

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
9.05AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2010 IN MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Mayor K Heays (Chair), Councillors J Diver, D Holmes, N Pablecheque, B Woods, J Macphail.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Ransley.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1) Electoral Finance Amendment Act (Councillor Diver)

2. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to be heard in the open forum.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9.06am and resumed at 10.49am

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 16/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 June 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Extraordinary Council 15/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Holmes and resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 15 June 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Extraordinary Council 29/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 29 June 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Works and Services Committee 16/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Works and Services meeting held on 16 June 2010 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 16/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services meeting held on 16 June 2010 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 16/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 16 June 2010 be adopted.

Social Services Committee 2/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 2 June 2010 be adopted.

Tourism & Development Committee 9/6/2010

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Tourism and Development Committee meeting held on 9 June 2010 be adopted.

5. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Applications Committee 25/5/2010

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 25 May 2010 be received.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM CONFIRMED MINUTES

Kaikoura Health Facilities

Mayor Heays advised there were indications a full design plan had been submitted to Canterbury District Health Board and he believed the Health Board was quite happy with the plan. He advised the plan had been overlaid on the existing site and a representative from the Health Board seemed to think it could be possible to locate the facilities on the existing site. He believed there was some consternation between Ashburton and Christchurch over the actual design and they wanted to investigate the impact on the current site and also other sites. Mayor Heays advised the cost had increased to \$12.5 million which was the cost to locate the facilities on the existing site.

Councillor Woods advised she was not sure if the committee which represented a faction of Kaikoura was aware of all the green field sites on offer. The Chief Executive Officer advised notes on all sites identified had been passed to J Van Rooyen. Councillor Diver did not believe all of the committee had been given all of the information. Mayor Heays advised health facilities were at the stage where experts were costing and scaling plans concurrently with site investigations. He advised the working party's direction was to see if the new facilities could fit on the existing site and if not possible then a green fields site would be supported.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it was a Canterbury District Health Board decision to find a site and locate a hospital. Council had provided information on a range of sites and it was up to the Board to work out the preferred option. Councillor Woods requested Mayor Heays reiterate to the community committee that the tar depot was not the only other site option. Councillor Diver suggested F Woodham from the Canterbury

District Health Board be invited to the next Council meeting to provide an update.

7. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – SEAFEST 2010

Councillor Macphail declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

Seafest would be held on the 2nd of October 2010 and a request from the convener had been received to close Killarney Street and Torquay Street from post office cutting back to the Kaikoura Bowling Club on this day.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that under Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965 Council agree to close Killarney Street and Torquay Street from Post Office cutting from 7.30am to 5.30pm on Saturday 2 October 2010 for the purposes of Seafest.

8. ANNUAL RESIDENT AND RATEPAYER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Chief Executive Officer advised 191 people completed the 2010 survey which was a large percentage of the population. It was noted census figures showed only 42% of the population were over 50 years of age while 72% of the survey respondents were over the age of 50. He advised however, gender mix was good.

The Chief Executive Officer felt actual results from the survey were excellent. Rural road satisfaction was at 64% and this had been continually improving over the last several years. It was noted satisfaction for street lighting was at 81% and cemetery 97%. Public toilets were now at 87%. It was noted there had been a huge level of dissatisfaction with public toilets a couple of years prior. The Chief Executive Officer advised contact with the Mayor and Councillors seemed to run at a consistent figure. Customer services showed 92% satisfaction and the Chief Executive Officer advised this was a tribute to the front of house team. He advised satisfaction with Council contractor Fulton Hogan was the highest in a long time.

The Chief Executive Officer advised litter and cleanliness continued to be one area where Council could not seem to change actual or perception. Year in and year out this continued to be an issue. Councillor Diver suggested a staff member do a survey once a week. He advised West End corner always had litter, the area was never tidied and people were walking past this area. He felt it was one area if tidied up would lift people's perception. Councillor Woods advised there was always a lot of litter lying along rural roads and she suggested an item be put in the next Council newsletter reminding people to not throw items out car windows. The Chief Executive Officer advised there were two issues one was people littering deliberately and the other was rubbish blowing off trailers. He felt people needed to take some pride and if litter was outside their property they should pick it up.

The Chief Executive Officer advised views with regard to Council being supportive of business and open and participatory had improved over the last couple of years. He advised with the survey it was expected to get a wide range of views and the fact that there were very few people at the extreme end of the scale was a great result.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Annual Resident and Ratepayer Satisfaction Survey 2010 be received.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Marlborough Regional Forestry

Councillor Diver advised he had received correspondence that export log prices had collapsed. He advised this happened quite regularly and was a timing issue. As a result logging operations had been reduced.

