



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

4 MAY 2011

Takahanga Marae

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM ON
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2011 AT TAKAHANGA MARAE, TAKAHANGA
TERRACE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
3. *Confirmation of Minutes 06/04/2011* *page 1*
4. *Matters Arising from Report of 6/04/2011*

5. *Minutes Action List Update*

MEETING	ACTION REQUIRED	BY	DATE ACTIONED
6 April 2011			
Report on projects funded by the Community Initiatives Fund		Community Development Officer	Refer Community Development Officer's Report.
Provide a report on the proposed Enlarged Rural Fire District		Chief Executive Officer	A presentation will be given at 9.00am.

6. *Enlarged Rural Fire District*
 - **The Chief Executive Officer will be in attendance at 9.00am to present this item**
7. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 5*
8. *Te Rito Coordinator's Report* *page 7*
9. *Seek Report* *page 9*
10. *Community Networkers Minutes* *page 10*
11. *Mayor's Update*
12. *Youth Involvement*
 - **Trystan Swain from the Ministry of Youth Development will be in attendance at 10.30am to present this item.**
13. *General Business*

Community Development Officer's Report

Youth

Kaikoura Youth Council:

1. Kaikoura Guides: 6 Youth Council members emptied out half of the Kaikoura Guide boxes scattered around town on the 15th April. They cleared \$1,034, which will go towards the \$3000 it cost to purchase the display boxes.
2. Kaikoura Leadership Course: Barry Hanson and Tony Anker from the Police Blue Light and the NZ Army with the help of the community are offering a fitness programme for youth 3 mornings a week before school for 8 weeks. This will include a fitness drill and cooked breakfast. The course will cover leadership, finance goal setting and budgeting and starts on the 8th of May.

Upcoming Youth Council projects:

- Youth Week
- Four youth fora

Physical Activity/Recreation

The Sport's Coordinator has organised a comprehensive holiday programme that was booked out before the holidays began.

Grant and Funding Information

1. Council Community Grants 2011

Successful applications:

George Low Trust Fund

Funding for sports and recreational facilities for Kaikoura Youth

This trust was established to provide sports and recreational facilities for the youth of Kaikoura and is the result of a bequest from Mr George Low in 1974:

- Sport Tasman - \$1,000 for sports equipment
- Kaikoura High School - \$1,500 for netballs and bibs
- Kaikoura Boxing Club - \$1,000 for boxing equipment
- Kaikoura Suburban School - \$500 towards skateboards and bikes
- Kaikoura Pony Club - \$500 towards jumps etc

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

Sports clubs or school sports team who need travel assistance

Funding is available for sports clubs and school teams with young people aged 5-19 who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions:

- Kaikoura Boxing Club - \$1,400
- Kaikoura Judo Club - \$1,400
- Kaikoura Rugby Club - \$5,900
- Kaikoura High School - \$1,000
- Kaikoura Pony Club - \$500

The **Community Initiatives Fund** is open all year and is available for "public education or community events that contribute to the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the Districts citizens":

- Friends of the George Sandford Organ - \$520 for a harp & flute concert
- Kaikoura High School - \$900 for Jason Barrell – inspirational speaker
- Kaikoura Pony Club - \$500 for the Springston trophy event
- Te Whare Putea - \$600 for the Community Garden project

The Community Initiatives Fund still has \$2,280 for distribution in this financial year.

2. Outside Grant Information 2011

Work and Income have been working in conjunction with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs to review the Youth Transition Service (YTS). Work and Income extended this work into a broader cross-agency work stream, looking at how to improve the outcomes for disengaged young people. Kaikoura has been offered a 1-year contract to continue with youth transition service while this broader work continues.

Work and Income expects that the new YTS service contracts and funding for 1 July 2012 onwards will be outcomes based.

Community Events Calendar –

Please have a look at our new website on www.kaikoura.govt.nz . The new events calendar is a user friendly tool which you can use to upload your events yourself for no charge. Just go to **kaikouraevents.co.nz** and follow the instructions. Before organizing an event, have a quick look to see what else is planned for this date! The events calendar is becoming well utilized and a valuable resource for both locals and visitors alike. Call Susi for any questions on 3195026.

