

**REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.40AM ON
WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Map of Whalewatch

Planning Officer R Vaughan advised she would meet with the new Star reporter later in the week.

Zero Waste Management Plan

The Environmental Development Officer advised a copy of the draft Zero Waste Management Plan would be available at the December meeting.

Green Globe Audit

The Environmental Development Officer advised figures were currently being processed and a report would be available for Councillors at the December meeting.

Community Satisfaction Survey Results

The Environmental Development Officer advised the results of the recently completed 2006 Community Satisfaction Survey would be available to Councillors at the December meeting.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Building Inspector presented the report advising 12 consents with a combined construction value of \$840,000 were issued for the month of October. He advised there were approximately 15 sets of plans waiting to be lodged for housing within two new large subdivisions.

The Chief Executive Officer noted the Building Control Unit would be very busy processing building applications with very little time to update manuals in line with the new Building Control Act.

b) Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented the report advising resource planning enquiries remained steady. Pressure had just began for sign off of titles for larger subdivisions prior to Christmas.

c) Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Officer presented the report. She advised QE11 would be holding their next board meeting in Kaikoura late November and a small event was being arranged to meet with locals who had taken part in the Significant Natural Areas process to date to celebrate the progress made and the project itself.

d) District Planning

A decision was expected to be received around Christmas time with regard to an appeal against the District Plan on South Bay height restrictions. Environment Court hearings had been held in both Christchurch and Kaikoura where evidence was presented by expert witnesses from both parties.

e) Environmental Development

Recycling Promotion - Magnets

The Environmental Development Officer advised funding received from the Zero Waste Trust had been used to produce fridge magnets encouraging residents and visitors to recycle more effectively. The magnets were expected to be distributed to all accommodation providers and households by the end of November.

Peninsula Walkway

The official opening of the walkway was scheduled for 16 December and interpretation panels were expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUDGET REPORT

Councillor Woods asked the reason for the large discrepancy in Statutory Planning. The Chief Executive Officer advised Statutory Planning income was down due to the lack of resource consents. Subdivisions were well under half of what had been anticipated as were land use consent applications however figures were expected to increase in line with the recent increase in applications received.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.14am.