Tasman Regional Sports Trust

Councillor Diver advised \$200,000 had been put into the community through Kiwisport. He advised schools locally needed to get partnerships with local sporting clubs to acquire funding from the programme.

SPARC and George Low Funds

Councillor Diver advised the allocation of these funds had taken place. He advised some money had been retained in the SPARC fund for summer sports.

Innovative Waste

Councillor Diver advised the new shed and conveyor were almost completed and an open day would be held in August. He further advised Trees for Travellers would be holding a public presentation for businesses in August.

The meeting adjourned at 12.05pm and resumed at 1.04pm

10. KAIKOURA YOUTH COUNCIL

E Parkinson, A Priddle and the Community Development Officer were in attendance. E Parkinson advised Youth Council t-shirts, which would be used for events, had arrived. The t-shirts had been designed by two Youth Council members.

E Parkinson advised the Kaikoura Youth Forum had been held. The aim of the forum had been for youth to learn about running events and leadership training. 40 youth had attended the event and an evaluation form had been provided to participants. The winning event from the Youth Forum was a Beach Volley ball event which would be held in October. Sport Kaikoura would be assisting with the organisation of the event. A Priddle advised the event would be aimed at families.

E Parkinson advised 8 Youth Council representatives had attended the Top of the South Youth Forum in Blenheim where the Kaikoura Youth Forum had been discussed.

E Parkinson advised 4 Youth Council representatives would be attending the Youth Forum on cultural diversity in Christchurch in August. The Community Development Officer advised this event was normally held overseas and was open to a limited number of attendees and 4 representatives from Kaikoura had been invited.

E Parkinson advised Youth Council would be working on a Youth Strategy.

11. GAMBLING VENUE POLICY REVIEW 2010

The Community Development Officer advised a review of the Gambling Venue policy had been undertaken three years prior. The Gambling Act 2003 required Council to review its policy on class 4 gambling venues within three years of adoption of the original policy. She advised when the review was undertaken three years ago a cap of 60 machines had been for the district. Statistics on gaming machines numbers, distribution of proceeds and information from the Problem Gambling Foundation were provided.

Councillor Woods enquired why Council would not pursue a sinking lid policy. The Community Development Officer advised she did not believe there was enough local information. There were currently 63 licences in the district and 52 machines. She advised the only way licences could be reduced was if a premise was shut down or lost their licences.

Councillor Pablecheque believed the make up of machine users was approximately 50% visitors and 50% local residents. Councillor Woods advised from a social conscience point of view she would go for a sinking lid policy. Councillor Pablecheque advised there was a lot of funding to help people with a gambling problem. He advised staff working in the industry were required to attend courses on problem gambling and there was a requirement for someone on the premises to monitor behaviour.

Councillor Pablecheque declared an interest and did not vote on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Holmes and resolved that machine numbers are capped at existing policy limits in the draft Gambling Venue Policy for public comment.

Against: Councillor Woods

It was generally felt the timeline for the hearing of submissions and adoption of the Policy should be brought forward. The hearing of submissions would take place prior to the Council meeting on 15 September.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Community Facilities Trust

Mayor Heays advised a sketched concept of a desirable facility and possible financials had been presented at a meeting of the Trust. Councillor Macphail enquired when Council would be provided with information from the Trust. The Chief Executive Officer advised the Trust had yet to make a decision on what they were going to do. Although they were 90% sure of the site until a decision was made on what was to be included a concept drawing could be not produced. He advised the Trust was not yet in a position to report to Council. He further advised the Trust had been tasked to provide Council with recommendations.

Lynton Downs School

Mayor Heays advised he had attended a presentation at Lynton Downs School regarding road safety around the school. Mayor Heays advised their concerns had been passed to the Asset Manager for investigation. The Asset Manager advised the area around the school did not fit the formula for change however Mayor Heays advised there was an issue with signage around the school.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

Electoral Finance Amendment Act

Councillor Diver enquired if the Act applied to anyone who was supporting a candidate. The Chief Executive Officer advised cost associated with the promotion of a candidate needed to be collated and included in the expenses return. Councillor Diver enquired if a campaign manager and others assisting in a campaign needed to be declared. Mayor Heays advised information for the public must state it was authorized by the candidate.

The Chief Executive Officer advised if an individual was being promoted all costs formed part of campaign expenditure and was limited to \$3,500 in the Kaikoura District. Councillor Diver enquired if the local paper was aware of requirements. The Chief Executive Officer advised anyone who collected a nomination form from the Council office would also be given a copy of the handbook which provided information on campaigning.

14. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely

- a. New Zealand Police Update***
- b. Confirmation of Minutes***
- c. Appointment of Trustee – Community Facilities Charitable Trust***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.47pm