

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.35AM ON
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 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), R Vaughan (Planning Officer), I Challenger (Environment Development Officer).

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Permanent Structures along Kaikoura Coast Line

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a. Building

The Building Inspector presented his report advising 28 building consents with a combined construction value of \$2,664,527.00 had been issued for the month of March. Eighteen Land Information Memorandums and eighteen Code of Compliance certificates were also issued.

The Building Inspector advised local builders had been invited to attend a building seminar being held at Donegal House by Council on Thursday 21st April. The seminar was being held to bring builders up to date with the new Building Act.

b. Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented his report. He advised 15 new resource consents had been received for the period.

The Planning Officer advised consent numbers appeared consistent with projected figures, with interest in the Kaikoura District remaining strong.

c. Monitoring / Biodiversity

The Monitoring and Biodiversity report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer in the absence of the Monitoring Officer, for information.

d. District Planning

The District Planner presented her report advising day two of the Ocean Ridge hearing reconvened on 5 April 2005 with evidence/submissions heard from the following submitters:

- Geoff Harmon in full support
- Ron Mackle for Kaikoura Golf Club in full support
- Neroli Gold for Kaikoura Winery in full support
- Ian Croucher for Croucher Enterprises in full support
- Lynette and Dennis Burman for Encounter Kaikoura in full support
- Ron Peterson for West End Motors in full support
- Robin Stanford for Kaikoura High School in full support
- Robin Hughes – Director RD Hughes Holdings Ltd
- Mark Christensen – Legal advisor RD Hughes Holdings Ltd
- Ian Graig – Urban Designer for RD Hughes Holdings Ltd in full support
- Don Miskell – Landscape Architect for RD Hughes Holdings Ltd in full support but recommending minor changes
- Diane Robertson – Ecologist for RD Hughes Holdings Ltd in full support
- Andrew Purves – Planner for RD Hughes Holdings Ltd in full support but recommending minor changes
- Sarah Dawson – Policy Planner for RD Hughes Holdings Ltd in full support
- Hamish Barrell – Planner for Environment Canterbury in opposition seeking major amendments
- Di Lucas – Landscape Architect for Environment Canterbury in opposition seeking major amendments
- Department of Conservation – in general support but seeking minor amendments
- Allan Rackham – Landscape Architect on behalf of the Council
- Murray Hunt – Legal advisor on behalf of the Council
- Tabled evidence: Transpower NZ Ltd and Transit NZ Ltd generally in support but seeking minor amendments

The main issues covered in the evidence/submissions were:

- 1) Visual and Landscape effects
- 2) Transportation matters, Roding and Traffic
- 3) Other Infrastructural Services
- 4) Objectives and Policies of relevant Statutory Documents
- 5) Procedures and Processes under the Resource Management Act 1991

The District Planner advised 26 April 2005 had been set aside for deliberations, including a site visit.

e. Environmental Development

The Environmental Development Officer presented his report advising the recently hosted 2005 Zero Waste Conference held at Takahanga Marae between 5-8 April had been a big success.

150 delegates from throughout New Zealand, Australia, England, Wales, Scotland, Canada and the Pacific Islands had attended, with delegates evenly split between community recycling organisations, local authorities and businesses.

Sponsorship for the conference was gained from Zero Waste New Zealand Trust, Whale Watch, Encounter Kaikoura, Potato Pak, Kaikoura Wine Company, Kaikoura 4 square, New World, Creation Signs, Boise Office Solutions and Environment Canterbury. A range of exhibitors also took part in the conference which helped to make it a big success. It was noted the conference had been self funding and not a cost to the ratepayer.

f. Environmental Health

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

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

4. ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION – P MCGAHAN

A presentation was given by local resident, Paul McGahan, environmental management consultant. The following issues were highlighted to Council:

Rubbish

P McGahan advised coastline littering had become a huge problem in the district which he believed required responsibility from everyone within the district.

Public Toilets

P McGahan advised public toilets throughout the district failed to meet “eco-destination” standards. He advised they were poorly maintained with grey water frequently flooding the toilet entranceway at Jimmy Armers toilet block. Landscaping was also required.

Seal Colony

The lack of rubbish bins and toilet facilities was highlighted to Council especially as overnight camping seemed to be permitted in this area.

Coastal/Recreational Management – Fyffe House to Point Keen

P McGahan advised the following issues needed addressing by Council:

Pedestrian walkways

Road safety – pedestrian currently at risk, particularly between old wharf and Jimmy Armers beach.

Road width - extend to allow for defined walking/cycle way.

Speed limit reduction – maximum 30 kmph.

Visual Amenity

P McGahan advised many recreational areas within the district appeared uncared for and lacked landscape design.

He advised concrete armouring at Jimmy Armers beach was visually and environmentally unacceptable in 2005 and needed to be replaced with rock or landscaping.

Camping

P McGahan advised he believed there was a need for a clear and consistent policy regarding freedom camping further noting it was a high priority to resolve camping areas prior to next summer.

The following solutions were offered by P McGahan.

- Regular coastal cleanups
- Improved toilet maintenance and regular monitoring
- Camping policy defined and enforced.
- Coastal Management Strategy reviewed with community involvement.

P McGahan advised the above issues needed to be addressed by Council and believed if addressed they would provide huge benefits for both Council and the community.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Coastal Structures

Councillor Woods expressed concern relating to permanent structures on the coastline south of Kaikoura and sought advise from the Chief Executive Officer as to what sort of action Council should be taking in support of the coastal management policy.

The Chief Executive advised the first step would be to investigate with Ngai Tahu, Transit, and with Council's Solicitors regarding legal issues.

The Building Inspector advised there had been a problem with such structures popping up along the coastline and as such letters had been sent to two coastal camps. He advised Environment Canterbury had also been involved. He advised such structures posed major concern especially with the many significant natural

areas along the coastline. The Building Inspector further advised Ngai Tahu , as land owners had appeared to have given consent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.55am.