

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.40AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton, N Burnby (Building Inspectors), M Hoggard (Planning Officer), R Vaughan (Planning Officer), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer).

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Draft Zero Waste Plan**

The Environmental Development Officer advised a final draft of the Zero Waste Plan would be provided to Councillors within the next couple of weeks.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Building Inspector presented the report advising 16 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1,861,400 were issued for the month of February 2007. He advised Building Control remained very busy with most of Building Inspector N Burnby's time being spent on accreditation documents for Council's application to become an accredited Building Control Authority (BCA).

N Burnby advised the new building manual unfortunately bought up a whole new range of procedures to be followed, with a huge emphasis for everything to be recorded.

Councillor Macphail asked if there was much inter-council communication with the process. N Burnby advised Kaikoura District Council had been working with 11 other Councils, including Christchurch City Council, with a view to having a joint approach. Kaikoura was now at the stage where it had to initiate its own specific procedures and requirements which varied hugely between Councils. He advised it was fair to say that the cost of building consents would increase substantially. To date it had cost Council approximately \$40,000 to go through the process excluding staff time.

The Mayor commended N Burnby and D Laughton for the tremendous amount of work they had put into the accreditation process.

**Scenic Circle**

Councillor Diver noted the “Value of Building Consents Issued” graph included in the agenda needed to be amended as he believed it was creating an artificial high by including the Scenic Circle resource consent application lodged in 2002/03. He advised the consent had since lapsed and not been proceeded with and should therefore be removed from the graph.

***b) Resource Planning***

The Planning Officer presented the report advising processing of resource consents was back in full swing with 15 new resource consents received for the period 12 February to 8 March 2007.

***c) Monitoring/Biodiversity***

The Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer presented the report advising monitoring was ongoing with fewer complaints received.

It was noted 5 applications had been received to Council’s Biodiversity Contestable Fund which was due to close at the end of March .

***District Planning***

The Planning Officer presented the report advising District Plan appeals were just about completed and it was hoped the Proposed District Plan would be ready for adoption by the end of April 2007.

**Regional Policy Statement Review**

Representatives of Environment Canterbury were looking to meet with Council to discuss the review of the Regional Policy Statement. The Chief Executive Officer advised a workshop would be the best forum for such a meeting.

***d) Environmental Development***

The Environmental Development Officer presented the report.

**Fencing of Davidson Terrace Railway Crossing**

The Environmental Development Officer advised fencing of the Davidson Terrace railway crossing was now completed. She advised the cost had been shared by On Track and Council and both sides of the track were now fenced.

**South Bay Domain Landscaping Plan**

Council Officers were working with Department of Conservation and a landscape designer in order to draft a landscape plan to enhance the South Bay domain area. Preliminary plans had been received and input from Councillors was sought via a workshop.

**Solar Street Lights**

The Environmental Development Officer advised Council was looking into trialing two solar street lights for a six month period. She advised solar street lights may provide an opportunity for Council to significantly reduce emissions and to save considerable expense in

annual running costs, maintenance and functionality. The trial would be the first within New Zealand and would be at no cost to Council.

The Environmental Development Officer advised a solar street light presentation was expected to take place at the April Council meeting.

It was suggested a trial light be placed outside the squash courts since there was no power there. The Environmental Development Officer advised the Asset Manager had suggested 5 sites and the squash courts was not one of them. Councillor McChesney requested a list of the 5 sites be advised to Councillors at the next meeting when the presentation was given.

#### **Speed Limit to Seal Colony**

Councillor Woods expressed concern at the horrendous speed limit on the road to the Seal Colony and asked why it was not reduced to 30km per hour from Fyffe House.

The Chief Executive Officer advised a walkway was currently in the budget for this strip of road however he would raise the matter with Council's Asset Manager.

#### ***e) Environmental Health***

Councillor Woods asked if pamphlets were available at Council reception with information on producing food in the home environment for sale to the public. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would look into the matter.

### ***3. RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST***

Included in the list was an application for a private camping site for 10 persons. Councillor Woods asked if the New Commercial Hotel had a private camping license. The Planning Officer advised he would look into the matter and advise back.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.37am.***