

Appointment of Local Recovery Manager for the Kaikoura District

From: Mayor Winston Gray

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to appoint a Local Recovery Manager for the Kaikoura District.

2. Recommendation

That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee appoint Danny Smith to the role of Local Recovery Manager for the Kaikoura District.

3. Background

- 3.1 Kaikoura District Council (KDC) declared a local state of emergency at 10.15am on 14 November 2016 as a result of the Culverden 7.8 Earthquake and subsequent aftershocks.
- 3.2 A local declaration covering the CDEM Group was subsequently put in place. This lasted until Tuesday 6 December 2016.
- 3.3 Kaikoura District Council has extended its declaration until Tuesday 13 December 2016.
- 3.4 Kaikoura District Council began putting in place recovery arrangements almost immediately.
- 3.5 Kaikoura District Council is determined to have a community led recovery and with this in mind identified Danny Smith as an outstanding candidate for this challenging role.
- 3.6 Danny's background is attached as Appendix A. From that you will see that Danny is Kaikoura "born and bred". He has been in business here, held civic office and has made a major contribution to the community on a volunteer basis.
- 3.7 It should be noted that the Mayor is taking advice regarding whether he will give notice of a local transition period for the District. Should Kaikoura District Council go down this path, we believe Danny has the attributes necessary for this position under the new legislation.

Appendix A

Name: Danny Smith

Born: Kaikoura 25/3/1950

Schooling: St Josephs, St Bedes College, Kaikoura High School.

Family: Married in 1971 to wife Wendy. 4 Children, now with 10 grandchildren.

Business: Started work in Fathers sawmill in 1965.

Director of the business from 1980 to 2004 when business was sold, The Company employed 36 staff and was a niche market hands on business in the timber industry. The company developed a wooden component division, the product from this was exported throughout the world. I managed the marketing of these components as well.

Currently helping out managing production at the sawmill. Then later went on to build a building supply store. Employed 42 staff at time of sale. Largest employer in Kaikoura at the time.

Community: 1965 Joined Kaikoura St John as a volunteer Ambulance Officer to about 1970 then became a volunteer Ambulance driver until about 2005. Committee member from about 1980. Project manager for additions to rooms including Ambulance Bays. Chairman from 2001 until 2010. Currently Trustee for the Kaikoura St John Trust. Received 43year service medal. Volunteer

1967 Joined the local Search and Rescue group and held positions of secretary, chairperson, and search advisor. Stood down from the group in 2001 Volunteer

1986 Appointed Justice of the Peace. Still in the roll. Volunteer

1989 to 1994 Chairperson of the BOT at St Josephs School. Committee member before that. Clerk of works for the building of the new St Josephs School built and opened in 1990. Volunteer

1989 to 1995 Chair of Kaikoura Information and Tourism. This committee was the driving force behind the development and promotion of Tourism in Kaikoura. During this period we built the current Information Centre. I was clerk of works for the building project as well and the centre was opened in 1991. Volunteer

1991 Committee member for the fundraising for the Kaikoura Community Gymnasium Appeal. This committee was successful in raising enough money to allow a full size gym to be built at the High School. Volunteer

1992 to 1995 Kaikoura's rep on the Government appointed Marlborough Business Development Board. This Board was responsible for the development and growth of Business in the Marlborough area. Whale Watch was one of these businesses.

1992 One of 3 commissioner's on the hearing panel for the resource consent for the harbour facilities at South Bay.

- 1994 Committee member for the Kaikoura Flood Relief Trust. This trust was set up at the time of the 1993 Christmas flood. The committee was responsible for the distribution of funds held in the trust from donations etc. Volunteer
- 1995 Elected Mayor of Kaikoura. Did not seek re-election for a second term because of own business commitments.
- 1997 to 2006 Member of the Kaikoura District Councils Tourism and Development Committee. During this term was involved in putting together a Tourism Strategy for the town.
- 1996 Appointed Civil Defence Controller, Resigned in 2015. Volunteer
- 2001 Chairperson of the Kaikoura Historical Society. Leading the committee with the project of relocating the current Museum from its current flood prone area. Still currently hold this position. Project manager for new museum. Volunteer
- 2001 to 2004 Member of the Kaikoura District Council "District Plan Committee"
- 2007 to 2009 Group member of the C.I.E.P. process commissioned by then the Labour Government to conduct a complete review of the needs and delivery of Education in the Kaikoura area. Volunteer
- 2010 Member of the Community Health Facility Liaison committee. This group is representing the community for the planning and building of a new Health Facility in Kaikoura. Volunteer.
- 2012 Appointed Independent Chairperson of the Marlborough Kaikoura Rural Fire Authority.
- 2012 Purchased a Cafe in Kaikoura. Employing 11 staff.
- 2014 Appointed Deputy Chair of the Chairs group of all the Enlarged Rural Fire Districts throughout NZ. Representing Rural Fire in discussions on the review of the Fire Service. (Swain Report). Volunteer
- 2015 Accepted invitation from the Current St John committee to help plan new Rooms. Volunteer