

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FOLLOWING THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
AT 11.25AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2005 IN
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer).

APOLOGIES: Councillor M McChesney

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Possibility of further discussing new toilet facility

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 21/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 September 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

a. Works and Services Committee 21/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 21 September 2005 be adopted.

b. Environmental Services Committee 21/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 21 September 2005 be adopted.

c. Finance and Policy Committee 21/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 21 September 2005 be adopted.

d. Social Services Committee 14/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 14 September 2005 be adopted.

e. Tourism & Development Committee 14/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Tourism & Development Committee meeting held on 14 September 2005 be adopted.

4. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Application Committee 06/09/2005

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 06 September 2005 be received.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CONFIRMED MINUTES

Active Community Funding

Mayor Heays asked Councillor Diver if any steps had been taken in applying for funding from the Government's Active Community Fund via SPARC. Councillor Diver advised Council's past Environmental Development Officer may have a copy of the criteria and if not he may have a copy at home.

New Rural Fire Plan

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had been advised by the National Rural Fire Authority that its subsidy application for a new rural fire tanker had been approved and arrangements were being made for the tanker to be forwarded to the district.

6. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST

Sport Tasman

The Chief Executive Officer advised he had confirmed with Sport Tasman a request for a further \$2,000 for management of the Lions Pool and noted for a number of years Council had requested the application be provided to Council earlier in order for it to be included in Council's annual budget.

7. ROAD NAMING – AMANZI HOLDINGS

A request was received for the naming of an unnamed road following the recent granting of a resource consent for subdivision and development of 6 rural lots located on the east side of Kincaid Road, along Topline Road where a section of unnamed, newly formed legal road will connect the access way to Kincaid Road. Three suggested names were provided as follows:

- 1) Excelsa Lane
- 2) Hapuku Heights

3) Kanuka Lane

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Council adopt the road name “Kanuka Lane” for the newly formed legal road at Sections 47-50 & 84 Blk V Mt Fyffe SD.

8. WEST END UPGRADE

A report from the Chief Executive Officer was provided in the agenda. The Chief Executive Officer advised plans for the West End had been drawn up a number of years ago which Council had approved in principal along with raising a loan however it now seemed prudent with the lapsing of a number of years to get a view on the priorities for the West End.

New plans had been drawn by architect Daniel Rivers and had been provided to the West End Business Group who in turn had circulated them and consulted with businesses throughout the West End. The Chief Executive Officer advised at their previous meeting they had talked about minimal change and seemed to fail to address the long term development of the West End. He noted with Dolphin Encounter moving from the central business district and a new mall being constructed on Beach Road the dynamics of the West End were likely to change. The Chief Executive Officer advised he had anticipated the Business Discussion Group would have provided some feedback and recommendations for upgrading of the West End and at that juncture suggested Daniel Rivers be invited to talk with Council.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he believed if upgrading was not undertaken in the West End it would die a slow death and believed it was important that Council address the issue of the West End.

Councillor Woods advised she felt it was a good idea to invite Daniel Rivers up to speak with Council and was hopeful of some form of redesigning of the functionality of the original plans.

Mayor Heays advised he supported the Chief Executive Officers advice that Council take some leadership in the upgrading of the West End.

Councillor Pablecheque advised he felt Council did not need to take leadership as there were constant changes of ownership with businesses in the West End which caused changes of attitude.

Councillor Woods suggested Council hold a workshop on this issue prior to Daniel Rivers being invited as she felt Councillors hadn't really been consulted previously.

Councillor Diver agreed with Councillor Woods and suggested the old plans be bought back to Council for input from Councillors. He felt the original proposal was on a rather grand scale which would be very expensive.

Councillor Macphail advised he felt Council had been the last step in the chain in terms of consultation. The Business Discussion Group had been very surprised at the amount of submissions received against the plans which had been rather frustrating as a lot of businesses in the past had been in favour of the plans but due to new ownership of businesses opinions had changed.

Councillor Thomas noted Councillor Macphail was due to attend a Trans Tasman Main Street Conference which would be useful for feedback to Council.

Councillor Seddon advised he couldn't see any reason for haste as once the new bridge was installed then most of the work would have been completed in the West End. He advised he believed the West End upgrade was absolutely marvelous and suggested stage two of the upgrade be held off.

Councillor Thomas disagreed as he believed there was always going to be new businesses coming and going in the West End. He advised he understood this matter had been going on for a number of years and did not want to see it being stalled for a further four years. He noted there were a lot of small towns throughout New Zealand that weren't as heavily tourist orientated as Kaikoura however they were way in front of Kaikoura's town centre in terms of design and tidying up.

Councillor Diver noted elected members appeared to be totally divided on direction and needed to work through several areas prior to Daniel Rivers being invited.

