings had been upgraded. Councillor Woods advised some building alterations did not require building consent under the Building Act.

M Hislop suggested a local survey where people could put their issues forward. D Wright felt the cost to audit Kaikoura should be investigated. M Unahi advised the cost of the audit would depend on the level and scope. D Wright felt local people should be encouraged to have an input into a survey. M Unahi advised a number of complaints had been received from people visiting Kaikoura and advised on one occasion there was only one premise accessible to a basketball team. D Wright felt it would be good to highlight to local business that they could be losing business if they were not accessible. It was decided Mayor Heays and Councillor McChesney would organise a survey of local people with disabilities.

#### ***5. FOOTPATH SOUTH BAY PARADE***

The Engineering Support Officer advised he had installed a traffic counter for one week. The results showed 15% of traffic was travelling faster than the speed limit and advised this was a low percentage for Kaikoura roads. He requested the Traffic Warden advise when a car was parked on the footpath side of the road. During the survey period a car was parked in the location on one occasion and passing traffic was travelling at 43km per hour whilst the car was parked. This was compared to the same time on different days and the speed of traffic was found to be 43km and 44km per hour. The Engineering Support Officer advised he had researched speed and road widening and advised research showed a wider carriageway equalled greater speeds he had also investigated signage and advised a narrow road sign could not be erected as the road did not narrow.

Also investigated was a one way area with the reopening of Moa Road. The Engineering Support Officer noted the end of the road had originally been blocked off because of issues with dust and if the road was reopened it would have to be constructed and sealed which would be costly. This would also reduce the parking area where cars and boat trailers could park and an increase in the number of cars and boat trailers was expected due to changes in fishery regulations. Thirdly, he noted this option would not slow traffic and believed traffic would travel faster. In conclusion, he advised he did not see any evidence to justify any action as this time.

L Craig enquired if a slow area sign could be erected. The Engineering Support Officer felt this could lead to other issues in other parts of the district. D Wright enquired if speed was the issue. Mayor Heays advised statistically any action did not stand up. However, opposing that was the human side of things and he enquired if there was any harm in

putting an illustrative sign showing children. The Engineering Support Officer believed this would have no impact on commercial traffic as they drove the road everyday. Mayor Heays advised the local police had responded well to requests to investigate certain areas and would have them monitor the area over Easter and a normal week. D Wright advised he had witnessed when there was more traffic on the road people travelled slower.

## **6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

The Road Safety Officer advised he had collected data using the laser speed gun. He had spent one hour in a number of locations. On South Bay Parade 40% of traffic was exceeding 50km per hour with a top speed of 68km. He advised an area of concern was Fyffe Quay to the Seal Colony where 50% of the traffic was exceeding the speed limit. He advised all data collected had been forwarded to the police as had details of repeat offenders.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Walking and Cycling Strategy**

TVNZ were filming segments of the Breakfast Show in Kaikoura on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The programme would start at 6.45am. The slogan was “one less car on the road” and a number of local people would be interviewed. Mayor Heays advised the walk/cycle lane had been painted on the road to the Seal Colony.

### **Viasis Speed Monitoring Device**

This device which was normally mounted on Beach Road had been sent away for repair. D Wright felt it would be beneficial to have one mounted around the approach to South Bay. The Road Safety Officer advised there were brackets that could be set up in four or five different sites and the device could be moved around. D Wright enquired if the New Zealand Transport Agency would fund another device. The Road Safety Officer advised the New Zealand Transport Agency were going to install a device at Goose Bay. However, they had encountered issues with MainPower. The Road Safety Officer advised odometers in cars could be incorrect by up to 30%.

### **Kaikoura High School**

H Main from the Kaikoura High School advised the current principal had resigned. The position had been advertised and applications had been received. A survey had been given to students regarding what they would like to see in a principal. All applicants had been provided with information on Education Kaikoura.

### **Careers Expo**

A Blunt advised a Careers Expo would be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. 40 providers had been contacted and 20 positive responses had been received to date. Mayor Heays advised previously high school students had visited Christchurch Expos. A Blunt advised the expo would also involve local employers. Research showed children began thinking about careers in year 7 and 8.

**Flu Vaccination**

K MacKenzie advised flu injections would commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. It was noted the flu injection was free if people had a recognised health issues or were over 65.

**Earth Race**

The Road Safety Officer advised Coast Guard was sponsoring “Earth Race”. The boat which ran on 100% renewable biodiesel fuel would be in Kaikoura on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. He advised Skipper Peter Bethune was a great motivational speaker. A raffle would be run by Coast Guard and a ride on the boat could be won.

**Appetite for Life Course**

L Craig advised an “Appetite for Life Course” was currently being held in Kaikoura. The course taught woman that diets did not work and encouraged them to eat within their nutritional needs.

**New Wharf**

Mayor Heays advised the Asset Manager was organising, with the contractor, an open day at the New Wharf. He advised a lot of work had been completed and it was a large project.

**Biodiversity Bonanza**

Councillor Woods had attended the Biodiversity Bonanza and advised it was a wonderful event and very worth while.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.19am*