

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 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), D Shovel (Food & Health Standards NZ).

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Signage at Hapuku Lodge**

R Vaughan advised she would chase this matter up.

**2. ENVIRO SCHOOLS PRESENTATION**

Enviroschools facilitator V Lubrick, along with teachers and pupils from Kaikoura Primary School attended the meeting and provided a presentation to Council on how Enviroschools was working at Kaikoura Primary School. It was an extremely interesting visual presentation that had been prepared by the pupils of Kaikoura Primary School.

To support the continued facilitation of the six Kaikoura Schools currently participating in the Enviroschools project, a funding contribution from Council of \$5,000+Gst for three years was requested at the conclusion of the presentation.

***V Lubrick and Kaikoura Primary School pupils and teachers left the meeting at 9.45am.***

Councillor Seddon advised in principle he was against the request for funding in terms of all the little organization that came to Council and requested funding and asked if there was any guarantee of what Council would get for its contribution. The Biodiversity Officer advised a contract, outlining what Council could expect to receive, would be requested prior to any funding being handed over.

Councillor Diver advised schools had been teaching pupils gardening and the like for many years. Many questions were asked by Councillors such as:

- Why 3 years?
- Could it not be reviewed in 12 months?
- Would the project grind to a halt if no funding was provided by Council?

- Could the funds be given directly to actual schools in order for it to stay in the Kaikoura district?
- Is this environmental blackmail?

The Chief Executive Officer advised Enviroschools had advised if Council did not financially support the project they may not be able to guarantee a facilitator to the district. If funds were given directly to the actual schools, the onus would be put back onto the schools but there would be no one driving the project.

Councillor Seddon asked where the funds would come from as he believed they should come out of Parks & Reserves rather than from the ratepayer. The Chief Executive Officer advised the funds would come out of general funds and would be included in future budgets as coming out of general funds. Kaikoura was going down the route of environmental sustainability and this was the perfect way to get future generations on board early. If Council provided a commitment for 3 years, in terms of the contract it could request a review on an annual basis. Such an arrangement would provide certainty to Enviroschools and enable Council to look each year to see if it wished to continue. It would also provide accountability.

Councillor Diver advised he believed the project should be funded by Central Government and the issue was about giving \$5,000 away to Environment Canterbury.

***Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Mayor Heays that Council support the ongoing facilitation of Kaikoura Schools through the Enviroschools programme and become a local programme funding partner by contributing \$5,000 + Gst per annum for three years.***

***Amendment to Motion:***

***Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that Council support the ongoing facilitation of Kaikoura Schools through the Enviroschools programme and become a local programme funding partner by contributing \$5,000 + Gst per annum for three years subject to a contract being prepared and an annual report being provided back to Council.***

***Against: Councillor Diver***

***The amended motion became the substantive motion which was put and carried.***

### **3. CANTERBURY DRAFT REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

***Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council adopt the Canterbury Region Biodiversity Strategy.***

#### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

##### ***a) Building***

22 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$1,639,906 were issued for the month of August, along with 33 Code Compliance Certificates issued for completed works.

An on-site pre-assessment visit was received from IANZ which produced a very favourable outcome report with only minor work required to get manuals up to speed. The Chief Executive Officer noted the work undertaken by the Building Control Unit had been tremendous in the timeframes allowed.

##### ***b) Resource Planning***

District Planning Officer, M Hoggard, presented the report advising processing of resource consents was increasing with 7 new resource consents received for the period. It was noted mediation was scheduled later in the week for Midway Limited and T Thompson.

##### ***c) Dog/Stock/Noise Control & Security Report***

Included in the agenda for the first time was a report from Council's Dog, Stock, Noise Control & Security Officer, for information.

##### ***d) District Planning***

District Planning Officer, R Vaughan, advised South Bay had been surveyed and as a result the definition of ground level would be amended in the Proposed District Plan and a contour plan would be used as the basis for ground level. The contour plan was lodged with the court for approval. It was noted it would be most likely not be signed off prior to the election process and would therefore be unable to be adopted by the present Council.

#### **Transit New Zealand**

Staff from Transit and Council met on 5<sup>th</sup> September to discuss possible changes to the Strategic Transport Study document with the outcome that several changes were required to focus on the overall transport network rather than specifically State Highway requirements. The West End intersection was raised and the point was made that even though no one had died at this intersection, it was still a problem. It was also pointed out that the lack of cyclists and pedestrians in the district was primarily due to safety issues. It was made very clear to Transit that these matters were missed in the report.

The Chief Executive Officer advised there were two exercises going on, one looking at the roading issues in Kaikoura, and the other was looking at the whole of Canterbury and identifying all of the key issues with the aim to put a case up to Central Government to get further funding for roading for the Canterbury region.

#### **West End Working Party**

A footpath upgrade within the West End was planned in order to provide a cosmetic upgrade for the area in the first instance and kick

start the rest of the works. Suggestions from a recent public meeting had been incorporated into an action list for staff to follow up with businesses to ensure items were addressed.

Councillor Woods requested to see a copy of the plan. Mayor Heays expressed concern at the use of exposed aggregate on footpaths as he believed it was hard to maintain.

***e) Environmental Development***

The report was presented by the Environmental Development Officer. She advised the trial solar streetlight had recently been erected in Whitby Place.

**Ministry for the Environment Funding**

The Environmental Development Officer advised through the National Tourism Waste Group, the Ministry for the Environment were funding a 3 year pilot project to place recycling stations in various towns throughout New Zealand and an application was in the process of being submitted for Kaikoura. It was noted Kaikoura had received great support from the Tourism Waste Group to be put forward as a pilot community.

**Lions Club Seating**

Included in the agenda was a map identifying locations around the urban coastline for the placement of seats by Kaikoura Lions Club. Council staff and Kaikoura Lions Club were working closely to finalize appropriate locations.

***Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Council support Council staff to work with the Lions Club to allow for the placement of seating at the following locations:***

- ***Southern end of Whale Watch Car Park***
- ***Northern end of Garden of Memories***
- ***Churchill Park, opposite Hospital***
- ***Lookout/water reservoir***
- ***Jimmy Armers Beach- Point Kean (potentially 3 seats)***
- ***Toms Track***
- ***South Bay Reserve (potentially 2 seats)***
- ***South Bay Parade***
- ***Walkway from Ocean Ridge to South Bay***

***f) Environmental Health***

D Shovel, of Food & Health Standards New Zealand, presented the report advising August was traditionally a quiet month. There had been a slight decrease in the number of enquiries, calls and complaints and those received were investigated and satisfactorily completed.

It was asked if the amount of infectious diseases reported in the district was low for the size of the district. D Shovel advised it was very low, however he expected to see more campylobacter cases with lambing occurring.

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that the Environmental Services Reporte be received.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.24am.*