

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.17AM ON
WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 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, B Woods.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), R Vaughan (District Planner), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer).

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Macphail

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

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 17/2/2010

Kaikoura 1080 Working Group

Mayor Heays advised a second meeting of the group had been held the previous night. He advised the group was slowly progressing towards the end goal. M Hunt had been engaged as facilitator for the group. He further advised there were some issues which required clarification and it was expected that these should be clarified at the next meeting.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Dog/Noise/Stock Control

23 calls regarding dogs had been received in February. The majority of these related to lost or wandering dogs.

6 complaints had been received regarding stock. Three complaints had related to one location and the farmer had since addressed a fencing issue.

No noise complaints were received during the month.

b) Building

The Senior Building Control Officer advised submissions were currently invited on proposed changes to the Building Act. He advised he was waiting to see if there would be any backing from Local Government New Zealand. Some of the proposed changes would be more cost effective for clients by eliminating the need to obtain a building consent for low risk type buildings and also allowing builders, once certified, to sign off their own work.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised it had cost Council approximately \$100,000 to achieve accreditation and there could be a complete turn around and he believed there was an intention to decimate

small Building Consent Authorities, however it was noted it was not small Council's who had encountered problems and the accreditation process was borne from leaky homes.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised he would attend a meeting of the Mainland Building Group the following day and changes to the Building Act was the main item on the agenda.

c) Resource Planning

1 new Resource Consent application was lodged during the period and this was for land use consent.

d) District and Environmental Planning

Regional Coastal Environment Plan

Council's proposed plan change to the Canterbury Regional Coastal Environment Plan was to be publicly notified on 17 March. The Plan Change would allow the existing fuel tanks to remain in their current location.

Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

Council staff had been successful in Kaikoura harbour facilities being included in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement as regionally significant infrastructure. The District Planner advised staff had battled since 2006 to have harbour facilities included in the Policy Statement.

Te Korowai

Te Runanga o Kaikoura and the Coastal Protection Society had jointly applied to renew the Rahui for another two year term. Formal support was sought from Council.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the Environmental Services Committee provide a letter of support to the renewal of Rahui for another two year term.

Green Globe Audit

Kaikoura District Green Globe certification audit took place on the 8th and 9th of March. The District Planner advised this years audit was a full audit. She advised the audit was intense with many staff being interviewed and all Council procedures examined.

e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects

Seaweek March 2010

A community Seaweek event was held on 7 March at Fyffe House in conjunction with children's day. The Seaweek theme this year was 'Fish for the Future'. Councillor Woods advised the day was well supported. The District Planner advised some planned activities had not been carried out due to sea conditions.

St Paul's Presbyterian Church Restoration Proposal

St Paul's Presbyterian Church representatives had approached Council regarding restoration options for land on Scarborough Street. They were

interested in options for restoring the site with local natives, seating areas and a walking track to link the Racecourse end of South Bay with the existing Phairs Drain and Toms Tracks. The proposal was to offer the land for community use.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that Council support the project in principal, that a small project group be formed with the relevant parties including the Biodiversity / Environmental Projects Officer and the project progressed. Potential costs are to be calculated early in the project planning and financial support will be sought where able, including on going maintenance costs.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the Environmental Services Report be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49am