

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 9AM ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER  
2009 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,  
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillor B Woods, S Frizzell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), K MacKenzie (District Nurse), K Roberts (Member of the Public), L Vallance (Strengthening Families / Family Violence Coordinator), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star), M Hislop (Member of the Public), A Clifford (Road Safety Coordinator).

**1. APOLOGIES:** L Craig, J Bolton-Roche, D Wright, A Blunt.

*Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**Physical Activity Plan**

The Community Development Officer advised a forum had been held the previous evening and 20 people had attended. She advised one of the aims was to compile a comprehensive database of sports clubs in Kaikoura. A monthly newsletter was also planned which would advertise upcoming events like tournaments.

**Strengthening Families**

The Strengthening Families Coordinator advised there had been 17 referrals to this service. The Community Development Officer advised there were a number of people out there who were not in a crisis situation but needed help and it was positive that people were seeking assistance.

**2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Youth Skills Project**

The Community Development Officer advised A Penman was now employed as a tutor for the project rather than coordinator. The end of year performance would now be a one day multi media event on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December which had been approved by the Ministry for Youth Development.

**Kaikoura Youth Council**

The Youth Council had sold water at Seafest and then held a barbecue fundraiser outside Betty's Liquor Store in the evening.

**Community Max Project**

Not-for profit organisations who had a project they required help with should contact The Community Development Officer. Funding was available through the Ministry of Social Development to fund youth

work on projects that would benefit the community or the environment. The youth needed to be employed for six months to qualify for the grant, a number of projects could be strung together to make up the six months. If four youth were employed a supervisor would be funded by the project. The Community Development Officer felt the Oscar Programme could be set up as part of this project.

### ***3. FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFICER'S REPORT***

The Family Violence Officer advised the Wahine support group had been running for over 2 months now. A local business allowed the group to spa, sauna and swim for a small fee.

A volunteer watch group had started up. This was for people who were not in a crisis situation but where police had been called out. Volunteers visited with these people.

Six vandal proof frames for the display of posters had been purchased and would be attached to the inside of doors in the public toilets in the town. A mini booklet would also be available which contained local numbers.

White ribbon day was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and a violence free flag would be displayed.

### ***4. SEEK REPORT***

20 young people were registered with the Youth Transition Service and some of these were actively seeking employment at the moment. New government initiatives had been released including Job Ops which was a scheme which provided a \$5000 subsidy for employers employing youth between the ages of 16 and 24 years old.

### ***5. NATURAL BURIALS***

Councillor McChesney advised the report included in the agenda regarding Natural Burials had been put to Council at their meeting on 16 September. Council had agreed to investigate a natural burial site within the existing cemetery.

### ***6. COMPOSTING DISPOSAL NAPPIES, INCONTINENCE AND SANITARY PRODUCTS***

Councillor McChesney advised people were required to buy the correct bag in order to be able to dispose of these products. People wishing to dispose of one or two nappies whilst travelling through were unable to without buying the correct bag. The bags cost \$5 each and were meant for larger quantities.

Mayor Heays suggested bags be made available at supermarkets so people could purchase them when they purchased nappies. Councillor Woods suggested the District Planner approach the product producers regarding disposable bags being included in product packs. M Hislop felt information needed to be available to people who were passing through the town she also suggested information be available at motels.

## **7. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

### **New Health Facilities**

Mayor Heays advised he had met with representatives from the Canterbury District Health Board and subsequently a formal letter to Council had been received requesting Council support the process. The Board would like the new facility to be a community facility and a green fields approach was the preferred option. Mayor Heays advised Council was happy to lend support. He advised if the process did not commence soon the money would be used for Christchurch projects.

Mayor Heays advised the Board had requested a list of potential sites, for the location of these facilities, which Council had done, which were either privately or publicly owned and fitted with their environmental criteria. He further advised the location of new facilities was the Board's decision and not Council's. If community land was considered a change of use consent would be required which would require public consultation. It was noted if the Canterbury District Health Board were able to sell the current site this money could be put towards the new facilities. Elderly Care was not a function of the Board however they recognised Kaikoura needed this service.

### **Environment Canterbury**

Mayor Heays advised he had been involved in discussions with Canterbury Mayors regarding Environment Canterbury. He advised this had nothing to do with the leaders of Environment Canterbury but the large pear shaped organizational structure and noted decisions for Kaikoura were made in Christchurch.

### **Seafest**

Mayor Heays advised Seafest had been superbly run and managed and he believed part of the reason for such a good day was every stall holder was required to sell food and people were eating all the time. He advised problems outside the event were the result of behaviour not the event itself.

### **Community Facilities Charitable Trust**

Mayor Heays advised the Trust had been formed and the initial meeting would be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. He advised an initial item would be to recognize the need for indoor aquatic facilities then identification of an appropriate site followed by funding.

### **Kaikoura High School Community School**

Mayor Heays advised the school was looking to raise funds to take out the traditional cooking and sewing room and install a commercial kitchen and have school children involved with qualifications in hospitality. It was noted the Ministry of Education supported the concept.

The Community Development Officer advised the ACE programme had achieved four times the funding previously allocated. She advised a requirement of the new scheme was literacy and numeracy course and

there was a requirement for 100 people per term to undertake these types of courses.

#### **8. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

The Engineering Support Officer was in attendance to present this item. He advised a large amount of work had been undertaken on cycle tracks and footpaths in the district. A new cycle way and footpath was under construction along the State Highway to South Bay. The first stage of the walk and cycleway from South Bay to Ocean Ridge was complete and had proved popular. He advised there had been some issues with motorbikes on the track but was hopeful this would be remedied by the distribution of information leaflets which had been successful the previous year.

The Engineering Support Officer advised horses on the track were causing more damage than motorbikes as their hooves flicked up the limestone. Councillor Woods suggested a letter be sent to the Adult Riding Group and the Pony Club. S Frizzell advised he was not happy with the track as his wheel chair had got stuck and there was no ocean view. The Engineering Support Officer advised the track had been constructed in its current position as the ground had already been compacted. The Engineering Support Officer advised over time the track would become more compacted and effectively cement itself. He advised if S Frizzell was able to identify areas where there was the potential for wheel chairs to get stuck he would have the contractor compact these areas further.

The Engineering Support Officer advised Road Safety Funding had been cut however he was hopeful a road safety stand could still be held at the Kaikoura A & P Show. The main focus for the district would be reducing speed.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25am***