

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FOLLOWING THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING AT 11.40AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY
2007 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor M McChesney

APOLOGIES: Mayor K Heays

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

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Stock Effluent Station *Deputy Mayor B Woods*

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 20/12/2006

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

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

a. Works & Services Committee 20/12/2006

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 20 December 2006 be adopted.

b. Environmental Services Committee 15/11/2006

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 20 December 2006 be adopted.

c. Finance & Policy Committee 20/12/2006

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 20 December 2006 be adopted.

d. Social Services Committee 06/12/2006

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 6 December 2006 be adopted.

e. Social Services Committee 07/02/2007

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 7 February 2007 be adopted.

4. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings & Applications Committee 19/12/2006 & 16/01/2007

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 19 December 2006 and 16 January 2007 be received.

5. ROAD NAMES – R D HUGHES (Stage II)

An application was received for Stage 2 of the Ocean Ridge subdivision seeking approval for the naming of a new road within the subdivision. The following names were submitted to Council by the developer:

1. Knowles Crescent
2. Dickenson Drive

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had a policy that set out a list of names it preferred to use however it had chosen to select names which reflected the local history of the area for Stage I of Ocean Ridge. Ocean Ridge had now come back to Council with a couple of options along similar lines to Stage I and were seeking approval.

Councillor Diver recalled Ocean Ridge were requested to submit the names of reserves within the subdivision and noted they had not been received to date and suggested Council request the reserve names in order to ensure there was a balancing act with names. The Chief Executive Officer advised reserve names were not critical for getting titles whereas road names were. He advised the naming of the reserves was still Council's decision and it would ensure a balancing act was applied when naming reserves.

Councillor Seddon noted the names put forward by Ocean Ridge were in keeping with what Council had chosen in the past noting the roads were pakeha names and the reserves were indigenous names. Councillor Macphail felt the shape of the street on the plan looked more like a crescent than a drive.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the new road within Stage II of the Ocean Ridge subdivision be named Knowles Crescent.

The motion was put and carried.

6. REMUNERATION AUTHORITY 2007-08 INDICATIVE POOLS

The Chief Executive Officer advised the total pool for the Mayor and 7 Councillors had increased approximately 2% and Council was required to advise the Remuneration Authority on how it wished to split the pool. For the past 4 years Council had split the pool evenly amongst all of the Councillors whereas prior to that there had been a component set aside for attending meeting and another portion split evenly.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Remuneration Authority be advised that the 2007/08 indicative pool be split as follows:

<i>Indicative Pool</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>
<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$ 42,500 per annum</i>
<i>Net Pool</i>	<i>\$102,500 to be split evenly amongst seven (7) Councillors, being \$14,642.85 per annum</i>

The Community Development Officer entered the meeting.

7. REVIEW OF GAMBLING VENUE POLICY

A report was included in the agenda providing background information for the purpose of undertaking a review of Council's existing policy and to provide stakeholders and the community with information relevant to Class 4 gambling.

The Community Development Officer advised she had consulted with all stakeholders connected to the gambling industry including the following:

- Local representatives in the gambling industry including venues and the corporate societies the gaming machines belonged to;
- Problem gambling service providers;
- Maori;
- Social Service agencies;
- Government departments including Department of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Health.

The Community Development Officer noted it had been very hard obtaining actual figures as there appeared to be a lot of holes in terms of previous research. \$2.4million was spent in Kaikoura on gambling for the year with corporate societies required to give a minimum of 37.5% back to the community however there appeared to be some disparity as to what was coming back to Kaikoura. She advised some of the indicators would suggest that gambling was likely to be a problem within the district as Kaikoura had a very high ratio of gaming machines per head of population.

Councillor Pablecheque asked if the ratio of machines to people included tourists as there were a lot of people from outside the district using the machines. The Community Development Officer advised the ratio was 71 people to one machine and tourists were not included in these figures.

The Chief Executive Officer advised one of the major issues highlighted in the report was that some of the trusts had not put back into Kaikoura what they should have. He advised he had recently had a meeting with the Mayor and senior managers of the New Zealand Community Trust who had advised they were looking at changing their policy and would more than likely be looking to put their money into larger sized facilities.

Councillor Seddon asked if Kaikoura went out as a community and said it did not want gambling machines, would it win. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was a community on the east coast of the north island who's policy was no gaming machines and if Council wished to make no gaming machines its policy then it would need to look at how it could be achieved via discussion and debate.

Councillor Thomas advised he could not for the life of him see the benefits to the community of having gaming machines.

Councillor Macphail advised he did not personally gamble however he believed it was not any of his business to stop others and noted it would be useful to know how many families were affected within the Kaikoura community by gambling.

Councillor Seddon agreed with Councillor Macphail.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the present Kaikoura District Council Gambling Venue Policy be put out for public consultation.

***Against: Deputy Mayor B Woods
Councillor Thomas***

Discussion

Councillor Macphail noted the current policy stated that Council would monitor gambling and asked if this could be done. The Community Development Officer advised gambling was a very hard thing to monitor as people did not tend to admit to having a problem and it was very hidden.

