

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL
2010 AT TAKAHANGA MARAE, TAKAHANGA
TERRACE, KAIKOURA.**

- PRESENT:** Councillor M McChesney (Chair), Councillor B Woods, L Craig, S Frizzell.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** S Syme (Committee Secretary), M Handyside (Community Development Officer), K Roberts (Member of the Public), L Vallance (Strengthening Families / Family Violence Coordinator), M Van der Heide (Kaikoura Star), A Carter (Kaikoura Hospital), L Mackle (Member of the Public), M Unahi (CCS Disability Action)
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor K Heays, D Wright, M Ryan, S Haberstock, A Blunt.
- Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by L Craig and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 3/2/2010

Community Max Oscar Programme

The Community Development Officer advised the Oscar programme had been put on hold indefinitely. She believed that whilst there was a need for the programme the need was not great enough. Currently there was funding for four community max placements and it was hoped other employment opportunities could be found for this funding.

Kaikoura Health Facilities

A Carter advised she had attended a meeting in Christchurch with A Judd and F Woodham and had worked out what was needed with regard to the number of beds and services to provide health services in Kaikoura. She advised the location of the facilities was still a problem however she felt the Canterbury District Health Board were looking more at the existing site. Councillor Woods advised she had attended the health facilities meeting and she advised the footprint was to be decided first and then it would be decided where the facilities were put. A Carter advised rooms needed to be right in terms of direction for lighting and warmth. She also felt rooms should be designed so they could be changed from single to double to allow for more flexibility in the future. L Craig advised privacy was required particularly in a small place where everybody knew each other.

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Library Building

K Roberts felt if the classification in the Significance Policy meant the Library Building could be sold without public consultation then a change in Policy was required.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Community Development Officer advised she was now job sharing the position with S Haberstock and both were working two days per week. She advised the position would increase to 40 hours per week from July.

Kaikoura Youth Skills Project

The Community Development Officer advised the Youth Skills Project had concluded and a release party had been held on the 26th of March. The musicians and dancers were of a high standard however the show had been poorly supported with only around 70 people attending.

Youth in Local Government

The Youth in Local Government Conference was being held in Porirua from the 7th to 9th of April. Three representatives of the Youth Council were attending. The Youth Skills Project would be presented in the Youth Awards at the Conference.

Kaikoura Youth Council

The Community Development Officer advised the Youth Council was going well and they had helped out with Children's Day. The Ministry of Youth Development had provided a grant to the Youth Council of \$5,000 to run a two day youth programme. The Youth Council had advised they wished to support the Mayfair theatre. It was planned the Mayfair theatre would be hired and used as the venue for a forum. Topics covered in the forum would include issues our youth have in the community and event management training.

The Community Development Officer had made an application for funding to continue the Youth Radio and also for the Trade Training Academy feasibility study. The outcome of the application should be known in May.

Sport Kaikoura

The Community Development Officer advised she was currently working in two capacities as she was also coordinator for Sport Kaikoura. Sport Kaikoura had organised a school holiday programme. She advised a Trail Walk Treasure Hunt had been held the previous day and 18 children had attended.

Funding of \$25,000 had been approved and this would allow Sport Kaikoura to continue for a further 12 months.

Kaikoura Community Expo

The Kaikoura Community Expo would take place later this year. It was anticipated that the Expo would be run in the afternoon and evening. The event would be more focused on local services, particularly those who relied on volunteers. The Community Development Officer was currently looking for volunteers to be part of the organizing committee for this event.

4. HEALTH AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY SERVICE

P Wilson was in attendance to present this item. She advised the service worked to the Code of Rights and provided an overview of the history of the service. She advised the service had been operating in Canterbury since 1992. The service supported anyone who had a problem or issue with health services and was free. The service had a 0800 number and their main office for the South Island was in Christchurch. The service was officially in Kaikoura twice a year.

5. FAMILY VIOLENCE'S OFFICERS REPORT

Children's Day

The Family Violence Officer advised a New Zealand Children's day event was held on 7 March. The event had been very successful with approximately 400 people attending. She advised there had been a lot of support from local business.

Women's Refuge Programme

A Women's Refuge programme called Steps to Freedom was being run in Kaikoura. The programme was usually run over ten weeks but was being undertaken over 5 weeks. There were 12 women attending the programme.

Men's Programme

A Men's programme would commence on the 16th of April and would be held in the Lobster Inn conference room. The programme was run on an open door policy so there was no limited numbers. This programme also ran over 10 weeks.

Wahine Group

The Wahine Group had received a free pamper pack from Te Matuaranga o Humarie and had been invited to a craft afternoon with L Kitchingham. The Group was also continuing to meet at McAra House.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Family Violence Officer advised of workshops being held by Te Puna Oranga from the 21st to the 23rd of April 2010. Included in the programme were self care and leadership workshops.

L Craig advised she would be attending a workshop about understanding sex offenders and victims of sexual crime the following week. She would provide an update at the next Social Services meeting.

M Unahi advised a free course covering topics such as building self confidence and life, business and budgeting skills would be run in Kaikoura from the 12th of April by Monique Gemmell. The course would run for 24 weeks and was NZQA approved.

S Frizzell advised the new track in South Bay was quite steep in parts. It was noted one restaurant had accessible toilet facilities but no accessible access to the premises. This matter would be forwarded to the building

inspector for investigation. S Frizzell would write to CCS Disability regarding access issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.07am.