

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.40AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009 IN MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), J Denton (Environmental/ Biodiversity Officer), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer), L Rice (Building Technical Administration Officer).

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Route Security Report**

The District Planner advised a summary report had been received from the New Zealand Transport Agency. He had been advised the full report had not been completed. Submissions on the report closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. The District Planner had written to the New Zealand Transport Agency suggesting it would be appropriate for the closing date for submissions to be extended. He further advised the report identified issues relating to route security on the State Highway and excluded urban areas and he felt this was particularly relevant to the Kaikoura District. He believed areas that should be investigated were climate change and rock stability.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

October had been a quiet month regarding dog control complaints with only 11 calls received. All calls related to lost, wandering or located dogs.

Two complaints had been received regarding noise from the Seafest Big Bash function. Councillor Woods suggested it may be a good idea to advertise there would be noise for future years. She felt if people were aware then they would be less likely to complain and this was part of public education.

**b) Building**

The Senior Building Control Officer presented the report and advised 12 Building Consents had been received during the month of October with a combined construction value of \$1,010,999.

Kaikoura had received confirmation from International Accreditation New Zealand that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of audits had been successfully completed and full accreditation status had been granted. It was noted Council was 26<sup>th</sup> in the Country to achieve this result.

The Senior Building Control Officer was currently arranging documentation for the purpose of issuing infringement notices. Changes to the Building Act in 2008 required Building Consent Authorities to issue infringement notices and fine for non compliance of the Act. There had been a recent spate of projects commenced without the building consent being uplifted.

Councillor Ransley congratulated the Building Consent Authority on their accreditation and thanked the Building Technical Administration Officer for all of her work.

**c) *Resource Planning***

4 land use and one subdivision consent application were lodged during the reporting period. No new notified applications were received.

The District Planner advised additional discussions had occurred with parties regarding the Kaikoura Investment Trust – Acacia Downs Stage 2 application and an additional memorandum of understanding had been submitted to the Environment Court. All parties now agreed public access should be provided to Lake Rotorua. It was noted the only possible access to the lake which did not contain a third parties land was from Dairy Farm Road. The track would be vested in Council and Council would be required to maintain this however the District Planner had been working with the applicant for an extended maintenance period of 30 months.

Fish and Game had wished for their members to have boat access to the lake however it was noted there were rules in place which prevented the use of motorized boats on the lake.

**d) *District & Environmental Planning***

**Street Names**

A letter had been sent to residents on the Hapuku Settlement section of Old Beach Road advising the name would likely be changed to Hapuku Road. Objections were to be received by 4 December.

**Ocean Ridge Plan Change**

Changes to the chapters had been peer reviewed by the Resource Management Group. Changes would be discussed with the Plan Change Subcommittee in the near future.

**Business / Industrial Zone**

The District Planner advised a number of sites around the country had been identified for Council to investigate. He advised he had written to the applicant informing Council could do the work for the Plan Change and on charge the cost. The applicant had responded they wished to drive the project.

**Te Korowai**

The District Planner advised specific chapters which included Blue Cod, Kahawai, Whales, Canyon and sustaining customary practice were

currently being worked in order to be released for consultation. Following consultation on specific chapters the chapters would be incorporated into a strategy which would be notified as a whole. The next meeting would be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2009. Mayor Heays advised Maori Television would be showing a feature on Te Korowai.

Councillor Macphail advised Crown Minerals would be undertaking seismic testing in Kaikoura. A meeting was to be held on Monday 23 November in Kaikoura in order for consultation to occur with Tourism Operators.

*e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects*

**Point Kean Walkway**

The Biodiversity Officer advised the local Lions Club was constructing the second section of boardwalk. It was noted the sections constructed to date had been considered to be the most urgent. More links would be constructed in the New Year and it was expected these would be of a boxed footpath style.

**Postmans Track**

The Biodiversity Officer advised S Leary from Ocean View Motels had created a committee of interested people to investigate the reopening of the track. The Biodiversity Officer was not actively involved with the committee but was a liaison.

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

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.23am*