It was agreed a workshop be held toward the second week of November, prior to the November 16 Council meeting.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the West End Upgrade Report be received.

9. ROAD NAMING – SEAVIEW MARLBOROUGH LIMITED

At the September Council meeting Council resolved that the following names be adopted for the Seaview Marlborough Limited subdivision subject to confirmation of the meaning of "Tieke":

- Shearwater Drive
- Miromiro Drive
- Tieke Place
- Pukeko Place
- Ngaio Park
- Piwakawaka Walkway

Investigations found "Tieke" was the South Island Saddleback. The South Island Saddleback was found to be extinct from mainland South Island and it was therefore suggested that Tieke Place be named Tauhou Place.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Tieke Place be named Tauhou Place subject to the correct spelling.

10. CANTERBURY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Included in the agenda were the minutes of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held Monday 5 September 2005 for information.

The meeting adjourned at 11.58 and readjourned at 1.00pm

B Bills and D McKee entered the meeting at 1.00pm.

11. AVIAN FLUE PANDEMIC PLANNING

Mr B Bills, Kaikoura/Hurunui Primary Health Organisation Manager was present to provide an update on pandemic planning procedures in readiness for any Avian Flu pandemic that could possibly strike. He advised pandemic planning was well underway with all government agencies as Avian Flu was a very deadly virus to humans and would have a huge impact if it struck.

B Bills advised the purpose of the presentation was to identify the parameters of a pandemic, identify key issues, and advise of government planning objectives in devising a plan to reduce the health, social and economic pandemic on New Zealand.

Once a case occurred somewhere in the world where the virus had mutated human to human closures would be put on all borders with those entering the country quarantined for 3-4 days. The objective for this was to keep the pandemic out of New Zealand as long as possible, and would be for a duration of six months.

The following procedures for addressing an Avian Flu pandemic in New Zealand were outlined as follows:

Stamp it out

Once the virus arrived in New Zealand it would be recommended that patients be treated in their own homes as medical centres would have no facility to deal with it. There would be restrictive movement and the government would look at closing all schools, kindergartens and colleges as there were no vaccinations available to prevent contracting the virus. The best treatment would be isolation.

Managing it

All education facilities would be closed, all internal travel would be restricted, public or private gatherings would be prohibited and isolation would be maintained in any unaffected areas with the objective of minimizing the spread through the population.

New Zealand advantages

Distance, isolation and few entry points which were all under complete control were definite advantages for New Zealand in relation to the rest of the world, however disruptive management and control measures may be necessary for many months.

The aim during all phases would be to protect and maintain critical services and functions. The first cases of Avian Flu within New Zealand would produce fear and panic.

Period of epidemic

Two or more waves were expected, with each wave lasting approximately 8 weeks. Each wave was expected to be 3-9 months apart. In terms of Kaikoura/Hurunui district, two projections had been made as follows:

- On a low level (15%)
6 deaths 24 hospitalizations 1070 consultations

- On a high level (35%)
13 deaths 56 hospitalizations 2500 consultations

Anti-virals

The government Tamiflu stockpile was 800,000 doses which would be used for treatment, not prophylaxis, however it was noted the effectiveness of Tamiflu was questionable. It was further noted there would be no re-supply once current stocks were depleted.

Vaccines

A vaccine for Avian Flu could only be developed after an outbreak with a 3-9 month lead time from outbreak to first manufacture.

Most effective defence

The most effective defence would be isolation from infected surroundings and the rest of the world.

Areas of concern

Continuity of services such as power, water, transport, sewerage, waste disposal, telecommunication, fuel, public order, security, and support of treatment centres were identified as areas of concern.

B Bills advised the most important supplies to have would be bacterial soap and paracetamol. The risk to contracting the virus would be from people rather than migrating birds.

Mayor Heays asked if there was a need for a public presentation in Kaikoura. B Bills advised while it was a little early to present to the public there were plenty of websites with good information from government departments.

B Bills advised huge purchases of the N95 face mask, the most appropriate mask to use, had been purchased by all general practices who would be making up family packs which would be cheap to buy.

Councillor Diver asked if the virus was able to live in water and if so could it infect water or sewer supplies. B Bills advised he was unsure however Hurunui District Council were investigating.

B Bills and D McKee left the meeting at 1.45pm.

12. TRANSIT SPEED ZONE

Included in the agenda was a proposal from Transit for the installation of an 80kph speed zone on State Highway 1 from the Kahutara River bridge to 700 metres north of Oaro Railway Overbridge for consideration by Council. Also included were the results of a speed rating survey and results of the 85th percentile speed profile.

Councillor Woods advised she would like to know how many of Transits speed data crashes showed speeds in excess of 100kph. Councillor Thomas advised there appeared to be no crashes in excess of 100kph and Transit had identified a perceived risk rather than actual incidents, further noting that crashes appeared to belong to vehicles entering corners too quickly rather than crashing on straight roads.

