

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 3
FEBRUARY 2010 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Mayor K Heays, L Craig.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), D Clark (District Emergency Management Officer), K Roberts (Member of the Public), L Vallance (Strengthening Families / Family Violence Coordinator), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star), A Blunt (Youth Transition Services), C Davis (Kaikoura High School Representative), D Wright (St John Ambulance), C Cowan- Lee (Te Tai o Marokura), Mike Ryan (Te Whare Putea), K Mackenzie (District Nurse), A Closel (Youth and Family).

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Woods, A Carter, L Kahu.

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

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Youth Skills Project

The Community Development Officer advised the Youth Skills Project contract was completed. The group had created a 17 song CD which was an audio and visual experience. The CD would go on sale the following week. She advised the end of year Cabaret had not been held however it was intended a musical extravaganza would be held at Children's Day on the 7th of March. A funding application would be made and if successful the project would be able to continue.

Kaikoura Youth Council

The Community Development Officer advised the Youth Council had held a successful fundraiser for the Mayfair Theatre hosting the popular movie "New Moon" on the 28th of December. A sausage sizzle had also been held at the event. The Youth Council now had their own barbeque and was keen to do many more sausage sizzles.

Community Max Scheme

The Community Development Officer advised funding had been approved for 7 people in Kaikoura. The Oscar programme had been put on hold however, as a response from New Zealand Police vetting for the supervisor had not been received within the required timeframe.

The Community Development Officer advised M Handyside would return to work next month and they would job share the Community Development role.

2. FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Family Violence Officer advised she had received a large amount of training in November and December and had also been working closely with the Kaikoura Police.

A New Zealand Children's Day event would be held on 7 March. The theme for the Day was 'Praise and Encourage'. The Family Violence Officer advised as this day fell within Seaweed the two organizing committees would be working together to make both events successful.

Rachel Black would commence counseling in Kaikoura on the 3rd of March. Counseling sessions would be advertised. It was noted there was a minimum of 5 participants required.

3. SEEK REPORT

A Blunt advised prior to Christmas almost all youth registered with the Youth Transition Service were either employed or about to be employed. As a result of the Community Max Oscar programme being put on hold some youth would return to the Youth Transition Programme as job seekers.

A Blunt advised to date funding to commence a feasibility study for a Trade Training Academy had not been sourced. Further applications would be made to the Todd and Tindall Foundations.

Seminars for youth registered with the Youth Transition Service or on the unemployment benefit would commence in the first week of March.

4. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

L Craig advised there had been a few more deliveries in the new Maternity Ward at the Kaikoura Hospital. There were currently approximately 52 babies due this year.

5. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Wharf Opening

Mayor Heays advised the new North Wharf had been officially opened on the 29th of January. The opening had commenced with a blessing by Te Runanga o Kaikoura. Colin King, Kaikoura MP and Alec Neill, Chairperson of Environment Canterbury had also taken part in the opening. Mayor Heays acknowledged the Wharf was smaller than it had been previously but advised the wharf was both functional and relevant to Kaikoura. He further advised the Wharf had been used by hundreds of people over the summer and provided another safe landing area for cruise ship travelers.

Community Facilities Charitable Trust

Mayor Heays advised the first priority for the Trust was an aquatic centre for Kaikoura. Their next task was to decide on a site. The Trust was currently looking at concepts of other community pools and the trustees would be arranging a trip to visit other facilities.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Kaikoura Hospital

Mayor Heays advised a request had been made of the Canterbury District Health Board to formally provide Council with what they wanted but this had not happened as yet.

K Roberts expressed concern regarding if the hospital was to move and whether the protection to stop housing going in Churchill Park would remain in place. Mayor Heays advised Churchill Park was classified as a reserve which protected it from being built on.

Men's Shed

A Closel advised he was currently working on the development of a Men's Shed in Kaikoura. The Community Development Officer advised the Men's Shed was an Australian concept which was part of the ACE learning programme. It had been found men did not like formal learning situations. The concept was built on the fact there was a large amount of knowledge in communities which was not being utilised. In some areas a shop scenario had been created.

ACE Programme

A Closel advised he would be running classes on learning dynamics and speed reading. He advised he had previously run this programme with youth in Christchurch. He further advised the programme was for people of all abilities.

Media Programme

A Closel would like to develop a programme where educational and youth concerns as well current issues were advertised regularly in the newspaper and other media.

Mayfair Theatre

Councillor McChesney advised the Mayfair Theatre Committee were trying to save the Theatre. She advised the Theatre was run by the community and was currently operating as a non profit organisation. It was generally felt the theatre was an asset to the community. Councillor McChesney advised the Theatre needed customers.

Councillor McChesney invited anyone who was interested or had ideas to attend committee meetings which were held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. It was noted the venue could also be hired for functions or events.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.07am