

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.33AM ON
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2008 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), R Vaughan (District Planning Officer).

1. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Town Rubbish Collection *Councillor Ransley*

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Naming of West End Bridge

Councillor McChesney advised the Road Naming Sub-Committee had met and names along with meanings would be included in the April agenda to be ratified by Council.

Recognition system for recycling

The District Planner advised she would endeavour to provide a report for the April agenda.

3. REPORTS

Building

The Building Control report was taken as read in the absence of the Building Control Officer. It was noted consents and inspections were being taken care of by S Dale, Council's external consultant.

The Chief Executive Officer advised IANZ Accreditors were due back in Kaikoura on 27th & 28th March to check off the 14 corrective actions that were identified at an earlier visit. It was hoped all would go well and that Council would achieve accreditation.

District Planning

The District Planner presented the report and advised the Zero Waste Management Plan would be discussed as part of a workshop scheduled to be held on 27th March.

Environmental Health

The Chief Executive Officer noted issues around drunkenness had been raised in the Environment Health Report and suggested these issues be raised with the local police officer at the public excluded section of the Council meeting.

In terms of signage on Council's alcohol ban in the town centre, the Asset Manager was working with another Council to get effective signage placed throughout the town.

The District Planner advised she was awaiting confirmation of the completion of printing of the District Plan and hoped to hold a launch in May.

Resource Consent Update List

The District Planner advised consent for Works Infrastructure to relocate to Kowhai Ford Road had been granted since the printing of the agenda.

Dog/Stock/Noise Control

M Devine presented the report and advised a lot of dog control issues were ongoing. He felt the recent issue in Ludstone Road had been resolved however one of the complainants was still not happy. There had been an issue when the dog had puppies as the noise increase however the dog owner was now complying and had only two dogs which were kept at the rear of the property. M Devine advised there was an issue in South Bay where there was a menacing dog and the owner had no fencing.

M Devine advised noise control had become an issue of late. As a matter of form, he carried an abatement notice when called out and the abatement notice was issued the majority of the time in order to reduce the noise level. There was a problem however that when Police were called after hours on 111, the call went to the communications centre and they would not call out an officer for a noise control issue. The Chief Executive Officer advised the law stated that police must attend after an abatement notice was issued.

Mayor Heays advised he had heard talk of cameras being installed in the West End. M Devine advised quite a few individual businesses were looking at installing cameras and he was encouraging them to place them on the outside of their businesses.

Councillor Woods asked if it would be helpful if Council was to look at reducing the hours of trading on licensed premises. M Devine advised there was certainly an issue after 2.00am in the West End however it was unfortunate that local police did not operate on a swing shift. It was asked if it was locals or visitors to the town that were causing all the problems, to which M Devine advised it was a mixture of both but most of the damage was caused by locals.

Four complaints were received throughout the month regarding stock and two incidents were attended on state highway however no stock were located at the time. It was suggested the Chief Executive Officer liaise with Transit New Zealand in terms of who's responsibility it was, Council or Transit, when stock wandered onto the State Highway.

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

4. URGENT BUSINESS

Town Rubbish Collection

Councillor Ransley requested Council instruct its contractor to empty the Molok Bins once a week; clean up Scarborough Street once a day; and to empty bins at South Bay 2-3 times a day at peak time.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the details of the frequency of rubbish collection within the existing contract would need to be looked at and that there would be an additional cost if the frequency was to be increased. Rubbish was often left beside the bins when in fact the bins were not full. He advised the issue was not just about emptying the bins but about educating people to place the rubbish within the bins.

Councillor Woods asked if extra work was required or whether it was work already within the contract but not being achieved. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would check the contract to see what the frequency was.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.46am.