

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.29AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2006 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.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor McChesney

***Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 21/12/2005**

Councillor Woods enquired if work had commenced on Transit's proposed stock effluent site. Councillor Diver advised work had been expected to commence in January however it was over budget and Transit were now looking at re-tendering the works.

**2. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST**

**Toilet Facilities at Maungamaunu – Working Party**

The Environmental Development Officer advised the working party had held its inaugural meeting last week with a further meeting scheduled for next week. She advised the first hurdle was finding a suitable location and Council's Planning Officer was currently looking at potential sites.

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Building Inspector presented his report for December 2005 and January 2006.

Thirteen building consents were issued for both December and January with a combined construction value of \$1,781.00 and \$1,806.052 respectively.

He advised Council's two building inspectors had recently attended a joint Council consortium workshop focused on the third stage of attaining Building Consent Authority status.

Councillor Diver asked when the retaining wall at the Scenic Circle site in Churchill Street was expected to commence.

The Building Inspector advised he believed it had been held back due to mediation taking place regarding who was responsible for costs of the wall. There also appeared to be some contrast between the owner and Arrow International to what should be happening at the site. He advised he had asked for a timetable of works in writing several times but to no avail to date.

Councillor Woods asked if there were any resource consent issues with the site. The Building Inspector advised Environment Canterbury had had issues as their consents had lapsed however he believed they were all in order now. He noted while the resource consent for the hotel included structures for the retaining wall it did not include technical details.

Mayor Heays advised he believed it was a public safety issue as the wall was no longer holding up the driveway adjacent to the site.

Councillor Macphail suggested Council do all it can to get this matter progressed as the site had sat empty far too long.

***b) Resource Planning***

The Planning Officer presented his report advising twelve new resource consents were received for the period 13 December 2005 to 2 February 2006 and noted consents coming into Council appeared to have slowed off slightly.

***c) Monitoring/Biodiversity***

The Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer presented her report.

**Seaweek**

The Biodiversity Officer advised she was providing assistance with coordination of activities with Environment Canterbury and Department of Conservation for Seaweek, to be held 6-11 March 2006. School groups would be invited to attend in the hope of raising awareness of the local marine environment and to offer tips on how to continue preserving it.

**Biodiversity Contestable Fund**

The Biodiversity Officer advised to date no applications had been received for this fund and asked Councillors to consider spreading the word.

***d) District Planning***

Planning Officer R Vaughan presented the report advising the period for Environment Court appeals on the decisions to the Proposed Kaikoura District Plan were closed with a total of 6 appeals received. The period was now open, until 22 February, for those who wished to be a "party to proceedings" to lodge an interest with the court and to notify all other

appeal parties and submitters. Once closed, appeals would be looked at closely with the hope of settling via mediation or agreement.

***e) Environmental Development***

The Environmental Development Officer presented the report and commended Innovative Waste Kaikoura for their enthusiasm at the recently held Roots Festival which was a huge success in terms of recycling and had produced a 95% recycle rate.

International Student Volunteers were scheduled to spend a month in the district working on community/conservation projects in the district. The Biodiversity Officer suggested three sites for work to take place by the group and requested for additional sites with a conservation/community outcome. Councillor Pablecheque suggested landscaping around the relocated Innovative Waste Kaikoura office, once relocated, as an additional site.

**Litter/Signage**

Signage at recycle and recycling stations throughout the district was investigated by the Environmental Development Officer following a request at the December meeting. She advised the location of recycling systems through the district was adequate and diverse.

Councillor Macphail suggested Council's Green Globe status be integrated on signage throughout the district.

***Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that prior to the development and placement of additional signage throughout the district an investigation and review of existing signage within the district be completed and a report prepared.***

***The motion was put and carried.***

**Bylaws**

The Environmental Development Officer advised the Litter Act allowed Council to impose penalties on people dumping litter throughout the district however to date no prosecutions or infringements had been issued in relation to this. She advised many Councils throughout New Zealand were enforcing the Litter Act and as a result had seen a reduction in dumping of rubbish in their districts showing the Litter Act to be effective when enforced. The Environmental Development Officer suggested action be taken to enforce the Litter Act in the Kaikoura district prior to or while developing a specific by-law relating to dumping rubbish outside public bins.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it could be a time consuming exercise for little reward due to the difficulty in proving who had dumped the rubbish and the time and cost involved in prosecution. He advised education was the key to ensuring people were aware of the rules regarding littering.

Councillor Woods suggested Council could inform the public through the newspaper of the Litter Act and of their responsibility.

The Environmental Development Officer advised she believed signage needed to be firmer also.

#### ***4. RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST***

Councillor Woods asked at what state were retrospective consent applications asked to comply. The Chief Executive Officer advised applicants going through the process of getting a consent were viewed as complying. He understood there was no-one not working with Council staff in proceeding with their applications. Councillor Woods requested an update on two applicants that had been on the list a very long time.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.***