

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009 IN
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business

3. Matters Arising from the Report of 21/10/2009

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4. Minutes Action & Issues List Update

MEETING	ACTION REQUIRED	BY	DATE ACTIONED
	15 JULY 2009		
Environmental Services	Follow up with the New Zealand Transport Agency to obtain a copy of the consultants report on route security.	District Planner	A summary report has been received refer agenda page 16

5. Environmental Services Report

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- *Dog/Stock/Noise Control & Security*
- *Building*
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6. Urgent Business

• **Dog/Stock/Noise Control & Security**

Dog Control

1. October was a very quiet month with a total of eleven calls; six were for located dogs and the rest for lost or wandering dogs.
2. The matter in Ludstone Road has been followed up since the younger dog is no longer on the property and appears to be finally resolved. I will continue to monitor the address to ensure compliance.
3. Of the six calls regarding located dogs, five were reunited with owners after having been identified or reported missing and one was impounded. This dog was subsequently claimed after some time. The owners had been passing through Kaikoura and let it out and he dog ran off. These people did not notify me but the father called some seven days after it was picked up. He travelled up from Christchurch and paid the fees and uplifted the dog.
4. There was another matter concerning a barking dog in Kotuku Road, South Bay. A little dog had caused complaints from an address. I am in the process of monitoring and following up with the owners at the present time.

Stock Control

1. Seven calls were received regarding stock, all related to cattle or lambs on the state highway. Five were attended and stock had either been removed or was removed off the road by the Stock Control Officer. On the other two occasions the farmers were called directly and attended. The lambs at this time of the year push through the fences and graze the sides of roads but normally do not go any further as the mothers are still in the paddock.

Noise Control

1. Three calls were received. Two related to Seafest and one for a private function. I spoke to the complainants regarding the Seafest Big Bash complaints and both seemed comfortable that the noise would stop at the finishing time. The one other was spoken to and noise levels were reduced.

Closed Circuit Camera's – West End, and Toilet Facility

1. The system is performing well and during the period no Council related incidents were reported.

• **Building**

There were 12 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$1,010,999 for the month of October 2009. These consents were for:-

Log Dwelling with log burners
Shed
Cooking Hut and Ablution block
Remodel bathrooms and add swimming pool
2 New dwelling
3 marquees
Toilet
Dwelling renovation
Garage

There were 10 Code Compliance Certificates issued for completed projects in October 2009.

There were 8 Land Information Memorandums requested for the month of October 2009.

Kaikoura has now received confirmation from International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) that we have successfully completed the 2nd phase of audits and have been granted full accreditation status including Regulation 17 Quality Assurance.

The next audit is scheduled provisionally for June 2011.

The Technical Administration Officer is currently undertaking the annual audits on the building consent process which are scheduled for completion by January 2010.

The Senior Building Control Officer is currently arranging appropriate documentation for the purposes of issuing Infringement Notices. Legislative changes in July 2008 require Building Consent Authorities to issue infringement notices/fines for non compliance of the Building Act 2004 (within the District there has recently been a spate of projects being commenced without the requisite building consents being uplifted). It is anticipated that this process will commence early December.

• **Resource Planning**

Resource Consent Update: From 13 October 2009 to 10 November 2009

Five new applications were lodged during this period. Four applications are for land use consent and one is for subdivision consent. No new notified applications were received. Notified applications currently in process include:

- **Kaikoura Investment Trust Ltd – Acacia Downs Stage II** – Additional discussions have occurred with the parties and an additional memorandum has been submitted to the Environment Court. All parties are now in agreement that public access (walking and cycling) shall be provided to Lake Rotorua. The location of this walking and cycling access has been debated at length. The only possible access to the lake which does not contain a third parties land involves access from Dairy Farm Road. As this route is longer than the original proposed route the applicant has agreed to maintain it for 30 months. A memorandum is currently being prepared for the Court.
- **Chesham Estate** – Subdivision on Scarborough Street – The late Section 274 parties (parties to the appeal) were a party to the mediation with the agreement of the applicant and Council but hadn't been officially accepted into the process by the Environment Court. Mediation assisted by the Environment Court occurred in Kaikoura. General agreement has been reached and a set of conditions have been presented to the Environment Court for approval.
- **Global Property Investment** – Subdivision at Mangamaunu. Applicants are now talking directly to Historic Places Trust to refine the sensitive locations which are unsuitable for development.

