

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.10AM ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE
2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL, SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Councillor S Burrows, Mayor Gray, M Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Rice (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), L Vallance (Te Rito Coordinator), A Blunt (Seek), K Roberts (Member of the Public), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star) L Craig (Public Health Nurse), J Taylor (Public Health Nurse), D Clark (District Emergency Management Officer), M Unahi (CCS Disability Action), L Craig (Public Health Nurse).

APOLOGIES: S Frizzell, D Wright, K Mackenzie.

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 4/05/2011

Moved by Councillor Burrows, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 4 May 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT 4/5/2011

K Roberts thanked Councillor Morgan for arranging for the weeds to be removed from the corner of Ludstone Road and Churchill Street.

3. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

The Community Development Officer advised contact had been made with Anna Johansen and Gary Gatward-Smith from Work & Income regarding contributing to the new Youth Transition Services contracts to be rolled out in July 2012. Currently they were not looking for any specific provider contribution, however they were happy to hear of the Committee's interest and they would be in touch directly if an opportunity arose. A Blunt noted the organization was currently in the process of establishing a working group.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The Community Development Officer advised the youth versus oldies quiz night had been a resounding success. 23 teams had registered with approximately 120 people attending. The consensus was good fun was had by all with a degree of strong competitiveness. Congratulations to Youth Council for organizing the event and thanks to Mayor Gray for the contribution of \$500 from Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

The COGS funding round had opened on 1 June and would be open for one month. The Community Development Officer urged for more applications to be submitted from Kaikoura. M Laban and S Graham from the Department of Internal Affairs in Nelson would be visiting Kaikoura on Tuesday 14 June to discuss any queries regarding applications. The Community Development Officer could be contacted for further details. The priorities for funding were included in the agenda.

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

5. TE RITO COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Te Rito Coordinator advised she had attended "Get Cooking" training in Blenheim. This had helped deliver a comprehensive cooking course to the Wahine group in conjunction with the produce from the community garden. She advised contributions of pots, pans, and cooking utensils were always welcome.

The Te Rito Coordinator advised the Men's Shed was in the early planning stages and work on the logo was underway. It was anticipated that there would be a number of activities conducted at the shed which would include literacy and numeracy skills.

The Te Rito Coordinator advised the Alcohol Bill was updated regularly on Facebook as part of the "ITS NOT OK" campaign. It was noted that the Good Morning Show had recently aired a new product "Breakfast Beer" and discussion was held regarding the inappropriateness of such a product considering current reforms.

The Te Rito Coordinator advised Colin King MP supported the Family Violence Free vision for Kaikoura and had submitted a letter of endorsement to support the application to the Community Services Family-Centered Service Fund.

A Blunt enquired about the website 'Toolkit for Safer Children' and who MMSI were. The Te Rito Coordinator would investigate and provide this information at the next meeting.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the Te Rito Coordinator's Report be received.

6. SEEK REPORT

The SEEK Coordinator advised the Careers Expo was scheduled for 20 June commencing at 10am and finishing at 1.00pm at the Kaikoura High School. She advised there were fewer providers this year and this was attributed to the number of providers who usually came from Christchurch.

It was noted there was currently very little employment in Kaikoura. To this end, a Youth Course was being developed and funding would be

sought from COGS. The initiative was supported by the Work and Income Manager.

The BCITO assessor Greg Milne spoke to young people in Kaikoura last week suggesting there were numerous apprenticeships available in Christchurch and youth would be supported in finding accommodation and jobs. The SEEK Coordinator was encouraging the young people on her books to take up these opportunities as they were few and far between in Kaikoura. She advised there were numerous other apprenticeship opportunities in Christchurch including plumbing, drain-laying, gas fitting and creative trades.

K Roberts enquired if individuals undertaking training in Kaikoura had any help completing their bookwork. The SEEK Coordinator advised that there was a regular ACE class on Wednesday nights at the High School. Although a teacher was present this time was also be used for quiet study. A Blunt advised she would visit rural Youth Transition services on the West Coast for the purpose of networking at the end of June.