Councillor Thomas advised in light of the fact that Kaikoura had made headlines for having the highest amount of machines per capita, he liked the idea of a sinking lid policy which was a district ban on new machines. The Chief Executive Officer advised Kaikoura was always going to have the highest number of machines per capita because of its small population. He believed all the information provided was anecdotal as information from the gambling association differed hugely from that of the problem gambling foundation and it really depended on what side one was coming from.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS – KEKENO PARK

At its meeting of 15 November 2006 Council resolved that written suggestions on the proposed plan would not materially assist in its preparation.

It further resolved that the proposed draft Reserve Management Plan for Kekeno Park be advertised, public objections and submissions called for and that Council consider those objections and submissions at its meeting on 21 February 2007.

The Environmental Development Officer advised the required two month public notice period for the Kekeno Park Draft Reserve Management Plan concluded on Monday 5th February 2007 and no submission had been received.

The draft plan set out a good guideline for the future management of the park that would be vested in Council.

Councillor Seddon advised he could see trouble down the line when Council had to look after it. He expressed great concern in that he believed it was a private park for those living within the Ocean Ridge subdivision and that it could be one of the most costly of reserves for Council to maintain. The Chief Executive Officer advised Kekeno Park was no different to any other park in the district and that it was available to use by the whole of the district.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Council adopt the draft Management plan for Kekeno Park.

Against: Councillor B Seddon

The motion was put and carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following the hearing of submissions at the Council meeting of 20 December 2006 and the Council workshop held 17 January 2007 where a site visit was undertaken by Councillors, it was reported that there was support from both Councillors and the community for a long term development plan that ensured the future recreational, environmental and scenic value of the coastal strip was maintained.

A report prepared by the Environmental Development Officer was included in the agenda including various points for consideration in amending the draft plan.

Councillor Diver advised the best prices ever were being fetched for rough timber and suggested Council engage its forestry consultants to visit the site and advise back how much timber could be taken from the site suggesting they may be able to remove the unsightly trees and leave the pruned ones, noting the forestry in this area was a commercial

activity and it may be a great opportunity to log unsightly timber.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Environmental Development Officer had looked at the submissions received, taken on board comments from the workshop and had provided a report that allowed for a potential way forward with no time scales.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Coastal Development Plan be amended as outlined below and adopted as the Coastal Development Plan.

- retain existing tracks used by varied recreational groups throughout future harvesting and redevelopment process.
- alter time frames to reflect the planned harvest regimes for the pines. The pine trees, an investment crop jointly owned by Council and the Lions Club, were planted with a planned and progressive harvest program over the next 30 years (3.5 ha due for harvesting in 2008: 8.10 ha due in 2022: Lions Club manage 3.2 ha).
- remove approximately 20-30 metres of pines from the road verge towards the coast, to remedy safety concerns raised by Mainpower for the area between the Caves and Ocean Ridge entranceway.
- develop a walking track between Ocean Ridge and South Bay, where the pines are removed to account for the electricity poles. The track surface should be suitable for prams and bicycles and landscaped with native plants shielding the track from the State Highway.
- continue development of native coastal grassland from South Bay corner towards the Caves: planting clusters of native plants, removing wilding pines. Retain existing horse/4 wheel motor bike track and develop a walking track as detailed above.
- remove planned time frames for developing toilet and playground facilities. Such facilities should remain as a future option but are currently considered unnecessary.
- water access should be considered for new plantings and pest control included in maintenance of new plantings.
- the coastal development plan could be included as an extension to the Coastal Management Strategy, enabling works to be budgeted and prioritised appropriately.

Discussion

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Lions Club had agreed to sell their trees and he expected they would be milled within the next few weeks and asked Council it's views on bringing forward the milling date for a block of 3.5 hectares of Council trees to 2007 if the price was right. He noted there may well be additional rough timber that could also come out which would enhance the whole area, or alternatively Council could choose not to mill them and leave them standing for the amenity value.

Councillor Woods advised she would like to think that the submission process was not completely ignored and that Council and the Lions Club did not mill half the forest as it would make a mockery of the submission

process. Councillor Diver advised he believed Council had taken the submissions on board. Some parts of the forest was being retained while some parts would be removed that had no value which he believed satisfied everybody.

The Environmental Development Officer advised most people had supported the plan in terms of managing the area for the future, and noted the majority of submissions were not about the pine trees but about the lack of tracks for the public.

The motion was put and carried.

10. REQUEST FROM LIONS CLUB OF SEAWARD KAIKOURA

Mrs J Syme and L Robinson attended the meeting following a request to Council from the Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura seeking approval for the erection of a town clock.

J Syme advised the clock would have three faces and would represent the women of Kaikoura as follows:

1. Women of Kaikoura past
2. Present women
3. Future Women

The Club's aim was to obtain ideas from women in the community and practical help had been offered by local banks.

J Syme advised the Club was seeking approval from Council and asked if Council would accept responsibility of the clock upon completion. A site for placement of the clock was also sought.

Councillor Diver suggested if the proposed Council building on Scarborough Street went ahead, the intersection at the top of Scarborough/Churchill Street would be a great location.

