

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

PRESENT: Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor Gray.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Haberstock (Community Development Officer), L Vallance (Strengthening Families Coordinator), A Blunt (Youth Transition Service), L B'do (Kaikoura Violence-Free Coordinator) K Roberts (Member of the Public), E Dangerfield (Kaikoura Star), D Clark (District Emergency Management Officer), M Unahi (CCS Disability Action), B Elkins (Te Tai o Marokura), K Mackenzie (Public Health Nurse).

APOLOGIES: Councillor S Burrows, D Wright.

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

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

Youth Transition Service

A Blunt advised there were 19 youth registered with the Youth Transition Service however 14 had found work and only remained on the database for follow up reasons. A Blunt advised the Rugby World Cup had helped to get youth into work and youth had been employed by business mainly associated with the tourism industry. She advised the biggest hurdle in Kaikoura was the seasonal nature of jobs.

The Community Development Officer advised the proposed Hospitality Suite at the High School had a huge implication for jobs and training in Kaikoura. A second application had been made to the Canterbury Community Trust and the Trust had sought answers to some questions they had about the application. This was considered positive given that no questions had been asked regarding the first application and it had been declined. The Community Development Officer advised S Rattray had arranged for a heads of agreement to be set up between the Community Facilities Charitable Trust, who were working on the proposed Kaikoura Aquatic Centre, and the commercial kitchen section of the hospitality suite. This was a business agreement and would provide proper working conditions for those training through the hospitality suite. People would also be able to be trained to meet the requirements of local employers. A plan of the proposed facility was included in the agenda.

Youth Forum

A Blunt advised the Youth Forum which had been held was brilliant. 43 people had attended the youth forum with 14 apologies.

Following from the successful forum A Blunt would be looking at having a forum for employers to discuss improving the image of youth in the town. Trade training had also been discussed. It was noted a lot of employers did not up skill their staff.

The Community Development Officer advised young people often did not want to leave Kaikoura but there was nothing in Kaikoura for them and there needed to be other opportunities so they had the option of staying or going.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 07/09/2011

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Social Services meeting held on 7 September 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Natural Burials

Environment Canterbury had advised the Asset Manager that they did not control the depth of burial provided all Environment Canterbury's conditions were met. Environment Canterbury rule WQL43 provided a list of conditions. The Asset Manager believed the existing cemetery met the conditions.

It was generally felt the next step would be to find out if there was an interest in the community for natural burials. Mayor Gray would discuss with the Asset Manager the process for moving forward with natural burials and would report back at the next meeting.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Committee Representation

The Community Development Officer advised agencies represented on the Committee had been discussed at the last meeting following a number of meetings where there had been very few people in attendance who had voting rights. A list of agencies currently represented on the Committee was included in the agenda. It was noted there were a number of people who attended meetings but did not have voting rights. A number of other agencies who could be represented were identified.

The Community Development Officer would check with those agencies currently ratified by Council to have a representative on the Committee but had not put someone forward to see if they would still like to be represented. M Unahi advised committing to a committee was a lot of work for agencies. Mayor Gray noted there appeared to be the same agencies represented at the Community Networkers meetings and enquired if there were too many meetings. The Community Development Officer advised Community Networker meetings were very informal and people attended to try and make connections to do their job.

A list of other agencies interested in being represented would be included for consideration at the next meeting.

Family Centered Services

The Community Development Officer advised funding had been received from the Family Centered Services Fund for a Kaikoura Violence-Free coordinator. L B'do had been appointed and commenced work on the 20th of September.

Youth Forum

The Community Development Officer advised the forum had gone really well and there were a lot of agencies trying to help the community to move forward. Information from the forum would be circulated for comment and 13 people had been appointed to the steering committee.

Service Level Alliance

The Community Development Officer advised a meeting of the Service Level Alliance Group had been held on the 1st of September. The purpose of the group was to influence the allocation of Kaikoura health services funding to ensure the Kaikoura community enjoyed the best possible and equitable access to health services with the funding available. It was noted there was no communication between the different aspects of health and the group wanted to have a one stop shop for health services in Kaikoura. The community would be getting a great new hospital and the group was investigating how services could be more efficient with the money available.

Half Basketball Court

The Youth Council was currently working on the new half basketball court in Churchill Park. It was noted the project would be paid for by the Youth Council and they hoped to have completed the project by the end of the year.

5. STRENGTHENING FAMILIES COORINDATOR'S REPORT

Facilitator Training

The Strengthening Families Coordinator advised national facilitator training would be held in Kaikoura on the 1st of December. Information regarding the training would be circulated.

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed, located at Innovative Waste, would be opening on the 12th of October. The opening would include activities for example how to make an eel pot. It was noted the Rolfe's Outdoor Education Trust had boats and bikes which required repair and it was anticipated the Men's Shed would fix these with the assistance of youth. This would be an opportunity for youth to learn to use tools. K Mackenzie suggested a session could be held each month for those with dementia to utilise the shed under supervision.

6. KAIKOURA VIOLENCE-FREE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Violence-Free Coordinator advised she had been investigating the release of a local intervention number for people to call if they did not want to call the police in the first instance. The Community Development Officer advised there was refuge number. The Violence-Free

Coordinator noted sometimes people felt the refuge contact was distant from what was happening in the community.

The 'It's not OK' campaign had a fund for community initiatives. One idea had been to photograph the local marching team using the tee-shirts and whistles. This could be extended to include a local promotion an example provided was a photo competition for the most innovative use of tee-shirts and whistles.

7. CIVIL DEFENCE AND RURAL FIRE UPDATE

The District Emergency Management Officer advised the drought code was at 180 (the higher the number the drier the surface) and the previous day it had been 220. At the same time last year the code was 60 showing this year the ground surface was quite dry. He advised there had only been one fire call since the last meeting.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gray advised a meeting had been held the previous week to formalize a bike (cycling) club. The first project the club would be looking at was a cycle way from town the Kowhai River and linking up with the middle forward. This would provide a cycle way up to Mt Fyffe.

Mayor Gray advised over 450 people had taken part in the Whale Run event in September. The weekend following had seen the Kaikoura Kruzrs Car event with approximately 160 vehicles taking part. The following weekend would be the annual motorbike poker run which had 275 entries.

Seafest had been held the previous weekend. Mayor Gray advised the event had been fantastic with one person commenting the event was world class. It was generally felt the liquor ban would need to be enforced more strongly in the town centre following Seafest in the future. M Unahi noted there had been no bins placed at either end of the town this year and this had been effective in the past. It was suggested movable signs be put in place when required.

9. LIBRARY / MUSEUM BUILDING

It was noted the proposal would be released for public consultation. K Roberts advised she was concerned the Library would be an issue for some elderly people as they did not like lifts. She was also concerned about books being in the sun.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.37am.