

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.44AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton (Building Inspector), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer).

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Building Inspector presented his report. He advised 17 building consents with a construction value of \$2,591,590 had been issued for the month of November.

**b) Resource Planning**

The Planning Officer presented the report advising twelve new resource consents were received for the period. Councillors were reminded of the Resource Management Act shutdown period from 20 December 2005 to 10 January 2006 during which time statutory timeframes were placed on hold.

**c) Monitoring/Biodiversity**

The Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer presented the report. She advised Environment Canterbury were looking at putting together a regional biodiversity strategy, to be compiled jointly by many parties and agencies and expected to be out early in 2006 for comment.

**d) District Planning**

The District Planning Report was presented by Planning Officer R Vaughan. She advised the appeal period on decisions to the District Plan had now closed, with five appeals received and notice that another had been lodged with the Environment Court. Appeals were received from:

- Federated Farmers
- A MacDonald
- Whale Watch
- Environment Canterbury
- Department of Conservation

Councillor Seddon advised he was pleased only six appeals had been received and believed they could all be resolved.

***e) Environmental Development***

The Environmental Development Officer presented the report. She advised she was currently speaking with other Councils on how to effectively address the issue of littering and dumping throughout the district.

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

***2. PROPOSED TRANSIT STOCK EFFLUENT SITE***

A letter from a member of the public was included in the agenda regarding concerns at the location of Transit's proposed stock effluent site, and human waste issues along the coastline between Stoney Creek and the Kowhai River.

The Chief Executive Officer advised a copy of the letter had been passed to Transit at a recent meeting. At a glance Transit had indicated they did not wish to place a human effluent facility at the proposed stock effluent site.

Councillor Woods suggested the writer of the letter submit it to Transit and that Council support it and noted public toilets at the proposed effluent site would solve the issue of public toilets in the southern region.

Councillor McChesney suggested this issue be amalgamated with the public toilet issue presented earlier in the day to Council from Mangamaunu residents and asked Councillors to ensure the matter was addressed.

Councillor Seddon advised he believed the issue of public toilets throughout the district was related purely to tourism and felt Council should go along similar lines as it had with footpaths where a loan was taken out and all work was undertaken at once. He advised he believed the issue was extremely important and would not go away unless Council moved forward with a design and built toilets.

The Chief Executive Officer advised human excreting in recreational areas on a regular basis became an environmental health issue which should be looked at seriously by Council. One of the major issues however was with Kaikoura being situated in a coastal marine area Environment Canterbury were very strict on what they would and would not allow. He advised it was important Council identified one or two areas and a possible funding mechanism could be from the Reserves Contributions account.

The Chief Executive Officer reminded Councillors that Council had thought it was doing the community a favour with the recent installation of the Molok bins, however it appeared they were now being abused by locals.

The Chief Executive Officer advised possible sites had been investigated in the past however there had been a number of hurdles. The most environmentally friendly toilet had been the composting variety, however the major issue with composting toilets was they had to be built well above ground level and were unable to cope with shock loading from large groups. Environment Canterbury had not been interested in the installation of septic tanks either. He advised logistically it was a huge hurdle to overcome which was one of the main reasons it had not been addressed in the past.

Councillor Seddon noted it appeared Environment Canterbury would be the biggest impediment, rather than funding.

*Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council agree to form a local working party consisting of Councillors Thomas, McChesney and Macphail, with the Mangamaunu Community, and that Kaikoura District Council staff members, N Sherriff, R Vaughan and M Roberts-Saidy be part of the working party and the Environment Canterbury be invited to nominate an appropriate staff member to come up with an acceptable solution to address human excreting throughout the district..*

### **3.. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

*Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Macphail that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely*

*a) Review of Conditions of Consent – Mt Stace Holdings Ltd*