

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.39AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Woods (Chair), Councillors J Diver, S Thomas, B Seddon, M Pablecheque

**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).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Councillor M McChesney

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor K Heays

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

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

**Draft Zero Waste Management Plan**

The Environmental Development officer advised the draft Zero Waste Management Plan had been updated to reflect Councillors comments following the workshop held on 17 January and a final draft would be provided to Councillors shortly.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

5 Building consents with a combined construction value of \$268,000 were issued for the month of December 2006 and 16 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1,902,629 were issued for the month of January 2007.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised building control was busy processing consents, enquiries and undertaking enforcement work. Building statistics for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 showed 221 building consents with a combined construction value of \$20,194,469 were issued.

**b) Resource Planning**

The Planning Officer advised the start of the Christmas and New Year period had shown an influx of resource consent applications received with quite a few likely to generate public interest. It was envisaged additional hearings would be required given the increase in notified applications with a busy 2007 expected.

*c) Monitoring/Biodiversity*

The Biodiversity Officer presented the report advising since the beginning of 2004 when there were no registered QE11 covenants in the district, there were now 5 fully registered covenants ranging from 863ha to .577ha; 5 approved and being progressed toward registration; 4 subject to Board approval; and 3 expressions of interest.

*d) District Planning*

**District Plan Appeals**

A decision was received from the Environment Court in favour of the Council in that they believed it was appropriate to maintain the general principles of 5.5 metres maximum height for building in the South Bay area.

Rural Subdivision and density had been signed off and presented to the court for signing.

Information was being provided to the Historic Places Trust for the formation of alert layers in order to assist in identifying areas of the district where a greater probability existed of accidental discovery.

The Planning Officer advised overall it was unlikely the Proposed District Plan would be ready for adoption prior to April.

*e) Environmental Development*

The Environmental Development Officer advised surveys had been undertaken over the past few days which to date was indicating there had been a drop in freedom camping.

Councillor Macphail noted that in the report it stated the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association had recently entered into an agreement with the Kaikoura Trotting Association enabling members to stay overnight at the racecourse without charge. Councillor Macphail expressed concern at this and recalled the Trotting Club had recently sought rent relief from Council and yet they were allowing free overnight camping.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would look into the matter to ascertain whether an annual fee was being paid to the Trotting Association by the Motor Caravan Association.

**Green Globe**

The Environmental Officer advised the community had achieved certification again and noted the following:

- Kaikoura air quality is 84% above baseline level
- Biodiversity is 14% above baseline
- Waste to landfill is 43% above baseline
- Water use is 25% above baseline

It was noted Kaikoura was significantly above baseline in all measurable areas. It was further noted water quality and energy use were two areas that could be improved on however.

*f) Environmental Health*

The Environmental Health Officer presented the report advising he had been busy with liquor licensing, environment noise and new and existing mobile food sellers throughout the reporting period.

The Environmental Health Officer advised central Government had agreed to New Zealand Food Safety Association's proposal to redesign the domestic food regulatory system. The aim of the domestic food review was to encompass all food providers, meaning Kaikoura would gain a significant number of previously exempt premises onto its register such as school kitchens, farm stays, bed & breakfasts, hotels and motels.

Councillor Woods asked the Environmental Health Officer if on the whole he found New Zealand premises sanitary and compliant. The Environmental Health Officer advised he felt an element of risk assessment within New Zealand was dragging the chain with key issues being temperature control and cross contamination, however the New Zealand Food Safety Association was producing a lot of good information regarding this.

**Water Monitoring**

The Environmental Health Officer advised he was continuing to take a very proactive and conscientious approach to water quality monitoring and the public health aspects attached to maintaining safe drinking water.

**Liquor Ban**

Councillor Pablecheque requested an update on Kaikoura's liquor ban. The Environmental Health Officer advised he was not aware of any specific concerns and noted problems that had occurred in the past had dissipated since the introduction of the liquor ban. He advised he would be undertaking monitoring in March and would also be looking at under age drinking in bars.

*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 10.31am.*