Councillor Macphail advised he supported the concept and suggested it be placed somewhere in the West End.

The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council supported the establishment of a clock tower in Kaikoura, Council officers could work with the Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura and return back to Council with more details such as a possible location, design and funding, and noted it would most likely need to be taken out for public consultation.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council agree in principal to a Clock Tower being erected and that Council Officers work with the Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura to progress the concept and report back to Council with location, design and funding details.

The motion was put and carried.

11. APPLICATION TO LEASE RECREATION RESERVE LAND ON RORRISONS ROAD

The Chief Executive Officer advised a draft lease had been developed and was now required to be advertised for public comment in terms of the Reserves Act.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the draft Kaikoura Pony Club Lease be advertised in terms of the Reserves Act for public comment.

12. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY INITIATED EDUCATION PLAN

Deputy Mayor B Woods advised Mayor Heays was seeking a response from Councillors on how they felt, as a Council, about the Ministry of Education's "Community Initiated Education Planning".

Councillor Macphail advised he believed it was important to be clear if Council was to support the proposal that it was not being driven by Council.

Councillor Diver advised the proposal was school initiated. He advised there had been two or three schools within the district seeking a change of circumstance such as:

- increase school roll by lifting numbers from 120 to 150
- Change of status to reflect the needs of the community

Councillor Diver reiterated the proposal was not driven by the Ministry, nor the Council, but by the Schools themselves and the Ministry was now saying when a community requested a review of its schools it would be facilitated by the Ministry of Education.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Council support the Ministry of Education Community Initiated Education Plan (CIEP) process used to help towards a plan being developed by the Kaikoura community with support from a Ministry of Education funded facilitator.

The motion was put and carried.

13. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Tourism & Development

Councillor Macphail advised there had been no February meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Innovative Waste Kaikoura

Councillor Diver advised a collection point for accepting organic material would be in place by 1st March at the Resource Recovery Centre. Once in place it would then be investigated on how it could be

incorporated into the present composting system. He advised it was being trialed as a “mini ZORG” to see if the concept could work and so that IWK did not end up with a tonne of organic matter that couldn’t be processed and have to go into the landfill.

Creative Arts Council

Councillor Woods advised The Ballet, Court Theatre, and Symphony Orchestra were all coming to Kaikoura over the next few weeks.

14. MAYOR’S REPORT

“Accelerate Now” Conference

The Deputy Mayor presented the Mayor’s report in his absence. It was noted the Mayor, Environmental Development Officer and Deputy Mayor would be attending a conference in Melbourne in May on Local Government Sustainability with the assistance of a grant from ICLEI, the organization running the conference, along with personal funds from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Seddon advised he was totally opposed to any rate payer money going toward anything to do with climate change or global warming. He believed ratepayer money should go into roading, water, and sewer rather than a computer model theory of global warming.

Councillor Woods reminded Councillor Seddon to bear in mind that Council had embraced Green Globe and ICLEI some time ago and noted it was possibly a little late to pull out. Councillor Seddon advised he did not want to pull out of these organization but he did not want to see ratepayer money paying for the conference as he believed it should be coming from taxpayers rather than ratepayers.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had signed up for Green Globe and in terms of the Local Government Act, Council was required to look at social, environmental and economic aspects of its community. Council had joined ICLEI some 2 and a half years ago and had obtained funds from them to look at what Kaikoura could do as a community to reduce CO2 emissions. Council had also adopted plans on how it was going to get to carbon neutrality from the community’s perspective.

He advised Australia was way ahead of New Zealand in terms of what they were doing to reduce emission which was a very small part of the bigger picture.

Councillor Macphail praised the Deputy Mayor and Mayor for putting in their own funds to attend.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that Council support the Deputy Mayor, Mayor and Environmental Development Officer in attending the INCLEI “Accelerate Now” conference.

*Against: Councillor J Diver
The motion was put and carried.*

Sulo Bins

The Chief Executive Officer advised a series of evening meetings were held throughout the rural communities of the district to introduce Sulo Bins. Overall, residents had supported the concept and were pleased with the overall thrust and direction of improving the current service.

15. URGENT BUSINESS

Leave of Absence

Councillor Seddon requested leave of absence from the 18 April 2007 meeting.

Stock Effluent Station

Deputy Mayor Woods asked if Transit had approached Council to make arrangements to use the oxidation ponds.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Transit were working with Council's Asset Managers on an anaerobic pond. He advised there had been no decision as to who would take over the effluent station on Inland Road as the last piece of correspondence with Transit on the matter had been in April 2004 where the Chief Executive Officer had advised Transit that Council had no intention of taking over the site.

Councillor Diver advised he believed the site was ideal as it was on the intersection of two state highways and noted the reduction of stock effluent on the state highway would far outweigh any disadvantage to the district. Councillor Seddon disagreed as he believed the site was the cornerstone of the scenic Alpine Pacific Triangle.

Deputy Mayor Woods advised she would be very interest to know how the area would be finished and asked if the site would be sealed.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Thomas that the Mayor's Report be received.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm.