

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.34AM ON
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2010 IN MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

PRESENT: Councillor J Ransley (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors J Diver, N Pablecheque, D Holmes, 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), D Shovel (Environmental Health Officer).

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Macphail, B Woods

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

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Molok Bins

The District Planner advised following the removal of the Molok Bins from Mangamaunu a rural recycling station had been installed at Kiwa Road. All residents had asked for the recycling station to be removed. The residents had advised they did not want any bins or a recycling pick up as they came into town anyway. The District Planner advised there had only been one rubbish incident since the bins had been removed and there was approximately 1 tonne less of rubbish per week to the landfill.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Dog/Noise/Stock Control and Security

There had been 59 complaints/calls regarding dogs over December and January. The majority of calls related to missing dogs. This was attributed to more children at home over the holiday period while parents were at work and dogs had more freedom.

21 calls had been received regarding noise. 16 of these related to the Whitby Place matter. The remainder was public parties and they were attended and dealt with by way of warning.

b) Building

14 Building Consent with a combined construction value of \$1,320,500 were issued in December. In January 9 Building Consents were issued with a combined construction value of \$848,757. The Senior Building Control Officer advised building consents in January were of a minor nature. He further advised there were only four consents remaining on hold and enquiries regarding future projects had dropped off. The Building Control Team was working on accreditation documents

following further guidelines received from the Department of Building and Housing.

c) *Resource Planning*

The District Planner advised the number of consents had remained fairly flat with 6 new application lodged during the reporting period. Five applications were for land use and one for subdivision.

The Kaikoura Investment Trust Limited – Acacia Downs Stage II had received a request from the Environment Court to clarify some plans.

d) *District & Environmental Planning*

‘Go By Bike’ Day

The District Planner advised a successful event for ‘Go by Bike’ day had been held earlier in the day. More than 60 people had attended the event where breakfast goodies, water and Bikewise giveaways had been handed out. She further advised the event had been sponsored by Bikewise.

Te Korowai

The District Planner advised the first meeting of Te Korowai for the year had been held on the 11th of February. She advised Te Korowai hoped to have their strategy published by the end of February.

National Environmental Standards

The District Planner advised the proposed National Environmental Standards may have some impact on the assessing and managing of contaminated sites in the District.

Natural Resources Regional Plan

The District Planner advised the plan had been notified and submissions closed on the 26th of February.

Regional Policy Statement

The District Planner advised staff had met with Environment Canterbury to review the document as a whole and some chapters were still in draft form. The Statement was put together by the Regional Council and territorial authority documents were required to be in line with the Regional Policy Statement. The District Planner felt there needed to be more consideration given to the impact on territorial authorities as there could be significant costs passed on to these.

The Chief Executive Officer advised there was some frustration between what Regional Council Officers wished to see in the document and what Territorial Authority Officers deemed appropriate. He advised the document was supposed to be developed jointly and there were still some issues to be resolved. The District Planner felt there was some concern regarding the upcoming elections and the document was being pushed through without all territorial authorities being in agreement.

New Zealand Transport Agency

The Chief Executive Officer advised the New Zealand Transport Agency had funding available for walking and cycling model communities. He advised at this stage the funding was for larger centres but Council would submit an application. Once the application was prepared it would be provided for Councillors to view.

e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects

Seaweek

The Biodiversity Officer advised a community event day for Seaweek would be held on the 7th of March. The date coincided with Children's Day so a combined event was being organised.

Barbecue with Kaikoura Lions

A thank you barbecue would be held on Monday 22nd of February to thank the Kaikoura Lions for their work on the Jimmy Armers to Seal Colony walkway.

Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust

The Biodiversity Officer advised the Trust had been successful in raising funds for a predator proof fence to surround the colony on the Peninsula. The fence was expected to be completed on 17 February. It was noted the loud speaker used for attracting the birds could be heard by South Bay residents in certain weather conditions. The Biodiversity Officer would talk to the Trust regarding turning this off after twelve o'clock at night.

Biodiversity Contestable Fund

The Biodiversity Officer advised the decision making panel for the Fund was made up of 5 locals who all being landowners may be eligible for funds if they meet the criteria. One panel member had previously made an application. They had declared an interest and stepped out while the panel considered applications. The Biodiversity Officer sought Councils input on managing conflict of interest issues.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that should Biodiversity Contestable Fund members make application to the fund that a conflict of interest be declared and the member is to stand out of any considerations of their application.

f) Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Officer provided a report of activities for the 2009 year. He advised 2009 had been a busy year with a number of proposed legislative changes. He further advised the Voluntary Implementation Programme for Food Control Plans was still being rolled out. At this stage the programme was still voluntary however he hoped to have some details of guidelines in the New Year which would assist Council in directing all food premises towards the change in legislation and compliance.

The Environmental Health Officer advised a national grading system would be introduced as part of the new food bill. He believed a grading

system could be misleading and he would make a submission on this issue. He further advised his role was to increase standards through education.

A submission had been made on the Sale of Liquor Law Commission Review. The Environmental Health Officer advised the Law Commission would be issuing another report in March this year and there would be further opportunity for submissions. An informative newsletter had been sent to all licensed premises during the year advising them of a public meeting, enforcement roles and policing the Act. The meeting was attended by a representative of only one licensed premise.

The Environmental Health Officer advised routine food premises inspections had commenced. He further advised inspectors would be arriving at premises unannounced. Once on the premises the officer was required to identify themselves.

The Environmental Health Officer advised the accommodation provider who had issues with their premises had made significant improvements to cleanliness and the standard of accommodation had improved. He advised he had undertaken visits to other accommodation providers in the district to provide a bench mark for all accommodation providers. He further advised the properties inspected to date were of a very high standard.

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

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Holmes and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely

a. Review of Objection of Conditions of Consent

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