Number of resource consent application remains flat. The follow up with un-consented visitor's accommodation continues. The reduction of consent applications allow for quick turnaround time for resource consents.

Changes to delegations to reflect the changes to the Act have been drafted for Council approval. Consent applicants which have been on hold for further information prior to 10 August 2005 are being advised that their consent will lapse unless the further information is provided before 1 October 2010.

• Resource Consent List Update

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 13 OCTOBER 2009 TO 10 NOVEMBER 2009.

Resource consents decisions issued:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity	New Lots Guest No.
Relocate dwelling	S Mansbridge	397b Inland Road	
Exceed site coverage	Vining & Kirk	17 Austin	
2 Lot Subdivision	Albatross Backpackers KK Ltd	Torquay Street	1
Build 6 units to provide accommodation for 16 guests	Serenity Lodge Kaikoura Ltd	Kincaid Road	16
Land use –Noncompliance with density standard	Housing NZ	12-14 Kiwi Street	

Active consent applications currently in process:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Gravel extraction – landuse	NZ Railways Corp	Clarence River
2 Lot subdivision and landuse	D Harnett	42 Harnetts Road
Licensed Restaurant in rural area	Ranald & Narie McDonald	73 Athelney Road
Extend dwelling in floodzone	Ian Scott	5 Mill Road
Visitor Accommodation 4 and Under	Shayne Kavanagh	52 Avoca Street

Consent applications awaiting receipt of further information requested from applicant or on hold:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
1 Lot Subdivision in flood hazard area	GJ Boyd	Old Beach Road, Hapuku Settlement
9 Lot subdivision	R J Raw Limited	232-234a Beach Road
2 lot subdivision	Tormar Holdings Ltd	Cnr Margate & Torquay Streets
Music festival	C Macfarlane/D Clouston	St Highway 1, Kekerengu
Sign Consent	The Woolshed - Davidson	Beach Road
Signs Consent	Wilson*	State Highway 1, Hapuku

Subdivision- Separation of existing title	Matariki Farms	State Highway 1 Clarence
Land Use – Visitors Accommodation 12 Chalets	MacFarlane	Kekerengu
Subdivision – Create one additional allotment	A & T Flavell	102A Torquay Street
Subdivision & Land use – Rural subdivision in Hapuku	Global property Investments Ltd	State Highway 1, Hapuku
Subdivision: 2 lot subdivision & dwellings	Rearon SJ & AR	19 Old Beach Rd
5 lot subdivision, retain existing buildings	Nelson Diocesan Trust Board	16 Yarmouth St & 37 Torquay St
Land Use - Build 7 unit apartment	100 Torquay St	100 Torquay St
Visitor accommodation 2 guests and non-compliance with height standard	N Mitchell	13 Swyncombe Place

Consent applications subject to appeal under sections 120 and 358 of the Resource Management Act:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Subdivision and Land use	Kaikoura Investment Trust – Acacia Downs	Rakanui Road - Lake Rotorua
Subdivision and Land use	Chesham Estates Ltd	Scarborough Street

Consent applications subject to objections under section 357 of the Resource Management Act:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
None		

Consent Applications declined:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
None		

Consents withdrawn

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity

Consent applications subject to application for declaration under section 311 of the Resource Management Act: Nil

* Denotes Retrospective Consent

• **District & Environmental Planning**

District Plan & Environmental Planning Report Covering November 2009

Change to Key Legislation

As a result of the changes made to the Resource Management Act 1991 discussed at the October Environment Services Meeting a report on changes to delegations has been included in full Council.

