

**KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY
18 MAY 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business

3. Minutes to be Confirmed:

■ *Council 20/04/05*

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Reports to be Adopted:

■ *Works and Services Committee 20/04/05*

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■ *Environmental Services Committee 20/04/05*

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■ *Finance and Policy Committee 20/04/05*

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■ *Social Services Committee 12/04/05*

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Minutes to be received

■ *Hearings and Applications Committee 19/04/05*

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■ *Hearings and Applications Committee 03/05/05*

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4. Matters arising from Confirmed minutes

5. Minutes Action List Update

<i>21 MAY 2003</i>			
Council	Report on allocation of boat parks at South Bay and the present use of these parks.	Stuart Martin	In progress
<i>20 APRIL 2005</i>			
Council	Erect finger sign at West End turnoff advising location of public toilets	Murray	In Progress
Council	Request for Delegation – naming of roads	Stuart	In Progress

6. 1.30pm - Ian Bougen of Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing will be present to speak to Council.

7. Leave of Absence

- Mayor Heays
- Councillor Seddon

- Councillor Thomas

Resolution

That Mayor Heays, Councillor Seddon, and Councillor Thomas be granted leave of absence from the Council meetings of 15 June 2005

8. Mayor's Report

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9. Urgent Business

10. Council Public Excluded Session

Moved, seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely

- Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on*
- Receipt of Minutes of Finance & Policy Public Excluded meeting on*
- Receipt of Minutes of Hearings & Applications Public Excluded meetings on*

The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made
Minutes of the Council Public Excluded meeting held on	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(b)
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MAYOR'S REPORT

- The inclusion of the cycle way immediately in front of the Memorial gardens – resulting in the loss of several parking spaces caused some immediate debate. I remain of the opinion that the designation of a cycle way along the Esplanade helps assure the safety of cyclists and reinforces Councils commitment to the encouragement of an active community and any inconvenience to the past users of the area is minimal.
- The 1080 incident, although gaining a lot of publicity nationwide and even internationally, will not only result in a substantial cost to ratepayers but was a huge inconvenience to Staff, Contractors and Councillors. I believe we should actively encourage the identification and subsequent charging of those involved despite any sympathy for their beliefs.

I also believe that commendations are due to Mike Kennedy for his prompt response and for handling the media attention, to Gallo and Marlene (our Engineers) for their leadership, recommendations for action and long hours “at their post”, also to Fulton Hogan for their expertise and skills. I understand Works also responded to the call to assist – thank you all. A fine example of a community pulling together, as well as a successful exercise in testing our systems.

- Deputy Mayor Barbara and myself attended the annual Zone 5 & 6 Local Government meeting in CHCH last week. Although lacking in interest at times- the meetings, presentations and recommendations did bring to light some areas that may need addressing.
 1. We, as a council, did not take the opportunity to discuss and guide Barb and myself in any recommendations that were to be discussed and voted on at the meetings. I take responsibility for this, as an agenda was available. Albeit 4/5 days only prior the meeting and I did not want to call a workshop at such short notice. I believe this situation is not insurmountable and will be addressed.
 2. Topics of discussion and recommending that could well be of interest to us as a community included; The sale of Herbal Highs, Public access rights on paper roads, Rates vs Inflation, and LTCCP Auditing.
 3. LTCCP Auditing and its associated costs caused the most discussion and questioning of any MPs and Officials that dared enter the den!

And I believe we need to discuss this at this meeting. – Some facts to consider.

- The cost of an annual audit of our LTCCP is to be \$30,225.00. – to us!
- This takes our fees to the Audit Office to \$76,725.00. “A drop in the bucket to Councils” – according to MP Chris Carter
- It is an annual audit of a document that is forever changing, which simply put, has no concrete outcomes to audit.
- This Audit requirement is seen by all Councils as displaying a distinct lack of trust in Councils and Staff to do the work they have been elected and paid to do.
- It is noted that the Audit Dept themselves have been required to complete these audits and are “embarrassed”.
- This follows the trend to “force regionalisation and the merging of certain districts” by central Government.

- The meeting we attended unanimously passed a recommendation that Local Govt. NZ actively seek a repeal of Section 94.(Where this Audit comes from)
- Two councils have passed recommendations not unlike the following. I believe we also should-as well as attempt to persuade as many councils to do the same or similar

Recommendation:

That the invitation be given to the Ministry of Local Government to continue with its plans to audit our councils LTCCP annually, and receive this forward notice that our community will not be in a position to pay the account. Noting the required \$30,000.00 plus annually, needs to be taken from a rateable base of just 1500.

Kevin.