

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.12AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2005 IN THE 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 (Executive Officer), D Laughton (Building Inspector) S van Aswegen (District Planner), M Hoggard (Planning Officer), R Vaughan (Planning Officer), I Challenger (Environment Development Officer).

***1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS***

***a) Building***

The Building Inspector presented the report which included an annual report for the year ended 30 June 2005. 228 Building consents with a combined construction value of \$21,817,649 were issued for the year ending 30 June 2005, in comparison with the previous year where there were 220 building consents issued with a combined construction value of \$12,338.767. It was noted 2005 saw 54 new residential dwellings.

Mayor Heays advised he had received a letter from the Minister of Building Issues Chris Carter regarding new Building Act issues.

With regard to implementing the new Building Act, the Building Inspector advised Kaikoura was probably worse off than other Councils due to resources and time. He advised he was working with other Councils, including Christchurch City, who offered in-house training for staff, to achieve accreditation and up-skilling.

The Chief Executive Officer advised in terms of improving assessment procedures, an audit had recently been undertaken by Risk-Pool who had found Kaikoura District Council's systems to be very robust. He advised the letter from Minister C Carter highlighted when the government made changes, often not a lot of thought had gone into it. No on-going training programmes had been put in place and the Department of Building and Housing appeared to be starting from scratch as well.

The Building Inspector advised five companies had shown an interest in contracting to the group of Councils to put a

procedures manual in place, which could become a cost sharing exercise between the group of Councils. He noted, in respect of the pool of Councils, Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman and Mackenzie District Councils had all pulled away from the group which was disappointing as it was hoped they would remain in the group in order to increase uniformity throughout the regions.

***b) Resource Planning***

The Planning Officer presented the report. He advised fourteen new resource consents had been received for the period 10 June to 12 July 2005.

Planning staff were now working with the Development Contributions Policy of the Long Term Council Community Plan. He envisaged the transition to this process should be smooth although it may take some time for developers to become aware of the new requirements.

***c) Monitoring/Biodiversity***

The Monitoring and Biodiversity reports were presented in the absence of J Denton.

It was noted P Millen had been appointed as first contract and liaison person for the Significant Natural Areas group, and would be funded by funding the group had previously received for the project. P Millen was expected to commence working with the first target group of landowners toward the end of July.

An Ecologist had been booked for one week in August and another in September to follow on from work undertaken by P Mullen.

***d) District Planning***

The District Planner advised drafting of preliminary decisions made by the Planning Committee in respect of the Proposed Plan were progressing well.

***e) Environmental Development***

**South Bay Recreation Reserve Development**

The Environmental Development Officer presented his report. He advised a funding application to the Ministry of Tourism's Tourism Facilities Grant Programme had been successful and would be used to erect an interpretation centre, replace toilets at South Bay recreation reserve and to improve roading and landscaping in order to provide a gateway to the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway.

He advised Council, Department of Conservation, Whale Watch and Ngai Tahu had jointly prepared the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway Development Plan, and as such the Department of

Conservation would be contributing a further \$80,000 toward the upgrade.

A detailed sketch of the proposed upgrade was tabled. The Environmental Development Officer noted it had since been decided that the toilets would be erected where the interpretation centre was shown on the sketch, and visa versa.

Councillor Woods asked if the new toilet facility would have power. The Environmental Development Officer advised he was unsure however he noted as the present toilet facility had power, it may well be looked at.

The Chief Executive Officer affirmed an upgrade of the gas barbeques could be looked into at the same time following a request from Councillor McChesney.

#### **Green Globe Auditing**

The Environmental Development Officer advised Green Globe Auditor, S Rogers would be visiting the district on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005 to re-assess the community and to specifically look at some of the procedures set up to ensure they had been implemented.

#### ***f) Environmental Health***

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

He noted an amendment to the Sale of Liquor Act which came into force on 1 April 2005 would now require General Managers to hold a licensed controller qualification (LCQ) which must be unit standards based. Applicants submitting renewals prior to April 2006 would only be renewed for two years instead of three years if they did not hold a liquor controller qualification. Licences would only be renewed after 1 April 2006 if a liquor controller qualification was held by the applicant.

Mayor Heays advised he believed courses would be held in Kaikoura, further advising he would look into the matter and find out where and when.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50am.***

