

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 10.50AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA

**PRESENT:** Mayor Heays (Chair), Councillors B Seddon, B Woods, M McChesney, J Macphail, S Thomas, M Pablecheque.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Copping (Executive Officer).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Councillor J Diver

## **1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS**

- 1. Deferment of June Meeting** (*Councillor Woods*)
- 2. Reporting of Council Committees** (*Councillor Macphail*)

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Council 20/04/05**

*Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 April 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

## **3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS**

**a. Works and Services Committee 20/04/05**

*Moved by Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 20 April 2005 be adopted.*

**b. Environmental Services Committee 20/04/05**

*Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 20 April 2005 be adopted.*

**b. Finance and Policy Committee 20/04/05**

*Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 20 April 2005 be adopted.*

**c. Social Services Committee 13/04/05**

*Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held 13 April 2005 be adopted.*

#### ***4. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED***

**Hearings and Application Committee 19/04/05 and 03/05/05**  
*Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 19 April 2005 and 03 May 2005 be received.*

#### ***5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

##### **Titoke Drive**

It was noted Titoke Drive had been spelt incorrectly in the minutes of 20 April 2005 and a request was made for it to be corrected.

##### **West End Toilet Signage**

Councillor McChesney noted there was still a blue camping ground sign erected on the east side of Beach Road and suggested it be changed to a toilet sign, especially as there was no longer a camping ground on the Esplanade. It was also requested the erection of the finger sign on State Highway 1 at the West End be urgently chased up with Connell Wagner.

*I Bougen entered the chambers at 11.24am*

#### ***6. IAN BOUGEN PRESENTATION***

A presentation was given by Ian Bougen, Chief Executive Officer of Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing.

He advised the key objectives of Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing were:

- Destinalional Marketing – leisure visitor
- Destinalional Marketing – meetings conventions/exhibitions and incentive visitors
- Information & Booking Services to visitors
- Industry Leadership and Coordinated Focus for the region.
- Destinalional Marketing

Councillor Thomas asked what Council could do in order to increase marketing of Kaikoura as a destination.

I Bougen advised the amount of marketing undertaken for Kaikoura by Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing was based purely on available product and material. He believed a promotional group was needed to provide promotional material such as posters, video footage and dvd's in order for Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing to market Kaikoura as a destination, further noting Kaikoura was the only district in

Canterbury that did not have a specific marketing person. He advised Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing did not have the budget to film districts and it was up to individual districts to provide film to them.

I Bougen referred to the \$10,000 that Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing received annually from each local authority in the Canterbury region and advised the \$10,000 received from Kaikoura District Council annually was not specifically earmarked for Kaikoura as funds from all the districts were put into one large pool. He advised it was up to individual districts to capture visitors as they arrived in Christchurch.

Councillor Macphail asked how a promotional person would link in with Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing if Council were to appoint such a person. I Bougen advised meetings were held 5 times a year for districts to attend as well as an annual road show, further noting Kaikoura i-Site manager attended regular meetings. He advised Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing were very eager to work with Kaikoura.

Mayor Heays advised he believed Council had a very pro-active Tourism Committee that would steer the district in the right direction.

## ***7. MAYOR'S REPORT***

### **Cycle Lane**

Mayor Heays presented his report. He advised recent road marking undertaken throughout the district had resulted in the loss of several parking spaces and the inclusion of a cycle lane and as a result had caused a lot of debate.

Councillor Woods noted the cycle lane had not proved to be popular throughout the district, further noting she believed cycle usage was being monitored by those against it and questioned whether the cycle lane and subsequent loss of parking adjacent to the Memorial Gardens was a sound move and suggested restrictive parking be allowed for special occasions.

Councillor Pablecheque agreed and suggested reserved parking could be used for specific events such as Anzac Day.

Mayor Heays advised he felt reserved parking for specific events such as Anzac day provided a good compromise, further noting he would investigate the matter with the Chief Executive Officer.

### **LTCCP Auditing**

Mayor Heays advised he had recently attended the annual Zone 5&6 Local Government meeting in Christchurch where LTCCP

auditing and its associated costs caused a lot of discussion and questioning.

Mayor Heays advised the cost of auditing Council's Long Term Council Community Plan annually was set to be \$30,225, taking Council's annual audit fee to \$76,725.00 which he believed was excessive for a Council with a rating base of just over 1500.

He advised annual auditing of Long Term Council Community Plans had been seen by all Councils as displaying a distinct lack of trust in Councils and staff, further noting Audit NZ appeared to be rather embarrassed at the requirement also.

The Mayor advised he believed the rationale for such audits was seen as following the trend to force regionalization and the merging of certain districts by Central Government.

Mayor Heays advised a recommendation was passed unanimously at the meeting that Local Government New Zealand seek a repeal of Section 94, and as such two other Councils had independently passed similar recommendations.

Mayor Heays asked Councillors to consider the recommendation included in the agenda for Kaikoura District Council to seek a repeal of Section 94, as he believed there was a move for the whole of the south island to lobby together.

*Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that invitation be given to the **Minister or the Office of the Auditor General** to continue with its plans to audit Councils Long Term Council Community Plan annually and receive this forward notice that the Kaikoura community will not be in a position to pay the fees incurred, and that it be further noted that the required \$30,000 annually would need to be taken from a rateable base of just of 2200.*

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Mayor's report be received.*

## **7. URGENT BUSINESS**

### **1. Deferment of June Meeting**

Councillor Woods suggested the June meeting be deferred to the following week, being 22 June 2005, following a request for leave of absence by the Mayor and three Councillors for the June meeting of 15 June.

*Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the 15 June meeting be deferred to the following week, being 22 June 2005.*

Councillor McChesney advised she would be overseas at that time and requested leave of absence for the 22 June meeting.

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Councillor McChesney be granted leave of absence for the 22 June 2005 meeting.*

**Reporting of Council Committees**

Councillor Macphail advised he was interested to know what method was used for committees outside of Council to report information back to Council as he believed there were issues happening in the community that Councillors were expected to know about and needed to be aware of.

Councillor Seddon advised there were two avenues for committees to report back to Council via, one being urgent business, and the other being through the agenda, via the Committee Secretary.

Mayor Heays advised he would persue the matter with the Chief Executive Officer and report back at the next meeting.

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that Council move into public excluded.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.51 pm.*