

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 6  
APRIL 2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL, SUPPER ROOM,  
KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillor S Burrows, S Frizzell, M Croll-Wright, J Raharuhi, M Ryan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), A Blunt (SEEK), K Roberts, (Member of the Public), D Clark (District Emergency Management Officer), C Cowan-Lee (Te Tai o Marokura), L Craig, J Taylor (Public Health Nurses), M Unahi (CCS Disability).

**APOLOGIES:** D Wright, K Mackenzie, L Vallance, L Kahu.

*Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Burrows and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 02/03/2011**

*Moved by S Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 2/3/2011**

**‘Drop In Centre’**

The Community Development Officer advised the Committee had allocated \$2,000 for centre expenses. She advised to date money spent was \$102.50 but a donation of \$150 had been received. It was noted people had donated a lot of supplies to the centre on days when it had been open. A Blunt suggested the \$2,000 remain in the Social Services fund and any additional money to go towards other bills from the centre and any money left over to go to the Red Cross or Mayoral Fund in Christchurch. Mayor Gray felt the Committee should hold off on making a decision until next month as there may be more accounts to pay.

*M Ryan entered the meeting at 9.15am*

**3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT**

**Youth Council**

The Community Development Officer advised Youth Council members had canvassed neighbors around the Churchill Park area regarding a half basketball court located next to the playground. The Youth Council had approached 16 parties, 4 had not been home. 2 parties had been negative to the idea with issues around noise at night and the playground being vandalized stated as concerns. It was generally felt by giving youth something to do it would have the opposite affect and the playground would not be vandalized. It was noted the skate park was never

vandalized. The other 10 parties had been positive to the idea. K Roberts enquired whether there was a need to have more public toilets close by if there would be more people in the area.

### **Grant and Funding Information**

The Community Development Officer advised the George Low and SPARC rural travel funds had closed the previous Friday. She advised with regard to the Community Initiatives Fund half of the money had been spent on a few projects and a report would be presented at the next meeting.

The Community Development Officer advised Council had purchased two databases. Fund View was New Zealand's primary source of information about funding for voluntary organisations. Break Out was the primary source of information about funding for individuals in New Zealand and contained over 3000 scholarships and grants.

Both Fund View and Break Out information was free from the Council, the Library and Heartlands. Remote access for all members of the community was currently being worked on.

### **COGS**

The Community Development Officer tabled a Community Organisation Grant Scheme local priorities questionnaire. Feedback was required regarding the main needs within the community. COGS provided wage grants for one off projects. She noted hardly any money from the scheme came to Kaikoura last year but that was because very few applications from the area had been submitted.

### **LSV**

The Community Development Officer advised youth who had attended the LSV short course programme in Burnham would be meeting the following Friday at the Takahanga Domain to talk about the CACTUS programme. They wanted to take the things they had learned at Burnham and keep going.

*Moved by M Ryan, seconded by Councillor Burrows and resolved that the Community Development Officer's report be received.*

## **4. TE RITO COORINDATOR'S REPORT**

The Community Development Officer advised the Family Violence Officer's title had changed to Te Rito Promotions as the previous name had given people the impression she dealt with Family Violence cases. She advised the Te Rito Promotions roll had not changed. It was noted funding for the position would be no longer available from the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Community Development Officer advised an application for funding would have to be made to the Family Centered Services Fund. She advised the Family Violence network would work on an application for funding the following week which needed to be in by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

There were hard facts to show the collaborative family violence network was making a difference. She further advised there was still \$26,000 available for Strengthening Families.

*Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by S Frizzell and resolved that the Te Rito Coordinator's report be received.*

## **5. SEEK REPORT**

A Blunt advised she would hear about continued funding for the Youth Transition Service in May.

Currently there were 25 youth registered with the service and 6 had been placed in work the previous month. She advised subsidies had helped youth in obtaining employment. A Blunt noted there had been some redundancies in town and it was not going to make it easy to get people into work. She further advised there had been a number of youth return to Kaikoura who had been working in Christchurch.

The careers expo was moving ahead and would be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

*Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by M Croll-Wright and resolved that the Seek Report be received.*

## **6. RURAL FIRE UPDATE**

The District Emergency Management Officer was in attendance to present this item. He advised currently the National Rural Fire Authority was trying to create less fire districts around the country so they were proposing an enlarged rural fire district for Marlborough. He advised the proposal had been in the process for approximately five years.

The District Emergency Management Officer advised rural fire in Kaikoura was operated by volunteers. The Community Development Officer enquired if the proposal was to go ahead would those people still operate as volunteers. L Craig felt it could become like Christchurch where some people went out as volunteers and some did not. Councillor Burrows advised currently discussions were being held with volunteers regarding the proposal and as he understood it nothing would change on the ground.

The District Emergency Management Officer advised there had been 35 fires this year with all but three of them on Department of Conservation land. He advised New Zealand Fire Service dealt with urban and stationary fires and rural fire personnel were trained to deal with moving fires. There were currently rural fire teams at Goose Bay, Clarence, Kekerengu and also a small service in the town.

Councillor Morgan felt the concern would be the social aspect of volunteers and the Committee could be the voice of the volunteers. It was generally felt more information was required.

## **7. ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

A discussion was held regarding what items in the Action Plan had been completed to date. K Roberts felt there needed to be some discussion regarding what was a reasonable income and noted the cost of living in Kaikoura was quite high. M Ryan noted families had to be seasonally supported in Kaikoura. He noted a lot of people in seasonal work were on relatively good money but only for 6 months of the year. He noted some people worked away in the off season and a lot of people had more than one job. A Blunt noted the 2006 census showed Kaikoura wages were below average and she felt it was not going to be good this year. K Roberts felt what was needed was more full time full year work and enquired what had happened to the Industrial Zone. Mayor Gray advised the same site was still earmarked as an industrial site. He advised the economy had changed. He further advised Council was keen to see the Industrial Zone move ahead. He noted the cost to the ratepayer if Council was to drive the development was insurmountable.

It was generally felt a subcommittee should be formed to review the current action plan

*Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that Colleen Cowan-Lee, Angela Blunt, Don Clark, Susi Haberstock and Councillor Morgan make up the Action Plan subcommittee to review the current Action Plan and present to the next Social Services Committee meeting.*

## **8. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MEETING**

The Community Development Officer advised Sport Kaikoura had been successful in securing a grant of \$15,000 from the Canterbury Community Trust for sport coordination in Kaikoura.

## **9. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Gray wanted to thank everyone who had been involved with events since the February earthquake. He noted there had been a huge community effort. He believed the 'Drop In Centre' had raised \$1100 at their sale the previous Saturday.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.42am.*