National Policy Statements

Renewable Electricity Generation

A decision on the above is awaited.

National Freshwater Policy

Hearings are now completed and a decision from the Committee is awaited.

New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

Changes to the draft New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement recommended by the Board of Enquiry has gone back to the Select Committee for consideration. It is not known when the Policy Statement will be released, but some progress has been made.

Canterbury Regional Council

Regional Policy Statement (RPS)

The RPS for chapters relating to Landscape, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity, Beds of Lakes and River and their Riparian Zones, Soils, The Coastal Environment are moving to formal consultation. Environment Canterbury are currently undertaking formal consultation and accepting comments until 31 October 2009. Recommendation from Environment Canterbury staff will be made to their Council on 11 November 2009. Notification is expected in mid 2010, providing another opportunity for input.

Regional Coastal Environment Plan

As of 23rd September, Environment Canterbury have accepted the Plan Change. As this plan change has not been notified it will be processed under Resource Management Act as amended 1st October 2009.

Pest Management

As advised in October, Environment Canterbury plans to lodge the resource consent application for discharge of 1080 in November. Council have a number of information days leading up to the December meeting.

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

Beach Road and West End Intersection

Further discussions remain ongoing.

State Highway Route Security

A summary of the proposed Strategy has been made available (received by Council on 9th November 2009). Submission close on the 27th November 2009. A full copy of the strategy has been requested on 9th November, New Zealand Transport Agency consults have advised that this has not been completed and will be sent as soon as it is finalised. At this stage it is difficult to make a submission until the complete document is seen. However based on the summary it appears that the following areas may require submission:

- Recognition of Climate Changes and the impacts this will have on coastal areas and recognition of “Earthquake Hazard Assessment” produced by Environment Canterbury.
- The importance of alternative links for Kaikoura and State Highway 1 given the vulnerability of the coastal highway.
- The impact of freight vehicles (the freight load is expected to double by 2020).

Truck Stop

A second meeting is still to be scheduled. The final scope for the truck stop concept has not been finalised. Councillors will be kept informed of the process.

Street Names

Old Beach Road and Old Beach Road

A letter has been sent to all residents along the section of Old Beach Road Hapuku Settlement advising that it is likely that the name will be changed to Hapuku Road, Hapuku and that the matter will be addressed in Council’s December meeting. Any objections in writing have been requested by 4th December 2009.

Potential Plan Changes

Business/ Industrial Zone

Discussions are ongoing with the landowner how to best progress this project.

Ocean Ridge

The changes to the chapters have undergone peer review and David McMahon of Resource Management Group (RMG) will look at discussing some suggested changes to the subcommittee in the near future. Agenda will be formalised as soon as comments are received by RMG.

Community for Climate Protection (CCP)

Ongoing work is occurring to reduce emissions and waste.

Street Light Reductions

Council staff are aiming to attend a presentation on the right light for street lighting. The following web site is suggested as a good source of information for lighting at home, business or trade. <http://www.rightlight.govt.nz/>. Council will be kept informed of the outcome of the lighting seminar. It is hoped that Council will be able to undertake both costs saving and carbon emission by ensuring appropriate lighting is used for new subdivision and replacement of existing lighting.

New Zealand Cycleway Project

Council staff has received the criteria for the Cycleway project, staff are now looking at options. The suggested link to Hanmer is presently not supported by the Hurunui Trails Trust.

Te Korowai

Te Korowai has now been working on specific chapters to release for consultation. Following consultation on specific chapters, the chapters will be incorporated into a strategy which will be notified as a whole. If Council would like to hold a consultation session, please let Rachel Vaughan know. To date the chapters include Blue Cod, Kahawai, Whales, Canyon and sustaining customary practises.