Councillor Morgan enquired as to the current status of the Trade Training Initiative. The SEEK Coordinator explained that funding to conduct a feasibility study was one of 10 pilot projects which had been rejected the previous year. No rural communities had been selected. However, the pilot projects were working well and the legislation had now been rolled out. She advised Kaikoura was waiting for the pilot projects to be completed and then an application would need to be made by the High School.

Councillor Morgan provided an update on progress of the hospitality suite at the High School. The School was currently concentrating on the conference facility part of the application because the project needed to be staged. The Community Development Officer explained a funding application made the previous year had been turned down as the business plan had not been fully developed. Councillor Morgan confirmed the High School would be submitting an application through the Kaikoura Education Trust in September.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by M Ryan and resolved that the SEEK report be received.

7. CIVIL DEFENCE, RURAL FIRE AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The District Emergency Management Officer advised he had given a Civil Defence presentation to St. John cadets. The cadets were currently completing their emergency disaster badge and the presentation was based on issues that had affected the district. This had triggered some interesting debate amongst the cadets culminating in the development of sample evacuation plans. It was noted that a two day course had been held for the benefit of the Council Civil Defence Team and was about the requirements for establishing an Emergency Operations Centre. The invite was also extended to external agencies.

The District Emergency Management Officer advised a new fire truck had been purchased. In addition, a new shed would be sited at the Tar Depot on Scarborough Street. The intention was for the shed to house the fire tanker and Civil Defence equipment, but it was possible that in the future this would also be utilized as office space for the District Emergency Management Officer.

It was noted that road safety was no longer dealt with by the District Emergency Management Officer. The District Emergency Management Officer's role was focused solely on emergency issues.

8. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Community Development Officer advised the Social Services Steering committee had met to discuss the Kaikoura Community Action Plan 2006/07. A draft copy of the Local Services Mapping Report 2011 was tabled. The Community Development Officer advised the steering committee had identified what initiatives had progressed, what still needed to be done and new projects such as youth initiatives that needed to be included. Highlighted was the lack of a truancy officer at Kaikoura High School. Councillor Morgan advised this was being taken care of through a pastoral care system at the school. The principal advised some parents condoned their children staying home and it was not a high priority. In some serious cases the Police had been involved.

9. COMMUNITY NETWORKERS MINUTES

The Community Development Officer reported on a presentation organized by REAP "Understanding Changes to the Developing Brain from Early Infancy to Late Adolescence". It was noted that this was very well received.

10. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received on behalf of Alzheimer's Canterbury from Takahe Marketing & Design Ltd requesting a weekend package for their fundraising auction. After some discussion it was felt this request could be directed to the Tourism and Development Committee.

11. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Gray advised he had attended a Mayoral Forum in Christchurch which was attended by 10 Mayors. The discussions centered on the rehabilitation of Canterbury.

Mayor Gray had been in touch with R&R Sports regarding the development of a bike park across from the Kaikoura cemetery. He advised it was progressing satisfactorily.

Mayor Gray had attended a tourism conference in Queenstown. Various tourism operators from Kaikoura were represented including Whale Watch, Wilderness Walks and Council on behalf of the district. The Kaikoura stand was kept very busy with many people asking questions.

John Keyes had presented focusing mainly on the Rugby World Cup. Mayor Gray felt the event presented a good networking platform.

Mayor Gray advised a national policy to control freedom camping was being progressed by Nick Smith MP and would be introduced by the Tourism and Development Committee. The basis of the Policy would enable the Council to fine the owner of campervans through credit card details rather than the drivers who were often from overseas. The new policy would also address inconsistencies that existed between districts.

Mayor Gray advised a sub-committee of Tourism and Development had been established to work with businesses in the West End to promote and beautify Kaikoura.

Mayor Gray met with a group at Kaikoura Top 10 Motor Camp who were travelling around the country representing "Friendship Force", an initiative originally started by Jimmy Carter's wife. It was noted that this resulted in the motor camp being almost full to capacity.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

A Blunt suggested the introduction of an information pack for new residents. Discussion followed regarding information which could be contained in the packs and the method of distribution.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Burrows and resolved that Councillor Morgan progress the introduction of a "Welcome to Kaikoura" Community Pack.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.26am