

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.50AM ON
WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), J Woodgate (Committee Secretary), D Laughton (Building Inspector), M Hoggard (Planning Officer), R Vaughan (Planning Officer), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor B Woods

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

July was a positive month for building consents with 23 consents with a combined estimated construction value of \$2,185,150.00 issued. 7 Code Compliance Certificates and 9 Land Information Memoranda were also issued for property transactions.

The Building Inspector informed Council that in respect to the pavilion area at Cedar Properties at Mangamanu, this area would include such facilities as swimming pools, tennis courts and other recreational facilities.

The issues outstanding concerning caravans parked at Omihi had been resolved with the offending units having been removed. It was noted Council did not evict them and eviction was undertaken by the Camp Manager. A letter will be sent to other camping grounds within the district to formalise this process and in future when camping grounds are re licensed they will have to comply with the regulations. The Building Inspector advised there was a possibility there would be problems with one other camp and they may have to change their camp designation to include permanent structures. Councillor McChesney reported that she had received very positive feedback from the public in regards to the article which was printed in the Star a few weeks back concerning this topic.

b) Resource Planning

M Hoggard informed Council that Global Property Investments wished to proceed with their Resource Consent application which was currently on hold. He advised the Planning Department were still awaiting more detail to continue on with the Works Infrastructure Resource Consent application.

Mayor Heays requested a progress report on the Scenic Circle Hotels site on Churchill St as the only work undertaken was the retaining wall which was completed quite a while ago and there has been no further news. The Building Inspector advised he had not heard anything over the past three months but previous to this time frame they were aware that Scenic Circle was interested in putting in an extra seven units however this could be a problem as the allocated parking area was already minimal.

Councillor Macphail enquired about the progress of the South Bay Seawall in which the Chief Executive Officer advised that Council was looking at having an informal meeting with all the involved parties to see if there could be resolution on some of the outstanding issues. From there we will request a formal pre hearing meeting.

Councillor McChesney enquired as to what the variation to condition one of the Montessori Resource Consent was. M Hoggard replied that one of the recessions planes had been broken, however neighbours approval had since been granted as had the resource consent.

Councillor McChesney requested clarification on Kowhai Banks as apparently the industrial ideas for this area are changing. This could well be developed in the future for industrial development. So far there are 5 lots of 16-19 ha each.

c) Monitoring / Biodiversity

J Denton advised Council she had received a lot of positive feedback surrounding Councils involvement with the funding of projects around the District. It was announced that Sarah Smith from the Kaikoura High School had come first equal in the Environmentalists award.

Councils Environmental Development Officer has put a proposal to the Parliamentary Commission to the Environment based on all the positive things that we are doing around the District. It will be titled “Kaikoura 100% committed”.

d) District Planning

M Hoggard and R Vaughan are still working on resolving appeals for the District Plan. The only outstanding appeal is the height control in South Bay. The Planning Officers are now waiting on a date to be set in the Environment Court.

e) Environmental Development

The Chief Executive Officer stated the N Sherriff and A Patterson had recently attended the Sustainable Business Charter meeting. A small number of businesses turned up, in the future will try to encourage even more attendees. There have been a few ideas that N Sherriff was quite keen to try and implement in Kaikoura such as having a plastic free town and undertaking business energy audits. A Patterson reported that Southland District Council have had a lot of success with this programme.

The Community Satisfaction Survey has been completed and the Environmental Development Officer was now making a start on collating this data.

A special Council meeting was scheduled for next Wednesday to hear submissions to the Freedom Camping Policy.

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

2. URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL

The Chief Executive Officer assured the Councillors that the Urban Design Protocol would provide the District with another tool in the tool box of what should be considered with street scape and provided a frame work to use as a guide.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that this would not be a full time role to be taken over such as Green Globe. At present we do have a staff member that is familiar with the concept of Urban Design and she has consented to work with this protocol if it was adopted.

Councillor Seddon believed this was a have, another unrealistic idea put out by Government.

The Chief Executive Officer made a suggestion that the item lay on the table for another month in time for the next agenda. The Urban Design Protocol would be distributed to all Councillors. The Chief Executive Officer was under the impression that the protocol had already been handed out to the Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.43am.