

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.30AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), R Vaughan (District Planner), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer), J Denton (Environmental/ Biodiversity Officer).

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 19/8/2009

eDay

Councillor Ransley advised there had been four pallets of printers and computers delivered to Innovative Waste on eDay. The District Planner advised there had been no charge to dump electronic equipment on eDay, there was normally a charge of \$10. She advised the computers and equipment collected on the day were shipped to Hamilton where parts which could be used in New Zealand were removed. The remaining parts were sent to Korea to a recycling plant which had been visited to ensure its integrity.

South Bay to Ocean Ridge Walkway

It was noted the cost of this project was more than originally budgeted. The Biodiversity Officer advised the funding Council had received for the project some years prior was not enough to cover the cost of the project now.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Dog/ Stock/ Noise Control and Security

Councillor McChesney commented on the number of complaints received regarding noise at Churchill Street. The Chief Executive Officer advised the issue had been ongoing for 10 years. He advised from Council's perspective no action was required as the noise did not breach the standards.

b) Building

The Senior Building Control Officer advised August had not been a good month for building consents however there was still a lot of enquiry regarding new projects. Councillor Pablecheque commented on the particularly large number of log fire consents issued in the last two months. The District Planner felt this could possibly be attributed to the 'Warm Up Kaikoura Project'. She advised as part of the project people had received a home assessment and she believed there was a large jump in efficiency between an old log fire and a new one.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised there was a legal requirement for builders to become licensed building practitioners by 30 November 2010. After this date it would be illegal for builders to work on a project with weather tight or structural issue who were not licensed. A project completed by an unlicensed builder would need to be signed off by a licensed practitioner. The cost of the licence was \$300 plus an annual fee. The Department of Building and Housing were attempting to put the liability where it belonged and the person who signed off the application would be liable.

c) Resource Planning

3 new applications were lodged in the reporting period and two applications from Realworld had been withdrawn. It was noted the reduction in consent applications had meant there was a quick turnaround time for processing consents.

d) District & Environmental Planning

Regional Coastal Environment Plan

The District Planner advised no progress had been made on the plan change application lodged by Council regarding the fuel facilities at South Bay. A presentation was made to a subcommittee at Environment Canterbury by Council's solicitor and the District Planner however; a decision was yet to be received.

Composting Disposal Nappies

The District Planner advised approximately 29 households had taken up the initiative and approximately one cubic meter of disposable nappies, incontinence and sanitary products had been collected each fortnight.

Te Korowai

The District Planner advised the first meeting of the strategy group was held on the 10th of September and the first issue on blue cod fisheries had been addressed.

e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects

Walk and Cycleway from South Bay to Ocean Ridge

Stage 1 of the track was complete and directional signage would be erected.

International Student Volunteers

Positive feedback had been received from the group of volunteers hosted recently. Interest in hosting another two groups next year had been expressed.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55am