

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.15AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2009 IN MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Ransley (Chair), 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).

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor K Heays.

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

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 18/11/2009**

**State Highway Route Security**

The District Planner advised he had received a copy of the full report from New Zealand Transport Agency on 9 December. Submissions closed on 9 December 2009 however an extended time frame for submissions had been allowed. He believed the report required a stronger focus on climate change and more emphasis placed on alternate routes. He further advised the Inland Road fulfilled a role the State highway did not for oversize and over length vehicles and the report downplayed the closure of the State Highway stating trucks would stop and wait for the road to be open. The District Planner advised it was not just trucks that used the State Highway.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

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

Ten calls had been received in November regarding dogs. Four calls related to barking dogs whilst the remainder related to missing or roaming dogs. The four barking complaints were new matters. Three of these were able to be dealt with in one visit.

Four complaints were received regarding noise. The police were called to one incident as it involved vehicles.

**b) Building**

The Senior Building Control Officer presented the report and advised 22 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$553,100 had been issued for the month of November. 12 Land Information Memorandums had been requested and it was noted this was more than previous months. Five new dwelling consents had been received for the current month.

*c) Resource Planning*

7 new land use consent applications were received in the reporting month. The District Planner advised consent numbers were still down however there had been an increase in parties wishing to gain titles for existing consents.

*d) District & Environmental Planning*

**Regional Coastal Environment Plan**

The District Planner advised Environment Canterbury wished to notify the plan change application relating to the fuel tanks in South Bay. Environment Canterbury had engaged D Todd to undertake a hazard report regarding the state of the boat park area and long term structural integrity and had agreed to pay half of the cost of the report. Council had requested an independent commissioner be appointed to hear the Plan Change.

**Te Korowai**

The District Planner advised Te Korowai had undertaken several consultation evenings and was gaining good acceptance and public understanding of the intention of the group. There had been fear among recreational fishers that their rights would be removed.

**Truck Stop**

The District Planner advised New Zealand Transport Agency had decided to undertake a study as to the most appropriate location for a truck stop and he was not certain if this would be in the Kaikoura District. Land within the proposed business park had been considered however there was concern regarding public money being spent on a truck stop located on private land. There was also debate over the type of structure required.

**Molok Bins**

The District Planner advised the Molok bins located at Mangamunu had been vandalized. She advised there was a high level of contamination and materials retrieved from the bin were often unable to be recycled. She further advised the bins were being used incorrectly and not being used in accordance with Council Zero Waste Policy. The Molok bins had been removed from the Kowhai reserve the previous year and bins had been removed from the South Bay corner the previous month. There had been no issues with the removal of the bins in these areas.

The Chief Executive Officer advised prior to the installation of the Molok bins there was an issue with rubbish in the area so the bins would need to be replaced with an alternative. The District Planner advised it had been shown in other centres when bins were removed people took responsibility for their own rubbish and took it away. At this stage she proposed no replacement and people be responsible for their own waste. She further advised Department of Conservation and other organisations promoted rubbish free parks.

A pamphlet would be distributed in the area and more signage could be placed in the area to remind people to take their rubbish away.

***Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the Molok Bins at Mangamaunu be removed.***

Councillor Diver enquired if stations would be positioned in the settlement for recycling to compensate for no recycling pick up. The Chief Executive Officer advised the bins were currently being abused. If broken glass was mixed with other materials they could not be recycled. The bins resulted in approximately one tonne of waste per week and very little could be done with it. Councillor Diver advised the majority of people were using the bins for recycling. Councillor Ransley suggested residents in the area have a recycling pick up. If residents put their recycling out on one day a week then there would be no build up.

The District Planner advised the area where the Molok bins were currently located was a urupa and should never have been dug. There was an issue with the bins having been located there so long. It was generally felt consultation with residents should be undertaken regarding an alternative.

***e) Biodiversity & Environmental Projects***

**Voluntary Beach Clean Up**

CCSP who were a group based at the Old Convent had volunteered approximately 30 students and staff for a beach clean up. The students had wished to do this for the community prior to returning to America. The Biodiversity Officer felt beach clean ups could be ongoing with the group. The group had also been working with Trees for Travelers.

**South Bay Information**

A mail drop had been undertaken in South Bay. The purpose was to raise awareness about enhancement plans for the South Bay foreshore area, the new walking and cycling links, appropriate use of the tracks, motor bikes in the bay, recycling and archaeology of South Bay.

**Peketa Flood Risk**

A public meeting had been held by Environment Canterbury regarding the flood risk to Peketa residents. The area was subject to flooding from the Kahturara River and a small drain which ran through the village. Environment Canterbury had advised they could set up a rating district and design a plan to mitigate the risk providing residents were in support. The District Planner advised support had not been evident however he felt this could be attributed to the fact not all residents were present at the meeting.

Councillor Holmes advised flooding in the area was an issue because all the protection had been washed away in previous floods and he was surprised at the lack of concern from residents. He believed works were required relatively urgently. Councillor Macphail advised the suggestions put forward by Environment Canterbury were very good and

inexpensive. New Zealand Transport Agency had advised if there was an issue with the culverts then they would upgrade them.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.08am.***