

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.28AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 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), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer), J Denton (Environmental /Biodiversity Officer), D Shovel (Environmental Health Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Macphail

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

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

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

May had been a quite month with only twelve dog complaints/calls received. Most of the calls had related to ongoing issues with smell and noise.

5 calls were received regarding stock. All calls except one had resulted in stock being found.

5 noise complaints had been received. One had related to an ongoing matter on Parsons Road. This matter had also been referred to the Building inspector for further investigation as the house did not have a toilet. The remaining complaints related to Whitby Place and no action was required.

The two cameras in the West End were still down following damage to one outside the Strawberry Tree. The new equipment to repair the cameras had arrived however the weather had not been suitable for these to be reinstalled.

Councillor Woods enquired when the contract for the cameras was due to be renewed. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was no specific timeframe for the contract and it could be reviewed at any time.

**b) Building**

13 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$969,500 had been issued for the month of May. 23 Code compliance certificates had also been issued. The Senior Building Control Officer advised a large number of Code Compliance Certificates had been issued as staff

were working through outstanding projects. He further advised numerous enquires had been made regarding all types of projects.

*c) Resource Planning*

7 new Resource Consent applications had been lodge during the reporting period. 2 for subdivision and the remainder for land use consent. The District Planner advised the number of new consent applications was still low but was improving.

*d) District & Environmental Planning*

**Environmental Protection Agency**

The District Planner advised of the new government formed Environmental Protection Authority. The authority would perform environmental regulatory functions. The reform was about brining under one roof a wide range of environmental regulatory functions and providing stronger national direction to the environment roles of regional and district councils.

**Canterbury Regional Policy Statement**

The District Planner advised more work and a collaborative approach would be undertaken to complete the Regional Policy Statement for notification. This would involve experienced members of planning staff working with Environment Canterbury's planners for two or three days per week over a four or five week period.

**State Highway Route Security**

The District Planner advised New Zealand Transport Agency had compiled a report on the security of the route from Seddon to Amberley. Council had made a submission suggesting townships should have been included in the document as well as road and comments had also been provided regarding the status of the Inland Road. A reply from New Zealand Transport Agency had not yet been received.

*e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects*

**International Year of Biodiversity**

A guided peninsula walk to help raise awareness of the International Year of Biodiversity had been held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The free guided walk was an informative journey along a section of the peninsula walkway and had been attended by approximately 20 people.

**Point Kean Walkway**

On 8 June excavation for a 75 metre section of boxed footpath was commenced near the Jimmy Armers toilet block. This section is linked to the new Lion's bridge keeping pedestrians off the road.

*f) Environmental Health*

The Environmental Health Officer was in attendance to highlight key legislative changes which would affect food safety and liquor licensing within the Local Government framework across New Zealand. The Environmental Health Officer advised the new Food Bill which was introduced to central government on 26 May 2010 was a major step

forward for New Zealand's food safety legislation framework, encompassing all disciplines of food safety and enforcement and risk minimization ultimately ensuring higher protection to consumers. Once fully implemented the new legislation would replace the Food Act 1981 and the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974. The new Bill would provide regulatory framework to enable business to take primary responsibility for the sale of safe and suitable food. The Bill set out a range of options to promote compliance including enforcement powers for food safety officers. The Environmental Health Officer advised there would be progressive implementation of the Bill over a five year period.

The Environmental Health Officer advised the Law Commission report entitled 'Alcohol in our Lives' had received 2939 submissions. 151 recommendations from the law commission had been summarized by the Environmental Health Officer. He advised the Law Commission Report had been well received when tabled on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. He advised Council's would have a lot more power with regard to enforcement and there would be opportunity for significant cost recovery. He further advised there would be a separate licensing committee which would allow for local decision making.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49am.***