

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.40AM ON
WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Committee Secretary), D Laughton (Building Inspector) M Hoggard (Planning Officer), R Vaughan (Planning Officer), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), I Challenger (Environment Development Officer), G Saidy (Asset Manager), M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Manager).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor J Diver

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 20/04/05

Councillor McChesney advised she had recently visited Jimmy Armer's toilet block and was disgusted to find there were no seating facilities, and no provision for nappy changing and asked when the public could expect these toilets to be functional and useable. Councillor Woods noted there was no seating, however she advised they were certainly functional and useable.

M Roberts-Saidy advised a detailed report on the condition of all toilets within the district, including recommendations, had been forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building Report

The Building Inspector presented his report advising April had been another busy month with a combined construction value of \$2,894,000.00.

He advised the recent Building Act Seminar held at Donegal House had proven to be a huge success, with 90 local tradespeople attending. He advised future seminars would be held as information came to hand in order to keep tradespeople informed.

b) Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented his report. He advised consent numbers were significantly lower than projected figures with six new resource consents received for the period 12 April to 11 May 2005.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

The Monitoring Officer advised 16 consents were monitored for the month of April, all by way of desk-top monitoring.

Significant Natural Areas Land Care Group

The Biodiversity Officer advised a meeting held recently with the Significant Natural Areas Land Care Group had been extremely useful in building a good relationship between the group which consisted of the following organizations:

- Environment Canterbury
- Q E II Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Runanga
- Councillors
- Department of Conservation

She advised raising general public awareness would be a focus of the group in the near future, with avenues such as the Council Newsletter in the Kaikoura Star, Council on Air, and mail outs included in rates demands had been identified as proposed means of generating public interest.

d) District Planning

The Planning Officer advised original time-frames would be unlikely to be met in the absence of the District Planner.

e) Environment Development

The Environmental Development Officer presented his report.

Council Rubbish Bins

He advised there were presently fifty two 55 litre bins and fourteen 200 litre bins throughout the district which were emptied by Innovative Waste.

He advised the existing bins had been in their present locations for a considerable length of time and were not always in the most logical locations and as such there was a need to look at all bins provided by Council and make provision for new, and in some cases, larger bins. It was noted the Litter Act 1979 required public authorities to provide and manage receptacles for the collection of litter.

The Environmental Development Officer advised Kaikoura presently had three recycling stations which had been in place since 1998 and it was felt that it was now time to review the location and number of stations to ensure they remained relevant and to increase the amount of recycling undertaken by tourists to Kaikoura.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that Council apply to Pub Charity for funding to cover the cost of purchasing community cigarette butt dispensing units for the district.

The motion was put and carried.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council apply to Community Trust Funding via the Adelphi Hotel for funding to cover the cost of purchasing community recycling receptacles for the district.

The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Thomas advised it had been requested at the recent Tourism & Development Committee meeting, that the issue of rubbish on Churchill Street be addressed and looked into as there appeared to be a continual problem of rubbish in this area.

The Environmental Development Officer advised he would investigate the matter.

Community Litter and Rubbish Clean Up

The Environmental Development Officer advised a recently held community litter and rubbish clean up had been extremely successful with a considerable amount of rubbish collected from the following sites:

- The area surrounding the go-kart track;
- The Kowhai Recreation Reserve;
- An area at Kowhai Ford;
- A section of footpath between The Lobster Inn and Gills Transport;
- An area on Whakatu Terrace adjacent to the fish factory;
- The Old Wharf near Fyffe House.

He advised a second clean up on 14 May 2005 and had also been very successful with 17 people attending. A barbeque was held at the end of the cleanup.

Unwanted Agrichemical Collection

A collection of unwanted agrichemicals was carried out in the district by Environment Canterbury in early May following landowners being written to by Council and asked if they wished to take part in the collection. Of the 248 landowners written to, 32 had taken part.

The Environmental Development Officer advised three tonne of unwanted agrichemicals had been collected of which 1.2 tonne was disposable in New Zealand.

f) Environmental Health

The Environmental Health report was presented by Councillor Woods in the absence of the Environmental Health Officer.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Environmental Services reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.18am.