

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.53AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2009 IN MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), M Hoggard (District Planner), J Denton (Environmental/ Biodiversity Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors M McChesney, J Ransley.

*Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Route Security Report**

The District Planner advised he had spoken to M Blyleven from the New Zealand Transport Agency who had offered to present to Council. It was expected the written report would be available for the next Council meeting.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Dog/Noise/Stock Control/Security**

During the month of September 25 complaints had been received regarding dogs. The majority of these related to wandering dogs. The Ludstone Road property had been monitored following the issue of an abatement notice. The owner had since destroyed the younger dog and it was expected this would alleviate the nuisance barking.

**b) Building**

There were 16 Building Consents issued for the month of September with a combined construction value of \$676,200.

**c) Resource Planning**

There were four land use consent applications lodged during the reporting month.

The District Planner advised essentially all parties involved with the Kaikoura Investment Trust application agreed there should be public access to Lake Rotorua.

It was noted late parties to the appeal had been accepted by the Environment Court in regard to the Chesham Estate application.

*d) District & Environmental Planning*  
**Resource Management Act**

The District Planner advised there had been some significant changes to the Resource Management Act and these would require changes to current delegations. Councillor Diver advised there was still no definition for the word 'minor' in the Act. He advised some of the changes to the Act would put pressure on staff to reject applications prior to them being lodged.

The District Planner advised one change now allowed only one request for further information could be made for a non notified applications and two requests for notified applications. It was also noted enforcement action against the crown was now possible but only by a Council. He further advised a lot of the changes made were aimed at streamlining processes.

**Regional Policy Statement**

The District Planner advised he had met with the Regional Council regarding the Regional Policy Statement the previous Monday. He advised there had been a number of positive suggestions in terms of a number of the chapters. However, there was still a push to include the new landscape study. The concern with including this was a number of issues had already been dealt with through litigation during the district plan process. The Chief Executive Officer advised the Regional Policy Statement could change what the community had already decided.

**Street Light Reductions**

The District Planner advised a computer based assessment had been released which allowed parties to make an assessment of existing street lights in relation to current technology. By ensuring appropriate lighting was used for new subdivisions and replacement of existing lighting it was hoped Council would be able to reduce carbon emissions and costs.

**Regional Coastal Environmental Plan**

The District Planner advised Environment Canterbury had agreed to accept the plan change for the fuel facility at South Bay. The plan change would be processed under the Resource Management Act as amended 1 October 2009.

**Pest Management**

The Biodiversity Officer advised Environment Canterbury had modified the scope of their application for the discharge of 1080 to private land only. They were not contemplating the discharge of 1080 on Department of Conservation land. It was expected the application would be lodged in November.

*e) Monitoring and Complaints*

Three complaints were received during the reporting month. These complaints related to dumping of skins and offal on Council land, possible earthworks at Oaro and a swimming pool fence at a property on the Esplanade.

*f) Biodiversity & Environmental Projects*

**Canterbury Restoration Field Days**

The Biodiversity Officer advised she had attended the Saturday of Canterbury Restoration Field Days. This event was run by the Regional Biodiversity Coordinator. She advised this was a larger version of the Biodiversity Bonanza held in Kaikoura earlier in the year and ideas had been collected for future events in Kaikoura.

**Point Kean Walkway**

The Biodiversity Officer advised the Lions Club had commenced the second section of boardwalk on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and it was anticipated this section would be completed prior to Christmas.

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

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40am*