

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.38AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2010 IN MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Ransley

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

**1. ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORTS**

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

18 calls had been received regarding dogs in August. Nine related to roaming or missing dogs. The remainder related to minor matters of barking.

6 noise complaints were received and all related to band practice on Churchill Street. On one occasion the noise level was above the level set. The band was spoken to and noise levels reduced.

**b) Building**

There were 12 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$1,092,790 issued for the month of June 2010. The Senior Building Control Officer advised five applications which had been on hold had been consented in the previous few days and he advised the volume of work was increasing.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised there had been some resolution with regard to flats on Avoca Street. Council had been pursuing a demotion order however new owners had taken possession of the property the previous day and they would be ensuring the flats were up to standard and boarding up the burnt out house. He advised the new owners were waiting on an engineering report before deciding whether to reinstate the house.

**c) Resource Planning**

The District Planner advised four new resource consent applications had been received. One application was for a 36 bed motel complex proposed for Yarmouth Street. He advised consent may be required from adjoining neighbours however at this stage felt notification would not be required.

The District Planner advised Council staff were currently working through the requirements of the Resource Management Act two yearly survey. He advised it would have been useful for Council to have been provided with survey questions a year in advance to allow for collection of the required data when processing consents.

**d) *District and Environmental Planning***  
**Zero Waste**

The District Planner advised diversion figures for 2010 were down slightly in the second half of the year but were still above sixty percent. She advised it was now evident where the bulk of solid waste was coming from and work needed to be undertaken with businesses to ensure all recycling and food waste was separated from the waste stream.

**Regional Coastal Environmental Plan**

Councillor Macphail felt things were not going well with the Plan Change and there was a lot of pressure on the space and users of the Commercial Boat Park area in South Bay. The District Planner advised the plan change only dealt with the fuel tanks and the seawall was an asset management issue. She advised the Asset Manager had commenced emergency works in the vicinity of the fuel tanks. She further advised the plan change was not changing the status of the area.

Mayor Heays enquired if resource consent could be applied for to protect the boat park alongside the plan change. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had not lodged resource consent for re-nourishment of the area whilst the plan change was underway as staff did not want any confusion. He further advised the aim was to get the plan changed to enable the tanks to remain. He advised if the plan change was unsuccessful and if the tanks had to be removed the work required may change.

Councillor Macphail advised there was confusion from submitters that Council had applied for consent to re-nourish the area. Councillor Macphail felt Council appeared to be treading lightly in an area where they needed to get in and do something. He advised the area was getting more and more damaged and if residents had issues these needed to be worked through. If issues could not be worked through then decisions needed to be made. The Chief Executive Officer advised a meeting with boat park users had been held and a plan had been agreed upon.

The District Planner advised Environment Canterbury was starting to work with Council and it seemed foundations were being set for an easier future. She noted Kaikoura harbour areas had now been recognized.

**e) *Biodiversity and Environmental Projects***  
**International Student Volunteers**

The District Planner advised the last group of volunteers for 2010 were due to leave Kaikoura on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. They had been working on a

range of projects with Trees for Travelers, Environment Canterbury and the Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust.

**Establishment of a Regional Park**

The District Planner advised Environment Canterbury was investigating the establishment of a regional park on reserve land along the Kowhai River, Waimangarra River and Luke Creek. A public meeting was being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August at the Kaikoura Memorial Hall. The District Planner advised this was an Environment Canterbury initiative and was a development of recreational opportunities.

**International Year of Biodiversity**

Kaikoura would be the final destination for 'The Biodiversity Express' a multi media show uniting some of New Zealand's best nature writers and poets with local communities in October. A working group was being set up to coordinate initiatives to coincide with the road show.

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

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10am*