

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.30AM ON  
THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton (Building Inspector), S van Aswegen (District Planner), M Hoggard (Planning Officer), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer).

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

1. Scenic Circle Site (Councillor Macphail)

**2. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

**Age Testing Results – Proposed New Bore**

The Chief Executive Officer advised age testing results were now to hand however as they were rather technical a summary document had been requested.

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a. Building**

The Building Inspector presented the report for December 2004 and January 2005.

**December**

It was noted there were eighteen building consents with a combined construction value of \$3,086,700 issued for the month. Twenty Two Code Compliance certificates were issued and fourteen Land Information Memorandums were issued for property purchases throughout the district.

**January**

Five building consents were issued for the month of January with a combined construction value of \$621,800. Fifteen Code Compliance Certificates were issued for completed projects and twenty one Land Information Memorandums were processed and issued for property purchases.

The Building Inspector advised the Building Control Unit was extremely busy with the implementation of the Building Codes Revised E.2.ASI documents relating to weather-tightness of

buildings. He advised the document was effective 1 February 2005 and would have far reaching changes. He noted a very positive response to purchasing the document had been shown by local builders.

***b. Resource Planning***

The Planning Report was presented by the Planning Officer. Due to the shutdown period over Christmas, it was noted that overall planning activities had slightly decreased for the months of December and January.

***c. Monitoring/Biodiversity***

The monitoring report was presented by the Monitoring Officer. Mayor Heays enquired if Council had become involved with the recent dumping of Crayfish in the Kowhai Ford area. The Monitoring Officer advised it had been dealt with by Environment Canterbury due to the area being river reserve.

***d. District Planning***

**Resource Management and Electricity Amendment Bill**

The District Planner presented her report. She advised planning staff had been busy working through the Resource Management and Electricity Amendment Bill with the aim of making a submission.

The District Planner noted planning staff had found it rather distressing, and it was noted more power would be given to Regional Councils. She advised a submission had been prepared and submitted, and copies had been given to Councillors.

**Natural Resource Regional Plan (NRRP)**

The District Planner advised a submission had been prepared and sent outlining concerns regarding the Natural Resource Regional Plan and gave the committee an update. She advised NRRP was a proposed regional plan for the Canterbury Region and Kaikoura District Council had joined with eight other Councils to put forward a joint submission opposing sections of it. She advised the Regional Council now expected Councils to prepare an operational/management plan to show stormwater disposal, where previously it had been none of their business. She advised from a Council perspective it would significantly increase compliance costs and the time spent processing applications.

***e. Environmental Development***

The Environmental Development report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer in the absence of the Environmental Development Officer.

***f. Environmental Health***

The Environmental Health Report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillor Diver asked how often the Environmental Health Officer had been present in the district over the Christmas period. The Chief Executive Officer advised while he was unsure of the frequency, he understood inspections had taken place throughout the Christmas period.

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports and Budget Report be received.*

#### **4. URGENT BUSINESS**

##### **Scenic Circle Site**

Councillor Macphail requested an update of the Scenic Circle Site. The Building Inspector advised he had recently been working with the developer in getting the site tidied up. He advised the consent as it presently stood was live until 31 March 2005, after which time it would lapse and the developer notified. He advised the building would now have to be built differently in order to comply with the new Building Act requirements.

The Chief Executive Officer advised from a resource consent perspective it was still valid for a further two years.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.*