



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

5 OCTOBER 2011

Memorial Hall Supper Room

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON
WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2011 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Karakia*
2. *Apologies*
3. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
4. *Confirmation of Minutes 07/09/2011* *page 1*
5. *Matters arising from Report of 07/09/2011*

6. *Minutes Action List Update*

MEETING	ACTION REQUIRED	BY	DATE ACTIONED
6 July 2011			
	Find out about the process for official designation of a natural burial site.	Committee Secretary	A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
7 September 2011			
	Provide a list of agencies and agency representatives currently ratified for the Social Services Committee	Committee Secretary / Community Development Officer	Refer report on page 9

7. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 7*
8. *Kaikoura Violence-Free Coordinator's Report* *page 13*
9. *Strengthening Families Coordinator's Report* *page 14*
10. *Civil Defence and Rural Fire Update*
11. *Community Networkers Minutes* *page 15*
 - **Included for information**
12. *Mayor's Update*
13. *General Business*

Community Development Officer's Report

Grant and Funding Information

1. Family-Centred Services Fund

A Violence Free Coordinator has been appointed. Lesa B'do started work on Tuesday, the 20th September and is employed for 32 hours per week. Lesa is based at the Council and will be reporting to this committee.

2. The New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme

The Creative Communities Scheme approved 2 grants in the September funding round. The Kaikoura Art Society received \$800 for their two day workshop in Pastels and Oils. Friends of the George Sandford Organ received \$483 for an organ recital with Kemp English.

It was noted that future applications would not be considered if a financial report was not submitted with the application. The committee also decided to extend the funding rounds from two to three per annum. This will enable the community more access to funding as projects materialise. The next two funding rounds will be in February and May 2012.

3. Community Initiatives Fund

This fund is open monthly for financial help with community events or public education. \$5000 is available for distribution over the next financial year.

4. Canterbury Community Trust

The Kaikoura Community Hospitality Suite application was received by the Canterbury Community Trust on the 20th September 2011. An approved donation of \$232,500 would be used toward stage two of a three stage building upgrade: the fitting out of the commercial kitchen and related areas of the Kaikoura Community Hospitality Suite. The Kaikoura High School and the Kaikoura business community are undertaking an 'out-catering and training facility partnership' to upgrade the school's existing food technology space to become a fully-fledged HSI accredited commercial kitchen able to teach up to HSI (Hospitality Standard Institute) Level 2 standard. It intends using the facility to meet the increasing training needs in our community, not only in the area of hospitality but also in other fields such as retail and cleaning (please see plans on page 11).

Youth Council

1. Basketball Court: Dylan Montgomery has taken the lead in organising the building of the basketball court in Churchill Park. Youth Council contacted the manager of Garden City Helicopters. He assured Youth Council that the court would not be in the way of the rescue helicopters. Youth using the court will have to practice caution when the helicopter goes in and out if they are on the court at the time.
2. Taste Kaikoura – Community Hospitality Fundraiser: Five Youth Council members helped on Wednesday 24 August with the "Taste Kaikoura" Kaikoura High School fundraiser. It was very successful and \$3000 was raised.
3. Pump Track (Bike) Competition: This took place on Sunday 4 September with at least 30 mums and dads attending the event.
4. Meeting schedule: Youth Council members have decided to meet fortnightly while they are swatting for exams which take place at the beginning of next term.

5. Upcoming events:

- Nelson Masked Parade - Friday, 7 October 2011. The Youth Council is getting together with the Nelson Youth Council to see how they organize this 'street party'. Youth Council would like to do something like this in Kaikoura.
- Certificate Presentations - Wednesday, 7 December 2011 – all Councillors are invited.

Community Consultation Meeting – Kaikoura Youth Action Plan

After the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Forum, it became apparent that Kaikoura would benefit from a community consultation meeting discussing ideas creating awareness around what is available for youth in Kaikoura. The Mayor has invited anyone who deals with youth in and out of Kaikoura to a meeting on Tuesday 4 October 2011. This meeting is designed to start discussions around a collective strategy aimed at making our town better for its young people, with five streams (education, employment, health, crime and safety) to collectively improve the wellbeing of our youth and an overarching goal of "happy young people in Kaikoura". Please see the invitation below:

Youth Services in Kaikoura

Mayor Winston Gray would like you to join him to discuss the development of youth services in our district. We are keen to support a 'one-stop-shop' for youth in our area and would like your views on:

- What you are currently doing with and for youth
- What you want for youth
- How can we improve outcomes for youth

There is a need to develop a Youth Action Plan in Kaikoura (draft ideas for discussion will be circulated by e-mail beforehand).

