

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.30AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2008 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton, T Jeal, L Rice (Building Control Team), R Vaughan (District Planner), K McBride (Environmental Health Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M McChesney

*Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Initiate reward system for recycling**

The District Planner advised this item was not a priority within her workload.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

New Building Consent Officer, T Jeal, was introduced and welcomed to Council. The Senior Building Control Officer advised an accreditation certificate had been received from both IANZ and Department of Housing.

On behalf of the Council Mayor Heays congratulated the building team for all the hard work involved in reaching accreditation advising he had also been asked by the Minister of Building to pass on his congratulations to Council staff for achieving accreditation.

It was noted monthly newsletters had been instigated which were being sent to all local builders. Mayor Heays requested a copy be sent to Councillors each month also.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the deadline for Councils that had not achieved accreditation had been extended a further 9 months as there were still some 50 odd Councils to be accredited.

**b) Biodiversity/Environmental Projects**

**Arbor Day**

Approximately 30 volunteers had offered to help plant trees, supplied by Trees for Travellers, on Council reserve land adjacent to Jimmy Armours Beach on Arbor Day, 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Chief Executive Officer encouraged Councillors to lend a hand.

### **Volunteers**

The first group of international volunteers had arrived and were being kept busy with riparian plantings, weed control and general enhancement work for Council, Environment Canterbury and Department of Conservation.

### **Regional Weedbusters Awards**

S Blunt, of Kaikoura, was nominated by Council for a Weedbusters Award for all the work undertaken on her Bay Paddock Road property which contained 6 QE11 covenants. S Blunt won first prize in the private land category and was judged best overall. An awards ceremony, hosted by Weedbusters, was scheduled to take place at the June Council meeting.

#### *c) District & Environmental Planning*

The District Planner presented the report advising the official launch of Kaikoura District Council District Plan was scheduled to take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The plan would be adopted at an extraordinary Council meeting on that day which would be followed by a celebration launch.

### **Composting of Disposable Nappies**

It was hoped a composting facility for processing of disposable nappies would be up and running by October 2008.

### **West End Upgrade**

Costings were expected to be received on three options for the upgrading of the West End footpaths and once received would be presented to the West End Working Party. Each tenderer had also been asked to provide a timeline for the works.

#### *d) Dog/StockNoise/Security Control*

The Chief Executive Officer asked Council if it wished the Dog Control Officer to attend regular monthly meetings to present the report. Councillors felt attendance at quarterly meetings would be adequate.

#### *e) Environmental Health*

K McBride of Food & Health Standards presented the report advising she was still receiving complaints regarding two accommodation providers. K McBride advised it was pleasing to find the general standard of food hygiene was a lot higher than had been anticipated.

Councillor Macphail asked it if would be worthwhile setting up a grading system for food standards. K McBride advised she would like to see a grading system introduced in the future and noted Dunedin City Council worked under a grading system and also had a Bylaw whereby food premise staff were required to have food hygiene training and certification.

***Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council investigate the introduction of a Food Hygiene Bylaw.***

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

### **3. ENVIRO SCHOOLS**

Kaikoura Enviroschools facilitator, Valerie Lubrick, and 3 pupils from Kaikoura High School Eco-Council provided an informative presentation to Council. Currently 5 schools in the Kaikoura district were involved with the enviroschools programme, with a 6<sup>th</sup> school on hold. 5 schools in the district had gained bronze awards with a further two working towards silver awards.

The pupils advised they were excited to be attending a Youth Jam in Rotorua later in the year which would be a motivation and involved 3 day conference where schools got together from all around New Zealand to teach each other about sustainability.

One of the main projects for the Kaikoura High School Eco Council was to beautify the entranceway to the school however this was awaiting funding from the PTA for a new Kaikoura High School sign. When asked what they hoped to achieve, the pupils advised they hoped to make the entranceway an asset to the school and something everyone who attended the High School was proud of.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.47am.***