

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.45AM ON
WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

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).

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Macphail

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

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Zero Waste Management Plan

The Environmental Development Officer advised the final draft had been completed and would be presented to Councillors at a workshop early in the new year.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Building Inspector presented the report advising November had been an extremely busy month with thirty nine building consents with a construction value of \$5,320,140.00.

Mayor Heays asked if there was any way the Building Control Unit could steer owners of dwellings being demolished in the direction of Innovative Waste. The Building Inspector advised while demolition teams were directed to Innovative Waste, care needed to be taken in what was accepted as recycled building materials to ensure the material, when re-used, was durable for 50 years.

b) Resource Planning

The Planning Officer advised the period from 8 November to 11 December had been very busy due to the signing off of titles for R D Hughes Developments Ltd, Seaview Kaikoura and the Dowle subdivision.

The Planning Officer thanked Councillors of the Hearings & Applications Committee and reminded Councillors of the shutdown period from 20 December 2006 to 10 January 2007 as provided for in the Resource Management Act.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

Biodiversity Contestable Fund

The Biodiversity Officer advised the Biodiversity Contestable Fund was open for a second round of applications until 31 March 2007 and was generally aimed at assisting landowners with biodiversity related projects on private land.

Advisory Group

The Biodiversity Officer advised she had been attending Biodiversity Strategy Advisory Group Meetings to assist in creating a “Regional Biodiversity Strategy” which was a joint venture between many agencies throughout the Canterbury region.

Councillor Woods commended the Biodiversity Officer on the great work she had undertaken for the district.

d) District Planning

District Plan Appeals

The Planning Officer presented the report advising agreement had been reached with Environment Canterbury on rural subdivision and density issues however a decision from the Environment Court on South Bay height restrictions was still awaited.

Regional Policy Statement

The Planning Officer advised the key concern Kaikoura District Council had with Environment Canterbury’s Regional Policy Statement was that Council had recently been through the issue of landscape matters via its district plan and Environment Canterbury were now saying they wanted to re-look at them. It was hoped the Regional Policy Statement would be similar to Council’s District Plan otherwise Council may be faced with having to change its plan.

The Planning Officer advised Environment Canterbury were reviewing their 1993 plan and had landscape experts looking at 1993 studies and individual plans.

Councillor Diver asked the Planning Officer if he was aware of Environment Canterbury stormwater discharge consents for occupants of Beach Road. The Planning Officer advised he was aware of a discharge consent for Mitre 10.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was currently working on trying to get a global consent on the whole of the town and had consultants working on it. He advised himself and the Asset Manager had recently met with Environment Canterbury who had suggested they may look at putting a stormwater drain down the bottom part of Beach Road that could connect into the existing discharge point. He advised there were a lot of properties along Beach Road that had had to get individual discharge consents so Council was now reviewing where its discharge points were, the catchment size and how it could improve the situation for the community.

e) Environmental Development

Kaikoura Walkway Development

The Environmental Development Officer advised the South Bay Recreation Reserve upgrade and walkway was officially opened at a dawn ceremony on Saturday 16th December. She advised it had been a very successful event and commended Department of Conservation and Runanga for organizing the event.

Green Globe Benchmarking Success

The Environmental Development Officer advised Council was again successful in its benchmarking process, being the 5th year to achieve this. Included in the agenda were the indicators that had been measured which showed 8 out of the 17 indicators were above best practice. Councillor Woods noted it was a huge achievement internationally to be benchmarked again.

f) Environmental Health

Mayor Heays noted the report stated, as part of the domestic food review, that all food premises would be required to have a food control plan aimed at highlighting associated risks which would require significant input from Local Authorities in the auditing of processes and expressed concern that Local Authorities would end up paying for the process.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Local Government at national level had been involved and as yet no decision had been made. He advised there were a couple of options whereby local authorities may become more involved or may become less involved and self monitor.

Councillor Diver noted the report stated “domestic” and asked if it meant households, which he believed would be rather crazy. Councillor Woods suggested the Environment Health Officer be asked to clarify “domestic food review”.

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

3. RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST

It was noted the following resource consent applications listed on the Resource Consent update list were now completed.

- GD & BA Taylor
- T F Smith
- PE & MM Chapman
- Long Family
- Bradbury Property Limited

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.33am.