The Kaikoura Mayor invites you to meet with us on:

Tuesday 4 October, 10am-12pm
Memorial Hall Supper Room, Kaikoura
Meeting Facilitator - Kevin Heays

Please RSVP to Susi by mail susi.haberstock@kaikoura.govt.nz or on 3195026 by Thursday 29 Sep for catering purposes

Service Level Alliance

The Kaikoura Service Level Alliance had its first meeting on Thursday 1 September. This group has the purpose of influencing the allocation of Kaikoura health services funding to ensure that the people of Kaikoura enjoy the best possible and equitable access to health services within the funding available. The group selected Dr. David Mason, a general practitioner working within Kaikoura, as its chair. Other members were chosen from the clinical and wider community and include:

- Dr. Andrea Judd
- Darlene Morgan
- Deborah Bailey
- Wendy Campbell
- Joe Van Rooyen
- Susi Haberstock
- Riria Allen

- Felicity Woodham
- Garth Bateup
- Ken Stewart
- Rose Laloli

The group identified a list of areas that require improvement in the health system. The group agreed that workforce is the key issue within the system and that there are good opportunities to make real improvements. Over the coming weeks, the group will seek to put in place a project manager to support the direction set by the group.

The Kaikoura Service Level Alliance had its second meeting on Thursday 22nd September. At this meeting the group discussed ways of improving the provision of birthing services in Kaikoura. This will involve engaging with Canterbury DHB about the cost of recruiting and employing midwives and relevant support service. It is also important to ensure that local nursing and medical staff receive relevant education and regular updates. A plan is being developed to address the current challenges in this area.

Canterbury DHB has recently completed its process to identify an architect to work on the detailed design of a new health facility for Kaikoura. The name of the architect will soon be formally announced and meetings will be held with the local design group.

Policy for Smokefree Outdoor Areas

Around the country, this policy is proving to be a popular policy option for councils – over 30 councils have adopted some form of policy. There is very little evidence that it does not find favour with the public given the majority views on tobacco.

Martin Witt, the manager for Health Promotion and IT Services Cancer Society Canty/West Coast and Heather Kimber from the CDHB gave a brief overview what the policy for smokefree outdoor areas would mean for Kaikoura at the last Social Service meeting. This was presented at the last full Council meeting and it was decided that the Council would further explore implementation of a Smoke Free Outdoor Policy with the support of Smoke Free Canterbury. Council staff will work with Martin and Heather on options for a policy that can be consulted on.

Social Services Committee Representation

As discussed at the September meeting there are often only three or four ratified Committee members at meetings. Ratified members were the only ones who had voting rights. Shown below is the current make up of the Committee. This has been in place for some time and the committee may like to discuss if this structure is still appropriate or whether other agencies, organisations or sectors may broaden the scope of the Committee to assist in achieving greater outcomes for the community. Agencies, organisations not currently represented on the Committee include; St John, Idea Services, CCS Disability Action, District Health Nurse, Mental Health Community Support Worker, Corrections, Family / Youth Worker Presbyterian Church. The Committee may be aware of other organisations.

The Social Services Committee is currently made up of three elected members and representatives from the following organisations;

- Te Whare Putea
- Te Tai O Marokura x 3
- Runanga
- Education Sector

- Health Sector
- Kaikoura Ratepayers Assn
- Kaikoura Youth Council
- Kaikoura Police
- Disability Sector

At the end of each three-year Council cycle, organisations are asked to put forward their representative for the next three-year period to be ratified by Council. This was last done in October 2010. The following people have been ratified by Council to date.

