

**REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.25AM ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 20/09/2006

Moa Point Sea Wall

Mayor Heays enquired how the recently held pre-hearing meeting went. The Planning Officer advised there appeared to be a lot of negative feelings from residents regarding the Sea Wall and as a result the application would be put on hold as residents felt they had not been consulted with enough. She advised it appeared the residents wanted one thing and the fishermen wanted another and that it would be very valuable to get both sides together.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the application would be put on hold until issues between residents and fishermen were resolved. Councillor Woods suggested a public relations campaign be undertaken by Council.

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Advertise Map of Whale Watch Peninsula Building Platform

Councillor Diver suggested a colour map would be very useful in the Kaikoura Star. Councillor McChesney requested information on accessways also be included. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would make arrangements to meet with the Kaikoura Star to discuss it.

Letter to Camp Ground Owners

The Building Inspector advised letters had been sent to all camping grounds re compliance and responses were now awaited.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Building Inspector presented the report advising it had been a very busy month with 31 Building Consents with a combined construction cost of \$4,080,699 issued.

b) Resource Planning

September was a quiet month in the Planning Department with 4 new applications received.

Councillor Woods asked if Council had made a submission on Works Infrastructure's application to Environment Canterbury. The Planning Officer advised a flood review report had been prepared and peer reviewed by Environmental Canterbury, and the general feeling from flood experts was that either side of the Kowhai River in that area was not safe.

Councillor Seddon advised he personally could not see a problem with Works Infrastructure shifting out there noting if anything it could be an advantage in the event of a flood.

Mayor Heays advised he had been approached by a number of concerned residents asking him to do something about it and suggested Sir Kerry Burke be invited to come to Kaikoura to talk to concerned residents however he was having difficulty getting Environment Canterbury to come to Kaikoura.

Councillor Woods felt it was an ownership and credibility issue and that Environment Canterbury needed to justify their activity having taken the land from the previous owner and now wanting to offer it to someone else. Councillor Woods asked if the Mayor had the support of the Council for persuading Environment Canterbury to visit and speak with concerned residents. The majority of Councillors supported Mayor Heays, excluding Councillors Pablecheque and Diver who chose not to be involved.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Officer advised the Biodiversity Contestable Fund was open for its second round of applications. Letters of thank you had been received from previous recipients K&M Hamilton and D Eaton.

d) District Planning

The Planning Officer advised matters relating to the District Plan appeal on South Bay height restrictions were scheduled to be heard by the Environment Court on 30 October 2006 and Planning Officer M Hoggard would be representing Council on this matter.

e) Environmental Development

BTCV Group

A group of 5 British Trust for Conservation Volunteers were due to leave Kaikoura following two weeks of working on a number of

projects including Trees for Travellers, Shearwater Colony on the Peninsula, rock graffiti on the Peninsula track and weed eradication.

Draft Zero Waste Management Plan

The Draft Zero Waste Management Plan, recently completed by Swiss intern Ueli Maass, and peer reviewed by Council Planning staff and Innovative Waste Kaikoura staff was currently being edited and would be available for Councillor comment at the November meeting.

f) Environmental Health

Included in the report from the Environment Health Officer was a comment on the lack of support and clear inconsistency for the approval process of the Public Health Risk Management Plan.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was required to provide a plan of risk management on its various water schemes. Food & Health Standards had initially put together a template which had been provided to Crown Public Health and been accepted. D Shovel of Food & Health Standards NZ had prepared a very detailed risk plan for Council however due to staff changes Crown Public Health were now saying the plan was too detailed.

Councillor Diver noted turbidity was required to be data logged every minute and suggested Crown Public Health were possibly beginning to understand how unnecessary and over the top it was.

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 10.17am.