

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.07AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (Planning/District Planning Officers), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer), L Rice (Building Control Technical Clerk).

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Signage

It was advised signage adjacent to Harakeke Mall had been removed.

Signage at Hapuku Lodge was being followed up by the Planning Administrator.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Senior Building Control Officer presented the report and introduced L Rice, Council's newly employed Building Control Technical Clerk.

Final accreditation documentation had been forwarded to IANZ for final approval which would be followed by a pre-site assessment by an IANZ Inspector. Advice had just been received advising accreditation had been extended from 30 November 2007 to 30 June 2008.

b) Resource Planning

While processing of resource consents had slowed down, work was continuing on several large notified resource consent applications. R Vaughan advised she had recently attended a hearing for Ngai Tahu Property Limited where the applicant had taken up most of the 3 days presenting their case. Submitters were heard however neither Council or Environment Canterbury had the opportunity to be heard.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Officer advised Conservation Week had been coordinated by T Jenkins on behalf of Council, Department of Conservation and Environment Canterbury. It had been a successful joint agency project and had finished off with a relay race on the Peninsula.

d) District Planning

Planning Officer, R Vaughan, presented the report advising formatting of the District Plan was about to commence.

Planning Officer, M Hoggard, had attended an extremely worthwhile conference titled International Cities, Town Centres & Communities which covered a variety of topics including the following topics which were considered relevant to Kaikoura:

- Affordable Housing
- Business Improvement Districts
- Council led development
- Urban design

West End Upgrade Meeting

R Vaughan advised a successful public consultation evening on the upgrading of the West End had been held with all attending supportive of the idea. Upgrading of the footpaths was the first item to be looked at and the group had asked for the working party to report back within a fortnight. The meeting had been successful in terms of community buy in with feedback from attendees received that people had felt listened to and consulted.

e) Environmental Development

Plastic Bag Free

The Environmental Development Officer advised an additional \$3,000 funding had been received from the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee for this initiative. Local schools had forwarded logos for the bags and it was hoped to have printing finalized by the end of August in order to distribute one bag to each household by the end of November.

3. DRAFT ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Included in the agenda was the Draft Zero Waste Management Plan. Under the Local Government Act 2002 Territorial Authorities throughout New Zealand were required to develop and adopt such a plan.

Councillor Diver asked if it would become binding on Council. The Chief Executive Officer advised before Council adopted it feedback would be sought from the public and it would be reviewed in 12 months time.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the Draft Zero Waste Management Plan be approved and made available for public consultation.

4. ENVIRO SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

C Nelson and K Price of Enviroschools provided a presentation to Council on Enviroschools. They advised Enviroschools was the initiative of Hamilton District Council and had 13 regional coordinators and 56 facilitators who worked with schools. They

advised Enviroschools fitted very nicely with Kaikoura's Green Globe status and 6 of the 7 schools in Kaikoura were enviroschools.

Enviroschools offered multiple benefits such as:

- **Environmental**
Enhancing biodiversity; reducing waste; saving energy; protecting waterways.
- **Social**
Leadership amongst peers and community; reducing bullying and vandalism.
- **Educational**
Knowledge; project skills; decision-making; planning experience; sense of place and heritage.
- **Economic**
Financial savings; students running entrepreneurial enterprises; links between schools and businesses.

80% of funding came from the Ministry of Education via a 4 year contract with the balance of funding received from Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and Vodafone NZ Foundation.

Enviroschools requested Council to become an Enviroschools funding partner by pledging \$5,000 per annum over the next 3 years

Councillor Seddon suggested it may be more appropriate to approach Environment Canterbury to fund Enviroschools. K Price of Enviroschools advised Environment Canterbury had been funding the programme at a significant level for a number of years. Now that the programme was starting to grow they were looking at City and District Council's to contribute to a proportion of the costs which provided ownership and support for the programme

The Chief Executive Officer advised \$5,000 per annum over the next 3 years was a very small investment in terms of Council's aims outlined in its Long Term Council Community Plan and also complimented what Council's Environmental Development and Biodiversity Officers were doing.

The Biodiversity Officer advised she would provide a report at the next Council meeting along with a recommendation and a short presentation from one of the local schools involved.

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 11.38am.