

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.39AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2008 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), R Vaughan, M Hoggard (District Planning Officers), J Denton (Environmental/Biodiversity Officer).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Councillor B Woods

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Frequency of bin emptying**

The Chief Executive Officer advised the contract allowed for bins to be emptied once daily and twice daily between Christmas and New Year and public holidays.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

***Building***

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report advising a revisit by IANZ Assessors had been undertaken and Kaikoura District Council had been recommended for full accreditation status as a Building Control Authority.

Building consents were being processed within the 20 working days statutory time frame.

***Resource Planning***

District Planner, M Hoggard, presented the report advising five new resource consent applications were received for the reporting period. He advised Scenic Circle had been asked when construction was expected to commence at their Churchill Street site to which they had advised 4 years. Council had gone back to Scenic Circle suggesting that given the long time frame, they may need to speak to neighbours and had also been asked to keep the site tidy.

***District Planning & Environmental Planning***

District Planner, R Vaughan, presented the report. A workshop was scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> April for Council to discuss the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, and for further feedback on the Regional Policy Statement.

***West End Footpath Upgrade***

Mayor Heays asked for a timeframe for upgrading of footpaths in the West End. The District Planner advised costs were awaited however

the work was scheduled to take place during the winter months. Councillor Macphail noted it was now bordering on winter and expressed concern that winter may be gone by the time it was completed.

### **Solar Lights**

Feedback was sought on the recently installed retro fitted solar streetlights at both Whitby Place and Toms Track. Councillor McChesney advised she had heard very positive feedback and that it was fantastic having light on the Whitby Place corner. The Chief Executive Officer advised if the lights proved to be successful they could be useful for sites such as country roads where there was no power supply.

### ***Biodiversity/Environmental Projects***

The Biodiversity Officer presented the report advising the Biodiversity Strategy had been launched and the steering group had been successful in seeking funding for a regional coordinator. It was hoped to have a coordinator in place by the end of the year to implement the strategy.

The Biodiversity Contestable Fund closed with 5 applications received. The Biodiversity Officer advised the process would be reviewed and bought back to Council as it was the third and final round of the fund.

### **Trees for Travellers**

A Memorandum of Understanding was being prepared to help assist Trees for Travellers and to identify areas available for planting. Trees for Travellers were looking to plant 1500 trees per year.

### **South Bay Reserve**

The Biodiversity Officer sought suggestions from Councillors for upgrading of the entranceway to South Bay Reserve.

### **Mangamaunu Management Plan**

The Biodiversity Officer advised she was aware of past discussions for a management plan to be developed for the Mangamaunu area and while it was on her agenda, it was not a priority. She expected it would involve the same working party that had worked on the toilet facility at Kiwa Road.

The current trial period for the cleaning of the Kiwa Road toilet facility had expired. The Biodiversity Officer advised she would work with the current cleaners, Kaikoura Board Riders to see if they wished to continue cleaning the facility.

### ***Dog/Stock/Noise/Security Control***

M Devine presented the report advising 23 complaints had been received regarding dogs for the month of March. It was noted the dog issue in Ludstone Road had recently been heard in court where the dog owner was fined \$250 plus court costs.

### ***Environmental Health***

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report advising a boil water notice had been issued at Peketa due to heavy rain experienced recently. The notice would stay in place until 3 consecutive clear samples were received.

### ***3. LYELL CREEK UPDATE***

Three representatives from Environment Canterbury attended the meeting to provide an update on Lyell Creek. They advised a Stream Care group was formed in the year 2000 which had started off monitoring of the stream. They advised small land blocks were still the major contributors to pollution of Lyell Creek. Fencing was still required in some areas and a focus would be put on drainage of small blocks, riparian planting and stockwater with assistance available for property owners from the Environment Enhancement Fund, Honda Trees, and district rating.

Environment Canterbury were required to monitor the bathing quality of beaches and this was undertaken at two sites in the Kaikoura district being the town centre, and the Kahutara river. It was noted the site by Lyell Creek unfortunately continued to be graded poorly when it was hoped it would be getting better. Environment Canterbury advised in only needed 2-3 cattle being in the water to cause poor results. Environment Canterbury advised they planned to follow up on individuals who were supposed to have their properties fenced from the stream and to have a meeting early June with the Streamcare group.

Councillor McChesney advised the stream was quite disgusting by the town bridge as there was a lot of rubbish in it to which Environment Canterbury responded water management was their issue, and rubbish was a District Council issue. Mayor Heays advised one of the major problems for Council was the unsightly state of the creek, especially since the district was Green Globe accredited and asked what could be done about the unsightly state of it. Environment Canterbury advised there was no magic fix, to have a permanent opening would cost a lot of money, and suggested smaller groups be formed to look at the options. Councillor Macphail suggested it would be inexpensive to do a costing for a breakwater, which would provide information as to what amount of money was required. He suggested the quality of the water may be improved if a fountain was put in to aerate the water.

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