Te Whare Putea	Mike Ryan
Te Tai O Marokura	To be advised
	To be advised
	To be advised
Runanga	Riria Allen
Education Sector	Julie Raharuhi
Health Sector	To be advised
Kaikoura Ratepayers Assn	To be advised
Kaikoura Youth Council	Maya Croll-Wright
Kaikoura Police	To be advised
Disability Sector	Shaun Frizzell

If there are to be any changes to the make up of the Social Services Committee the Committee will need to put forward a recommendation to Council.

Community Events Calendar

Before organizing an event, have a quick look on the kaikouraevents.co.nz website or visit us on www.kaikoura.govt.nz. The events calendar is a user-friendly tool where you can upload your events yourself at no charge. Just follow the instructions!

Kaikoura Violence-Free Network Coordinator's Report

Inter Agency

Thank you Lois, for your ground work. The role is new for me and the first two weeks have been structured around learning and meetings.

Initial aims are to strengthen links and communication between supporting agencies. It is recognized that a collaborative effort between support agencies will strengthen the network as well as the wider community. The intention is to create stronger links with agencies along with the already strong union with Strengthening Families to incorporate a wider picture. In addition, links with Te Tai O Marokura and local iwi are vital.

I have been meeting with other agencies discussing directives. Understanding codes of conduct and group protocols, melding these so that we all feel we are working not only on the same page, but with a shared respect for service procedures and group philosophies. It has been vital to understand each groups/individuals contribution to community well-being and this task is ongoing.

As the coordinator of services, I'm considering a follow up to monitor the response to clients, whether the actions are sufficient. This would be a quick phone call, just to ensure client satisfaction with services recommended.

Community Promotion

I have been enquiring about the release of a local intervention number for people who don't want to call the police in the first instance. The first stop would be a meeting with a client and the promotion of services of our local agencies. It would be a 9am to 5pm, four days a week number with the aim to coordinate work out in areas of need. Emergency or crisis will be redirected to police.

Promotions that are still underway are national initiatives initially picked up by Lois: the Blow the Whistle Campaign and Are You Okay. These are still a primary focus. I am corresponding with Stephanie Edmond who manages the national 'It's Not Okay' campaign about effective media promotions. Stephanie and I will work together to raise awareness of the campaign in our area and any ideas are welcome.

Lois and I have talked about photographing the local marching team using the tee-shirts and whistles for the 'Blow the Whistle Campaign'. This could be extended to include a local promotion, for example a photo competition in the community for the most innovative use of tee-shirts and whistles.

Other Promotion

I am working on awareness created through local media and am considering an informal chat with local tamariki, within schools, to talk about the importance of speaking out about violence as well as enabling those that need to get help to do so. How this is best approached will be discussed at our Violence-Free meeting, with a CYFs representative in early October, with local police along with local iwi to identify any issues.

Referrals

We are contracted to deal with 40 referrals in one financial year – July 2011 to June 2012.

Referrals to date:

We have received 26 referrals from local and external agencies including self referrals

Referrals this month:

11 in September with 3 on the waiting list

Closed cases to date:

14 cases have been dealt with and are closed

SF process reviews to date:

11 new cases active

1 blended family case referred to Rangiora Strengthening Families. Kaikoura SFC and Rangiora SFC work collaboratively through Strengthening Family process.

Identified needs

The following are the needs identified for families taking part in a Strengthening Families process:

- Financial situation/budget management
- Housing issues
- Benefit entitlements
- Employment situation
- Family Violence
- Effects of prior abuse or neglect
- Parenting /child management
- Behaviour at school
- Care giver's mental health
- Drug and alcohol abuse

Personal training

20th September – SF Facilitation training in Ashburton.

Relocation supports

- Two families relocating to Kaikoura from Christchurch completed a SF process
- 1 Whanau referred to Child Youth and Family (CYF).
- 1 Partnership CYF referral
- 1 Family referred to refuge in Wellington

Conclusion

Kaikoura Strengthening Families continues to meet increasing needs of the families in our district. The extra hours have enabled me to deal with every family on its own merits, combining a flexible approach, integrating promotion and collaborating with other professionals in the field.

The trained facilitators work effectively within the kaupapa of the Strengthening Families process, consistently offering safe child and family focused meetings to support families to resolve their issues by themselves with the support of outside agencies. The focus is always that the family is at the centre of the process identifying their own outcomes. The process merely supports the family achieving these outcomes.