

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.38AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

- PRESENT:** Councillor B Woods (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors S Thomas, B Seddon, J Macphail, M Pablecheque.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton (Building Inspector), M Hoggard R Vaughan (Planning Officers), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors M McChesney, J Diver.

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

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 15/02/2006**

**Toilet Facilities – Mangamaunu Beach**

The Environmental Development Officer advised two potential sites had been identified to date with suitability and ownership of the sites currently being clarified.

**2. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST**

**Signage with District**

The Environmental Development Officer advised an intern was expected to arrive in May to work for Council and a full review and report on the districts signage would be one of the jobs undertaken by the intern.

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Building Inspector presented the report advising 18 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$564,990 were issued for the month of February 2006 along with 6 Code Compliance Certificates and 9 Land Information Memorandums.

**b) Resource Planning**

The Planning Officer presented the report advising 7 new resource consents for land use and subdivision were received for the period 2 February to 6 March 2006.

**c) Monitoring/Biodiversity**

The Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer presented the report. She advised Seaweek had been a very successful event with some 400 school children participating in events. An auction was held with proceeds going to two environmental charities.

The Biodiversity Officer advised of a new book titled "Plant Me" put together by Department of Conservation and various other agencies outlining native or ecologically alternative plants to use in place of common and invasive plants. She advised the book was available at Council for viewing and purchase.

***d) District Planning***

The Planning Officer presented the report advising work on the District Plan appeals was ongoing with most appeal matters requiring on-going investigation and discussions with appellants.

**Designation – Beach Road**

A decision for designation on Beach Road was granted and issued on 7 March 2006. The designation was granted for a period of 10 years.

**Environment Canterbury Regional Policy Statement**

Councillor Woods advised a very successful meeting with Environment Canterbury had been held at the Airport recently and Environment Canterbury had appeared eager to consult with Council over their Regional Policy Statement.

Councillor Seddon advised Kaikoura was very different than other regions of Canterbury in terms of gravel extraction and suggested Council needed to make Environment Canterbury aware of this.

The Planning Officer advised Environment Canterbury were aware the catchment was very steep and if they tried to apply the same rules as further south it may well create problems further down the line.

***e) Environmental Development***

**Communities for Climate Protection**

Included in the agenda were two local action plans prepared by the Environmental Development Officer. Support from Council for these action plans was sought in order to enable Council to move ahead and start implementing specifics in the plan.

***Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council endorse the Kaikoura Greenhouse Action Plan which fulfills the requirements of Milestone 3 of the Communities for Climate Protection-New Zealand Programme.***

**Sustainable Business Charter**

The Environmental Development Officer advised herself and the Tourism & Economic Development Officer were eager to progress development of a Sustainable Business Charter for the district and would provide a draft strategy to Council in the near future.

### **Freedom Camping & Educational Flyer**

Included in the agenda was a leaflet drafted by the Environmental Development Officer to be printed and circulated. Comments were sought from the committee.

Councillor Thomas suggested including on the map areas deemed to be “No Camping” areas. The Environmental Development Officer advised while there were a number of areas in the district where camping was officially prohibited, Council had not yet identified “No Camping” sites as it was still in the process of developing a Freedom Camping policy.

Councillor Macphail suggested camping grounds be included on the map along with reference that Council would ideally like freedom campers to stay in camping grounds. He further suggested the landfill be shown on the map.

Mayor Heays asked for the flyer to be placed on Council’s website. The Environmental Development Officer advised the draft Freedom Camping policy would be available to Council at the April meeting.

Councillor Seddon advised it had been brought to his attention that large groups of campers, such as that experienced over the new year period where a group of approximately 40 people from several families converged on the Black Miller area for a three week period, were depleting the district’s marine resources. He believed full recreational fishing quotas were taken by this large party daily over a period of three weeks which effectively cleared that area of seafood, equating to 40 campers taking 10 paua per day, totaling 400 paua per day and further noted he had been informed the campers had a freezer on site. He advised it had been suggested to him that freedom camping be allowed for one day only which he believed was a sensible approach as nobody should be permitted to monopolize fish taken from the sea and access to the beach.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am.***