

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FOLLOWING THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
AT 11.05 AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2006 IN
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), J Woodgate (Committee Secretary).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor B Woods

1. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

Rates Rebate Scheme

Rates Officer, S Syme took the committee through the scheme protocol.

To date Council had received 53 claims. The maximum rebate was \$500.00. The programme was based on low-income earners. Council allocates the money straight away. She advised she had not heard back what happened once applications were passed on to Internal Affairs and could not comment at this stage on how it affected people benefits. Claims were sent through in batches once signed off by Council advising the rebate had been paid. Internal Affairs then paid it back to Council.

The Rates Officer advised the scheme was being well utilized. The financial threshold for the scheme was income earners on \$20,000 or less and was not asset tested. The Council committee requested a copy of the rates rebate handbook.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 20/07/2006

Moved by Councillor Seddon seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 July 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Road Naming Sub Committee 25/07/2006

Moved by Councillor Diver seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the minutes of the Road Naming Sub Committee meeting held on 25 July 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

a. Works and Services Committee 20/07/2006

Moved by Councilor Pablecheque seconded by Councilor McChesney and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 20 July 2006 be adopted.

b. Environmental Services Committee 20/07/2006

Moved by Councilor McChesney seconded by Councilor Thomas and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 20 July 2006 be adopted.

c. Finance and Policy Committee 20/07/2006

Moved by Councilor Macphail seconded by Councilor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 20 July 2006 be adopted.

d. Social Services Committee 02/08/2006

Moved by Councilor McChesney, seconded by Councilor Thomas and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 2 August 2006 be adopted.

e. Tourism & Development Committee 12/07/2006

Moved by Councilor Thomas seconded by Councilor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Tourism & Development Committee meeting held on 12 July 2006 be adopted.

4. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Application Committee 11/07/2006

Moved by Councilor Diver seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 11 July 2006 be received.

5. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

New Wharf

It was advised that the new wharf was in progress. Councillor Macphail requested to view a set of the plans for this development.

The Chief Executive Officer advised this piece of land was now officially owned by the Kaikoura District Council however because the wharf was not part of a Port Company it was no longer designated as a wharf which gave the possibility of the resource consent having to be notified.

Councillor Thomas expressed concern that the Tourism and Development committee had wondered if the Council was being taken for a ride by the consultants over this consent. The Chief Executive Officer advised this was definitely not the case. As it stood the wharf did not have any rights under the designation as it was not classified as a

port. He advised he did not know how Environment Canterbury would respond to Councils application for resource consent.

6. SUMMARY OF KDC DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the present time the Chief Executive Officer advised that he had received two further application on his desk. One was a re-run of a consent, the other was an appeal relating to roading contributions.

In Councillor Woods absence, Councillor Diver would step in for the Contribution Review Committee.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney that Councillor Diver be appointed to the review committee in the absence of Councillor Woods.

7. REQUEST FOR NAMING OF SMALL MEETING ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on recent events regarding the naming of the newly refurbished meeting room at the Memorial Hall. He reported that the Seaward Kaikoura Lions had in the past donated around \$17,000 to the upgrading of the hall and had recently requested that the room be named after them. Before this could be approved there needed to be investigations undertaken on other groups that had donated time and money towards the hall.

At this stage Council was unable to offer any kind of advice to the Seaward Kaikoura Lions Club.

Councillor Diver advised that in the past this room was allocated the name of the Plunket room, this name was given for no particular reason.

Councillor McChesney was concerned that if it was given this new name, members of the public may be hesitant on making full use of the room as it sounds as if the room belongs to the Lions Club. Also it seemed only fair to consult with the RSA on the appointing of the room name.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council write to the RSA, Seaward Kaikoura Lions and to the hall committee that Council are thinking of naming the room the Seaward Lions Room and their feedback on the request sought before Council made its decision.

8. FONTERRA DISCHARGE CONSENT

M Hoggard advised there had been notification of an application for a resource consent received from Fonterra for the disposal of whey waste to land. There originally had been thought about putting in a submission to support the application on the grounds that Fonterra remove the pipe that discharged waste out to sea. On seeing more detail, the possibility of using Councils sewer system would not be ruled out. There was a

suggestion to put a submission in that Council would be open for negotiation on Fonterra using Councils sewer ponds for discharge.

Councillor Pablecheque stated that it would not be ideal for them to use Councils ponds although it was a preference from Department of Conservation and local Iwi that they do use them.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would be consented to meeting with Fonterra to put a figure together for contribution costs if the discharge was into the sewer ponds. At this point Fonterra had submitted their own money figure for installing a system for discharge to land.

It was suggested that if Council was to put in a submission to first ask Council Engineers to do some investigation as to what could be better done to accept their waste and to get a cost analysis done. Council would prefer no discharge to land as the new drinking water supply is located near by, also it does not really fit the Green Globe concept that Council supports.

So far there were 2 years left on the discharge permit out to sea. Councillor Thomas enquired as to whether Fonterra, on using Councils sewer ponds, would have to pay for upgrading of the ponds – this could potentially be a community benefit.

Councillor McChesney stated she thought it appropriate to discharge to sea.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there had only been preliminary tests done on what effects the waste would have on our sewer systems. We would have to get Councils engineers to do more investigation if Council were to proceed with the pond idea.

Councillor Macphail advised he would like to see a submission put in against the discharge going on the land but would like to encourage discussion on options for it to go to sea or ponds.

It was agreed that to discharge it to land goes against the Green Globe policy.

M Hoggard advised that Council could look at putting in a neutral submission, being open for discussion

Moved by Councillor Macphail seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council lodge a submission in opposition in terms of the Fonterra application and that the Council wishes to be heard.

8. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT – BEACH ROAD

This item was discussed in the public excluded section of the meeting today and the following motion was put and carried.

Moved by Councillor Diver and seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council continue on the path of moving up to the Scarborough Street site and again decline the offer from Kaikoura Beach Developments Ltd.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

KITI & Tourism & Development Committee

Councillor Thomas advised that KITI was moving along really well with new Chairperson Neroli Gold. Seafest sales were progressing well. The Tourism and Development Committee had just spent approximately \$10,000.00 on a 30 second in-flight Air New Zealand video that screened over 32 flights a week. The timeline on this promotion was 6 months. There was a possibility that this could be tagged in with a slot with Whale Watch Kaikoura.

Strengthening Families

Councillor McChesney advised that the Strengthening Family's coordinator has resigned and the new person for this role should start in around a month.

Mayfair Theatre

Councillor McChesney advised the local Mayfair Theatre was in a delicate stage of life and much community funding was needed and may be called upon in the very near future.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and reconvened at 1.15pm

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays informed Councillors that there had been huge interest in the Draft Freedom Camping Policy and a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 23rd August 2006 to hear submissions.

It was agreed to hold a directions type workshop for the Chief Executive Officer's performance review with the first of these set to happen on the 25th October 2006.

Mayor Heays advised the Community Recognition Awards Gala night was looking like it would be an extremely well supported event with around 50 people being recognised for their achievements in some way. Mayor Heays was still on the hunt for any willing volunteers to help further with this event.

11. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a) Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on 20/072006
- b) Confirmation of Special Council Public Excluded meeting on 27/07/2006
- c) Transit New Zealand – Limited Access Roads
- d) Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer
- e) Commercial Development Beach Road

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 20 July 2006.	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)
Minutes of the Special Council Public Excluded meeting on 27/07/2006.	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)
Transit New Zealand – Limited Access Roads	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)
Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer.	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)
Commercial Development Beach Road	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)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.27pm