Te Rito Coordinator's Report

Over the past month there has been an increase in promotions in Whanau/Families. The following agencies and people were involved in this reporting period:

- Blenheim Refuge
- Blenheim CYF
- Kaikoura Medical Centre
- Probation Kaikoura
- Te Tai O Marokura
- Te Whare Putea Budget Advise
- Les Watts Early Brief Intervention
- Jonathan Loan
- Corrections Kaikoura
- Relationship Services Blenheim Domestic Violence
- Kaikoura High School Gateway/Star
- Public Health Nurse
- Bread of life Strengthening Families Coordinator Blenheim
- New Life Church
- Whales Tales pre school
- Barnardos
- Work and Income Cecille-Lee Family Violence –Response-Coordinator West Coast
- Birth Right Marlborough Centre Family supports Get Ready Cooking training

Other Community Supports

1. Supported 2 Christchurch families with filling out civil defence hardship grants to relieve frustration and pressures. Organised McAra House for the Wahine cooking group. Meeting every Monday 12-2pm
2. Supported enrolments to the “Steps to freedom” 8 week programme run by Marlborough Women’s Refuge.
3. Over 10 families have been supported by Te Rito co-ordinator, and given bedding, clothes and non perishable food items.
4. Dropped off women’s refuge pamphlets to Te Tai O Marokura
5. Currently working on a ‘where to find help in Kaikoura’ pamphlets
6. Coordinating a second community gardener to care for the garden on a day to day basis, looking after garden tools and plants. The produce is taken to the Wahine group where they cook tasty meals with added ingredients purchased by Te Whare Putea. The food is taken to the food bank and distributed to people in need. Recipients show their gratitude by volunteering to help out at the gardens or participating in the cooking group.
7. Met with Innovative Waste manager to discuss “The Men’s shed” project. The project is aimed at retired tradesmen or those interested in sharing their skills eg: panel beating, mechanical, restoring old bikes, washing machines, old furniture etc. Once these items are restored they can be sold back to the community and funds flow back into the shed to keep it sustainable. The shed can also support men’s health and wellness. Te Rito is helping to set up this project.
8. Gather information from Te Rito on line sites www.areyouok.org.nz

Professional Development/Information Gathering

1. Sheryl Hann Senior Service Development Analyst
“IT’S NOT OK” Family violence prevention campaign www.facebook.com/its , Blow the whistle campaign has started in most parts of New Zealand. Starting in September to October 2011. The campaign is targeting, local groups, clubs, gyms, by getting the message out and, to engage in family violence prevention.
2. Meeting with Te Tai O Marokura Alcohol and Drug counsellor who agrees with the present information “to have alcohol monitored, this may require a community collaborative approach for all agencies who work with family violence, to support the below group and drive “it’s not ok to drink and be violent”.
3. Alcohol in New Zealand: Pressure is mounting to better control commercial forces driving the alcohol crisis. The Alcohol Action group is currently lobbying through government to get legislation. The government has responded with announcements that echo the words of the industry:
 - i. 700,000 New Zealanders are heavy drinkers
 - ii. more than 90% are over 20yrs
 - iii. 70,000 alcohol-related physical and sexual assaults each year
 - iv. More information can be found on www.alcoholaction.co.nz



SEEK Report to the Social Services Committee May 2011

At present there are 28 youth registered with the Youth Transition Service. Some of these have just started in employment and will continue to receive in work support until they are well settled in their new employment. Since my last report one young person has obtained work and is due to start this week. There are still a number of youth who are coming home or moving to Kaikoura from Christchurch.

Preparation is well underway for the Careers Expo which will be held at the High School this year and an application has been completed for funding. A number of providers have responded already and there will be a good mixture of providers including, for the first time, Otago University. It is a great opportunity for our community and especially our youth to see what is available out there.

Job Ops funding is available until 30 June 2011 and the skills investment subsidy will continue to be available through Work and Income. These subsidies are vital at this time of the year in assisting in the placement of youth in employment.