

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.48AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Ransley (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors B Woods, J Diver, M McChesney, J Macphail, N Pablecheque, D Holmes,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planning Officers), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer), L Rice (Building Technical Support Officer), K McBride (Food & Health Standards NZ).

**2. REPORTS**

**a) Building**

The Senior Building Control Officer presented the report advising 15 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1,998,393 were issued for the month of November. 19 Code Compliance Certificates and 9 Land Information Memoranda were also issued.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised it seemed a general approach was not being undertaken by IANZ as they appeared to be changing and raising the bar on information required to become accredited. He believed IANZ were trying to spread the process out to make it look like Council's were not ready whereas IANZ appeared to not have the resources.

The Chief Executive Officer advised there was an acute shortage of building inspectors throughout the country and he had recently employed an additional building inspector from the United Kingdom whom he hoped would be in Kaikoura by late January.

**b) Resource Planning**

Seven new resource consents were received for the period 12 November to 11 December. District Planner, M Hoggard, advised an official appeal withdrawal had been received from Waterfront Apartments Ltd.

**c) Monitoring/Biodiversity**

Letters were written to all licensed premises throughout the town centre regarding noise levels over the holiday period.

**Biodiversity**

The Biodiversity Officer advised she had recently attended a Farm Discussion Group field day which had provided an opportunity to advise members of the group of Council's Significant Natural Areas

project and of other opportunities and assistance available to landowners.

Applications for Council's Biodiversity Contestable Fund were open until the end of March.

***d) District Planning***

District Planner, R Vaughan, presented the report advising the District Plan was currently being printed and it was hoped a special Council meeting to launch and adopt the plan would be held early in the new year.

A sample section of footpath upgrading intended for the West End was completed outside the Library for residents to comment on and a memo was sent to businesses seeking feedback. Councillor Diver asked R Vaughan to ensure the letter seeking feedback on the West End footpaths was sent to all those that had attended the West End upgrade workshop earlier in the year.

***e) Dog/Stock/Noise Control***

Mayor Heays suggested M Devine be invited to attend future meetings to present this report.

***f) Environmental Development***

The report was presented by various staff and it was noted the role of Environmental Development was now being shared between planning staff and the Biodiversity Officer.

**Kiwa Road Toilet**

J Denton advised the new toilet facility had been placed at Meatworks surf break on December 12<sup>th</sup> and landscaping of the surrounding area would be coordinated by herself and volunteers from the Board Riders Association. Councillor Woods advised of a lady living in the vicinity of Kiwa Road eager to be involved with caretaking of the area.

**Recycling in Public Places Initiative**

R Vaughan advised 4 new recycling bins would be installed throughout Kaikoura's town centre over the summer period as a result of Kaikoura becoming a pilot community for the government "Recycling in Public Places" initiative.

Councillor Woods advised she would like to see the Council initiate a system of recognition for recycling for both private and commercial recyclers

***g) Environmental Health***

K McBride presented the report and advised issues around party pills had now been resolved. It was noted water results at Mangamaunu Beach had failed twice and Environment Canterbury were looking at sources of contamination such as from seals and camping activities in the area.

*Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.42am.*