

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 2
DECEMBER 2009 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillor B Woods, J Bolton-Roche, L Craig, S Frizzell.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), K Roberts, M Hislop (Members of the Public), L Vallance (Strengthening Families / Family Violence Coordinator), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star), A Blunt (Youth Transition Services), C Davis, J McDonald (Kaikoura High School Representatives), D Clark (District Emergency Management Officer), A Closel (Youth and Family).

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Youth Skills

The project had slowed down to accommodate a three month variation agreement with the Ministry of Youth Development. The Youth Concert would now be held on the 12th of December.

A Penman was currently up skilling year 7 & 8 students. Workshops were currently under way and included music writing, music arranging, and lyric writing. There was between 30 and 40 students involved with the workshops currently.

Youth Council

7 Youth Council members had volunteered to help set up gear and work as runners for the food drive as part of the Kaikoura Village Christmas.

The Youth Council was currently investigating further fundraising opportunities.

Physical Activity Plan

The Community Development Officer advised the first Sport Kaikoura workshop had been held on 18 November. The focus of the workshop had been volunteer management and had been attended by 19 people from various sporting clubs.

Sport Kaikoura would be advertising sailing lessons over the summer.

J Bolton-Roche entered the meeting at 9.10am

Strengthening Families

Strengthening Families had successfully closed 3 cases. The referral process through general practitioners and the high school and other agencies was working well. The Community Development Officer

wished to acknowledge the Family Violence Officer's work getting the general practitioners and medical centre on board.

Community Max

The Community Development Officer advised the first person employed under this programme had commenced work the previous Monday and would be responsible for filing and archiving at the Council offices. Funding had been approved for 7 people in Kaikoura. One position was for gardening assistant at local schools. A further 5 people would be involved with 'Project Oscar', an after school care and recreation programme commencing at the beginning of 2010.

2. FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Family Violence Officer advised there was an increase in networking agencies supporting families in Kaikoura. She advised the women's group was still meeting regularly and Women's Refuge wished to run workshops the following year. The Family Violence Officer wished to thank J Bolton-Roche who had undertaken intervention work visiting people who were not quite in a crisis situation.

The Family Violence Officer had attended a Hui in Blenheim. The focus was Act 59 which was about how communities notified agencies and the police if children were at risk. Statistics showed babies were still dying and violence in the home was becoming more and more violent.

The Family Violence Officer would be promoting the 'It's not OK' mini booklet which would have a Kaikoura theme.

3. SEEK REPORT

A Blunt advised 19 people had registered with the Youth Transition Service. A series of about 15 seminars would be held and would cover a range of topics including interview preparation, mock interviews, preparing a curriculum vitae and life skills.

A Blunt advised there were a number of charitable trusts from which funding could be applied in Kaikoura and included the following:

Pub Charity

Pub Charity was established in 1987 and focused on supporting community policy. Funds generated in a particular community were returned to that community. Funding from Pub Charity was allocated for culture and arts, education, fire brigade, ambulance, life saving, health and health related purposes, youth, sport, recreation and leisure.

Eureka Trust

Eureka Trust was established in 2003 and funds were only available to the community where they were raised. They provided donations to recognized charitable organisations including Plunket and the Cancer Society within the local community. Funds were distributed for authorised purposes which included: charitable (including advancement of education and relief of poverty), philanthropic (doing good for other

people), sporting and other purposes that were beneficial to the community.

New Zealand Community Trust

New Zealand Community Trust provided grants of around \$40 million each year from funds raised by their gaming venues. Funds were distributed mainly for sports teams including school teams, community clubs and world class athletes.

A Blunt advised there was one other trust in Kaikoura. It was understood this used to be called the Scottswood Trust but the name had been changed. She further advised the Eureka Trust was the only Trust with specific organisations noted in the Trust Deed. Application forms for all Trusts were available on their websites.

4. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

The Community Development Officer advised Colin King had attended the previous community networkers meeting and he had been very excited about the ACE funding allocated to Kaikoura for the coming year. Kaikoura had been allocated four times more funds than previously however the criteria were very prescriptive. The courses had to be numeracy and literacy focused and there was a requirement for 400 people to attend courses during the year.

5. INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

Kaikoura Health Facilities

A letter which had been included in the Kaikoura Star from K Roberts was tabled at the meeting regarding Health Facilities in Kaikoura and she wished to know what the committee thought. K Roberts suggested the hospital remain where it was currently and locals help with the demolition. Councillor McChesney advised the demolition was not the problem; it was providing care to patients whilst the demolition and building took place. K Roberts felt the Canterbury District Health Board had not provided enough information to the community, and she felt consultation with the community did not happen early enough.

A Blunt advised at the end of the day she accepted there should be some public consultation. However, the Canterbury District Health Board was the expert when it came to building hospital facilities. She felt the advice of people working in the facilities was required and believed members of the community may want certain things and may want to persevere but they may not be the best for the community in the long run.

6. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heays advised he had attended a Local Government Rural Sector meeting in Wellington. One of the guest speakers had been Bill English who had informed New Zealand was currently borrowing \$250 million per week. Of note was within the productive sector of New Zealand there had been no additional employment for 30 years. B English had advised the unproductive sector would face enormous layoffs and redundancies within the next couple of years.

Mayor Heays advised at the November Council meeting Council had resolved to form a working party to report to Council on community concerns regarding the use of 1080 in the district. Expressions of interest for members of the working party had been called for.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Rural Fire and Civil Defence

D Clark was the new District Emergency Management Officer and he advised he had 16 years experience within Rural Fire. He had recently undertaken audits of fire equipment at Goose Bay and in Kaikoura. He advised he wished to form a central Kaikoura rural fire team and was looking for rural fire fighting volunteers.

The District Emergency Management Officer advised he was currently working on training ideas for Civil Defence and advised there was an exercise planned for March. A national training day based on a tsunami would be held on 20 October.

Youth and Families

A Closel advised there would be challenges for youth and families over the Christmas period and he would be in office during this time.

Christmas Food Drive

The Community Development Officer advised a food drive would be held on 5 December. A movie would be screened at the Mayfair Theatre in the evening. The cost of entry was a non perishable food item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am.