

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.30AM ON THURSDAY
20 JULY 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

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

1. REPORTS

a) Building

The Building Inspector advised 12 building consents were issued for the month of June.

b) Monitoring

The Monitoring Officer advised monitoring was ongoing and complaints had been few however a complaint had been received regarding a new depot being set up on Red Swamp Road. She advised the person setting up the depot did not own the actual property it was being set up at and noted there were gravel extraction piles and machinery being parked on the site.

Councillor Macphail advised of a helicopter owner in the Hapuku settlement that had built a large shed to house it and asked if it was a resource consent issue.

The Planning Officer advised the District Plan allowed for home based occupations in the rural zone. In terms of the depot being set up, a consent would be required as there was no dwelling on the site.

The Chief Executive Officer advised in terms of the helicopter query, provided noise levels and building standards were complied with then he believed no consent would be required.

Mayor Heays enquired if any complaints had been received about the bright lights of the Hapuku treehouses. The Monitoring Officer advised she had not been approached regarding this matter.

c) District Planning

Planning Officer, M Hoggard, advised he believed A Macdonald had decided to proceed to the Environment Court.

Planning Officer, R Vaughan, advised a hearing date of 28 August had been set down by the Court for this matter to be heard although

mediation was still taking place and it was hoped the matter would not have to proceed to court.

The Planning Officer advised a report on Urban Design Protocol would be provided at the next meeting.

d) Environmental Development

The Environmental Development Officer presented the report.

Community Satisfaction Surveys

The Environmental Development Officer advised Community Satisfaction Surveys had been mailed out to 300 homes. The deadline for completion had been extended for a further week as only 25% had been returned by the due date. Three \$50.00 meal vouchers were being offered as an incentive to return the survey.

Sustainable Business Charter

A meeting was scheduled for 26 July for businesses interested in setting up a Sustainable Business Charter.

Litter Hotspots

Included in the agenda was a map of the district identifying the areas where litter was a problem within the district. The sites included the following:

- Kowhai Go Cart Track
- Kowhai River Beds
- Hapuku River Banks
- Mangamaunu/Kiwa Road
- Seal Colony
- Bellbird Corner – Inland Road
- South Bay
- Stoney Creek
- Whakatu Quay
- Whale Watch Carpark

Councillor Macphail advised he felt there was a huge problem within the district and asked if Council was going to do anything about the identified hotspots. He noted it appeared the molok bins were being overused by locals also.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Environmental Development Officer was presently putting together a draft Litter By-law to be brought back to Council in order to enable Council to act on those dumping litter.

Councillor Woods suggested a lock and chain be placed at the go-cart track and that a bond be paid and a key issued and returned to those that wished to use it. It would still enable people to use the area but would encourage responsible use.

Councillor Macphail advised it was a public area that he would not like to see the area locked up, especially since Council had recently approved a landscape concept plan for the area.

The Chief Executive Officer highlighted the fact that there were facilities such as recycle bins and molok bins and signage at most of the places where rubbish was being dumped and Council did need to look at by-law provisions in order to take some enforcement action.

Councillor Diver noted the problem with the molok bins was if one or two bags of rubbish were placed outside the bins then others followed suit.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05am.