Mayor Heays advised he understood the stretches of road where speeds in excess of 100kph could be reached were contributing as when that vehicle reached the next corner, it had often just left a stretch where 100kph could be reached relatively easily. He advised the other issue was the residents of GooseBay had requested the speed be lowered as it was a built up area.

Councillor Thomas advised Transit's proposed speed zone had been discussed at both the Social Services and Tourism & Development committee meetings earlier in the month. The Social Services committee had supported the change and although the Tourism & Development committee also supported the speed zone it had requested a couple of amendments as follows:

1. That the speed zone be from State Highway 1 north of the Oaro slow vehicle lane, and
2. That it be reviewed in 12 months.

Councillor Woods advised the proposed speed zone area was not the only section of road where drivers could out-drive their ability and wondered if it may be a shambles outside of the 80kph zone. She advised the problem would not be fixed by lowered the speed limit to 80kph on a hazardous stretch of the country. Councillor Thomas suggested a "*Suggested Speed Limit*" sign be erected. Councillor Macphail advised he had suggested to Transit in the past that a "*high accident area*" sign be erected.

Councillor Diver concurred with Councillor Woods and noted he had seen traffic held up around the coastline but once they reached the Peketa straight he had seen up to 5 cars overtaking each other and he believed reducing the speed limit to 80kph would increase vehicles trying to overtake on the areas of straight road such as Peketa.

Councillor Woods suggested one advantage that may come from lowering the speed limit would be more vehicles may use the Inland Road. She noted there was an 80kph speed limit through Waikuku and suggested reduced speed signs be erected at settlements such as Oaro and Goose Bay.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that Kaikoura District Council formally support the installation of a speed zone on State Highway 1 south of Kaikoura township.

Amendment to motion:

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that Kaikoura District Council formally support the installation of a speed zone on State Highway 1 from south of the Ocean View Restaurant to north of the Goose Bay settlement taking in Paia Point Camping Ground and that it be reviewed in 12 months.

***Against: Councillor Woods
Councillor Pablecheque
Mayor Heays***

The motion was put and carried.

13. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Included with the agenda was a copy of the Draft Annual Report 2004/05. Sundry changes to the Draft Annual Report 2004/05 were tabled by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer advised in previous years Council had had till the end of November to adopt its Annual Report, however it was now required to be adopted by the end of October. He advised in the past Audit New Zealand had supplied Council with their opinion prior to adopting the annual report but a fax received earlier in the day stated otherwise and Audit New Zealand had advised they would not supply an Audit opinion until after Council had adopted the report.

He advised the Annual Report was a report on Council's performance for the year and advised he personally believed 2004/05 had been another successful year for the Council, and had come a long way to ensure Kaikoura was developing.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that pursuant to Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002

the Kaikoura District Council Annual Report 2004/2005 be adopted subject to the tabled changes.

14. CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT

For adoption

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Canterbury Waste Joint Subcommittee Constituting Agreement be adopted.

15. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Seafest

Councillor Thomas advised he had recently attended a Kaikoura Information & Tourism Incorporated (K.I.T.I.) meeting where it was advised Seafest had been a successful event. Local police had been pleased with the way the event had been run however they may request a liquor ban on the town streets in the future. Councillor Thomas advised there was a large group of people on the beach all night opposite Maxtons on the night of Seafest however the community appeared to have some kind of acceptance due to it being Seafest weekend.

Mayor Heays advised from a publican point of view the only problems he had was from those that did not have tickets for Seafest. They were camped up drinking all along the Esplanade. He advised there were concerns within the community regarding this which needed to be addressed in the future. Councillor Woods advised she would like to see a glass ban on local bars and supermarkets.

Councillor Macphail advised he would like to thank the Seafest Committee for carrying out a very successful weekend, noting the difficulty each year in recruiting people to help organize and run the event.

Tourism & Development Committee

Councillor Thomas advised Councillor Macphail would be attending the 2nd Trans-Tasman Mainstreet and Town Centres Conference in Auckland on Monday 31 October to Wednesday 2 November 2005.

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays advised two Kaikoura business had been successful at the recent Marlborough chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Innovative Waste Kaikoura and Hislops Café had picked up awards and he believed recognition from Council was appropriate.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the Kaikoura District Council formally acknowledge and write to the Kaikoura winners within the 2005 Marlborough Chamber of

Commerce Business Awards expressing congratulations and recognition of their achievement.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Mayor's report be received.

17. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Toilet Facility – Beach Road

The Asset Manager advised she had been unable to contact Hurunui District Council Engineer B Yates, however she was hopeful of getting information by the end of the day. If she was unable to gather the information sought the matter would be discussed at the workshop of 27 October 2005.

18. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods that Council move into Public Excluded.