

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.15AM ON
THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor B Woods (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors S Thomas, B Seddon, J Diver, M McChesney, 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), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer), D Shovel (Food & Health Standards NZ).

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Consent Appeals - Public Excluded (Councillor Diver)

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Freedom Camping Flyer

The Environmental Development Officer advised updated flyers which included location of toilets, camping grounds and the Resource Recovery Centre had been distributed and made available at I-site Kaikoura, Dolphin Encounter, Internet Post, Council's Website and front counter.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

Fifteen building consents with a combined construction value of \$277,050.00 were received for the month of March. Apart from one new dwelling all consents were for minor works.

The Building Inspector advised reconstruction of the retaining wall at the Scenic Circle Site was now underway.

b) Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented the report advising nine new resource consents were received for the period 7 March to 10 April. The Iwi Management Plan was now being considered by Council when issuing resource consents following the recent launch of the plan at Takahanga Marae.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

Six applications to Council's Biodiversity Contestable Fund were received at the time of close on 31 March 2006 consisting of fencing, weed control and planting. Areas of application included

Kekerengu, Blue Duck Valley, Hapuku, Lyell Creek, Waimangarara River area and the Kaikoura High School. It was hoped the panel would meet late April to view applications and make decisions on fund allocation.

d) District Planning

The Planning Officer advised work on District Plan appeals was ongoing. Two matters with regard to the Oceanridge Living Zone had been settled by way of a consent order. A table was included in the agenda outlining how each matter would progress.

e) Environmental Development

The Environmental Development Officer advised herself and the Mayor had recently attended a recognition event in Wellington where Kaikoura was recognized for being the first Council to achieve Milestone Three of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Action Plan for Communities and Corporate Sectors.

f) Environmental Health

Included in the Environmental Health Report was a draft Control of Liquor & Liquor Ban Bylaw. D Shovel advised two separate minuted meetings had taken place with the Mayor, three elected members, Liquor Licensing Inspector, Investigating Officer and Police. Concerns specifically relating to the number of reported offences and the late hour that those offences occurred were discussed. The conclusions of the meeting highlighted the following three rationales by having an effective liquor ban in Kaikoura:

- (i) A proactive approach to reducing crime and vandalism throughout the town, while at the same time raising the profile and image of Kaikoura as a safe, vibrant and welcoming tourist destination.
- (ii) The liquor ban would provide clearly defined boundaries of responsibility, yet promoting the fundamental aim of the Sale of Liquor Act namely “establishing a safe, responsible and reasonable system of control over the sale and supply of liquor to the public”.
- (iii) A liquor ban would hold the transgressing patron directly accountable, providing Police with a proven effective tool to control drunken members of the public drinking in public places and causing general disorder.

Mayor Heays pointed out it was also about raising the profile and image of Kaikoura as a safe, vibrant town and welcoming to its residents as well as tourists.

D Shovel advised while it included sports grounds such as Takahanga Domain it would not affect special licenses. It was also

not designed to affect the responsible family environment as police would be more interested in drunk and disorderly people.

Councillor Woods suggested South Bay be included if freedom campers were allowed to camp there. D Shovel advised that desire may come out of the public consultation process.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.56am.