

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.25AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 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:** L Copping (Committee Secretary), D Laughton (Building Inspector) S van Aswegen (District Planner), M Hoggard (Planning Officer), T Rasmussen.

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Building Inspector presented his report and noted while twelve consents had been processed for the month construction value was significantly down.

An update was provided on the Building Control Authority accreditation. The Building Inspector advised the model Kaikoura was working from was the Hutt City Council model, which Hutt City had been working on since 1995 and believed they would gain accreditation by the end of the year.

The Building Inspector advised a second public seminar for tradesmen would be held on 19 October. Several presenters had been arranged to give presentations on products and answer questions in respect of their product installation and complying with the building code of today. It was noted an earlier seminar had been extremely well attended with 93 people from all trades attending.

**b) Resource Planning**

The Planning Officer presented his report advising twelve new resource consents had been received for the period, consisting of land use, sign consent and subdivisions.

**c) Biodiversity Monitoring**

The monitoring and biodiversity reports were taken as read in the absence of the Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer. Councillor Woods advised the first meeting of the Biodiversity Contestable Fund committee had taken place earlier in the week to formalise matters. Councillor Seddon noted Council had been very forward thinking in making a fund available to help farmers protect significant areas and once again, had led the way.

**d) District Planning**

The District Planner presented her report. She advised drafting of preliminary decisions made by the Planning Committee on the Proposed Plan was ongoing and progressing well.

***e) Environmental Health***

The Environmental Health Officer presented the report. He advised several enquiries had been received relating to disposal of fat and grease from food premises. He advised some premises did not have grease traps, which was not ideal, and in such instances they were encouraged to dispose of fat in drums which should then be taken away by a contractor. Mayor Heays advised he believed the reason why there may have been an increase in such enquiries was due to the existing contractors changing their policy and prices.

***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 10.42am***