Recycling Centre

Investigation into funding is being sought from outside organisations for kerbside recycling crates. It is worth noting the charge for plastic shopping bags at the local supermarkets have been

removed, however, liaison with the recycling centre will continue to monitor plastic bag disposal rates.

Composting Disposable Nappies, Incontinence and Sanitary products

There is a steady but small group of users for the initiative. Since the promotion with new mothers, there has been a greater up take of the re-usable nappy cash back offer. It seems the majority of mothers in our district use disposable nappies frugally anyway.

Green Globe

The Green Globe benchmark report is complete for 2009 and has been lodged with the audit authority. We are seeing some improvements in Environmental indicators, and are awaiting re-certification.

Monitoring

Monitoring is ongoing and non compliances are being progressed towards resolution.

Complaints

There have been 2 complaints received since the last council meeting and they have either been rectified or are in the process of being rectified.

- Boat wash down area obstructed, South Bay.
- Mobile Shops.

Resignation of Monitoring Officer

R Iles has resigned his position as Planning/Compliance Officer and will finish up here in mid-December. Justine and Rob are off to Canada for a year to indulge in some North American adventures. Rob wished to convey it has been a pleasure working here and he wishes you all the best.

• **Biodiversity & Environmental Projects**

Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy Steering Group Meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in Twizel on Friday 27th November. This group contains representatives from the initial Advisory Group who wrote the Canterbury Regional Biodiversity Strategy, breaking it down into a more workable size. The Biodiversity Officer is the northern Territorial Local Authority representative (representing Kaikoura, Hurunui & Waimakariri). The Steering group focuses on implementing the actions of the Canterbury Regional Biodiversity Strategy which Kaikoura District Council adopted in 2007. Due to the distance, a full weekend of field trips have been arranged to make best use of the time.

We will be visiting –

- Local Federated Farmers representative, Simon Williamson of Glenbrook Station.
- Ohau Conservation Trust (issues – relations with Environment Canterbury, weeds, especially wilding trees, and re-vegetation projects)
- Jim Morris, Ben Avon Station, Ahuriri Valley – High Country Farmer who has large Sustainable Farming Fund grant to investigate carbon sequestration using native vegetation.
- Department of Conservation Team Leader & Project River Recovery.

Walk & Cycleway from South Bay to Ocean Ridge.

Signage has arrived and is due to be installed in the near future.

Coastal Management Strategy – Point Kean Walkway.

Ongoing – the local Lions group are constructing a second section of boardwalk and spending time as and when able. Generally they are working on site Thursdays and Saturdays. Some form of acknowledgement for the group will be arranged when this section is complete.

Biodiversity Contestable Fund

Is now open. Various means of advertising and promoting are being sought to increase the awareness of the fund.

Regional Policy Statement – Indigenous Biodiversity and Ecosystems Chapter.

The District Planner will provide the Councillors with an update regarding this.

Use of 1080 in Kaikoura.

Time has been spent on behalf of our Mayor, investigating efforts by both Westland and Taupo District Councils to reduce or eliminate 1080 use in those districts, and in arranging educational sessions for Councillors.

