

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.40 AM ON
WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2005 IN MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 17/02/05

Scenic Circle

Councillor Macphail requested an update on progress with the proposed Scenic Circle site.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he had recently met with Scenic Circle who had advised they would be proceeding with development of the site. They were currently in the process of redrawing existing plans in order to comply with the new Building Act with the aim for construction to commence in September 2005.

a. Building

The Building Inspector presented his report. Twenty one building consents with a combined construction value of \$2,119,860 had been issued for the month of February with several other applications waiting to be processed.

The Building Inspector noted with the high volume and nature of consent applications, the turn around time had stretched to approximately 3-4 weeks.

The Building Inspector advised an update would be provided at the next meeting regarding the new Building Act which would come into force on 31 March. He advised more would also be known on the cluster of Councils that were planning to work together to achieve a central processing unit. Two processing units were currently proposed for the South Island.

b. Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented his report advising 14 new consent had been received for the period 7/02/05 to 9/03/05. He advised interest in the district remained strong with land use applications continuing to be for small-scale visitor accommodation and residential activities.

c. Biodiversity/Monitoring

The Monitoring Officer presented her report, giving a brief update to the committee of the process and requirements of Section 223 and 224.

Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Officer advised she was currently working with Department of Conservation to create awareness of the Huttons' Shearwater by way of a brochure.

d. District Planning

Ocean Ridge

The District Planner advised the Ocean Ridge hearing was held on 21 February 2005 with a second day tentatively scheduled for 5 April, depending on availability of parties to proceedings.

Proposed Kaikoura District Plan

The District Planner advised the proposed plan had been put on hold in March 2003 to allow for the development and processing of the Whale Watch and Ocean Ridge variations. Both variations had now reached the stage where they had merged into the plan and could proceed as one document. She advised drafting of decisions on the proposed plan had commenced with the aim to formally release decisions toward the middle of 2005.

e. Environmental Development

2005 Zero Waste Conference

The Environmental Development Officer advised the 2005 Zero Waste Conference was fast approaching with preparations well underway. The programme was now confirmed with speakers and delegates from South African, Australia, USA, Wales, Scotland, England and from throughout New Zealand attending

The Environmental Development Officer advised registrations were currently being processed and it was hoped that Councillors would be in a position to attend at least part of the conference.

Unwanted Agrichemical Collection

The Environmental Development Officer advised of a collection of unwanted agrichemicals from rural properties in the district by Environment Canterbury and the Ministry for the Environment. All rural property owners had been written to and asked if they had any unwanted chemicals they wished to be removed.

He advised it was a significant opportunity for rural landowners to dispose of unwanted chemicals appropriately and for free.

f. Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Report was presented by T Rasmussen. It was noted a special licence had been issued for the Kaikoura A&P Show with a site visit carried out on the day where it was found the sale of liquor was centralised and well controlled.

Councillor Diver enquired if the various Health Officers within Food & Health NZ were audited to see they had similar standards to one another. T Rasmussen advised officers were changed around from time to time in order to inspect another officer's premises, thus providing another pair of eyes.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45am.