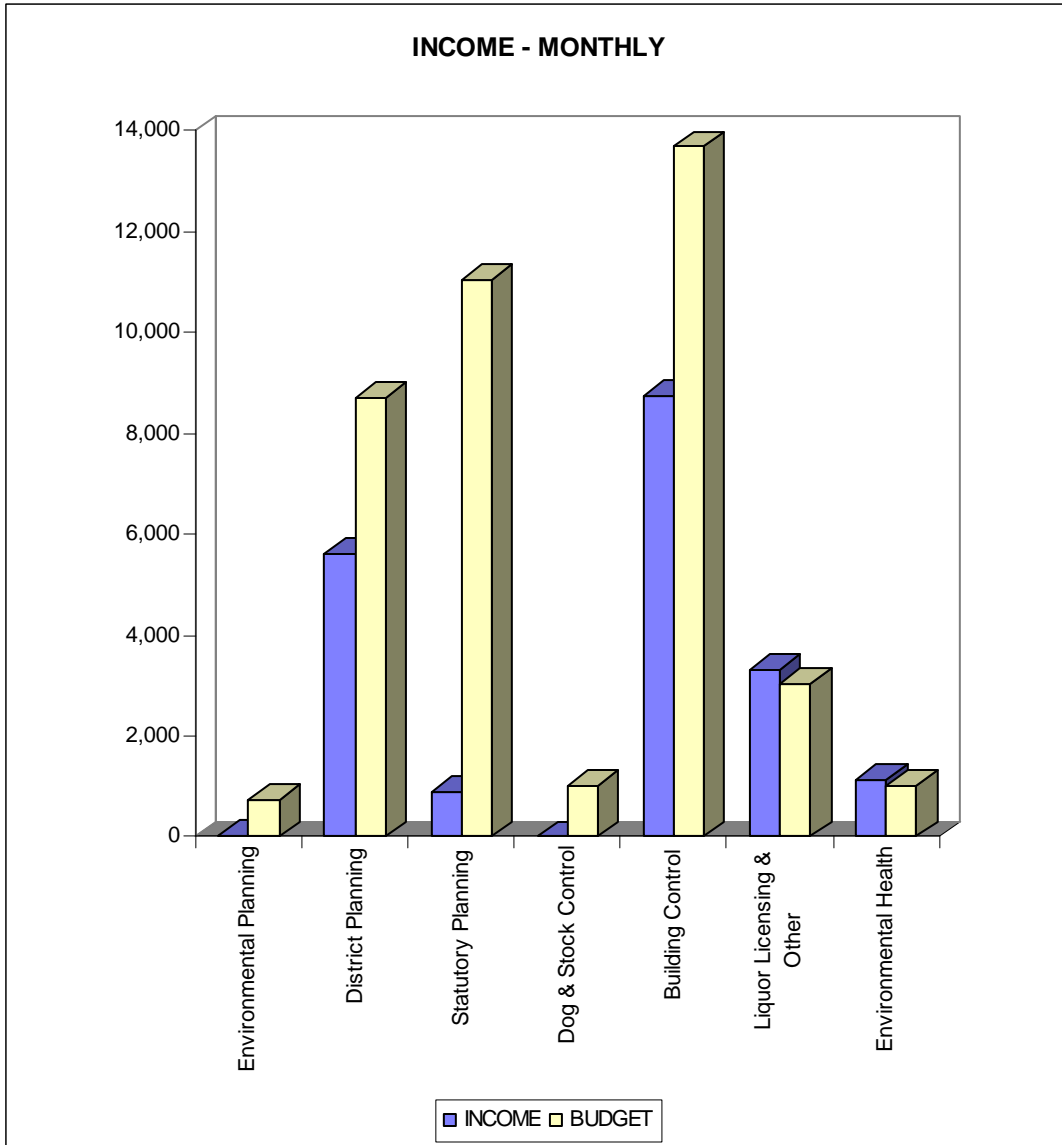
Significant Natural Areas Project.

It is hoped to coordinate further ecological survey work with willing landowners in the near future. Possible landowners will be contacted in the near future to continue this work. Recently time has been spent with two sets of landowners who took part in the project previously; a pest weed management plan has been produced on their behalf. Funding sources will be sought to enable this work to commence. It is hoped that along side this work, that an additional Queen Elizabeth the Second Trust Covenant will be a by product – the site is very worthy of such protection and should have no difficulty in attracting funding for the control & enhancement work suggested by the plan.

Seaweed March 2010.

A meeting will be held on 26 November with the Environment Canterbury's Educator for Sustainability, and other interested groups – looking to arrange activities for Seaweed 2010.

Environmental Services Budget Report



EXPENDITURE - MONTHLY

