

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.10AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL  
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Burrows (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors J Diver, G Harmon, D Holmes, J Macphail, D Morgan, N Pablecheque.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), J Denton (Environmental / Biodiversity Officer).

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Building Consents**

During the 2010 calendar year 148 Building Consents had been issued with 23 of these for new dwellings. The Chief Executive Officer advised nationally building consent numbers were down however Kaikoura appeared to be maintaining their share but the numbers were still not very good.

**2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

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

27 complaints, the majority relating to roaming dogs, were received in January.

Ten complaints were received regarding noise with several relating to one address in a group of flats in Avoca Street.

**b) Building**

The Chief Executive Officer advised the accreditation of the Building Control Authority was due to take place in April and staff were currently gathering information together. The accreditation process was going to cost \$18,000 and he felt it was excessive. He advised each Building Control Authority was required to be audited by IANZ in order to be able to practice as a Building Control Authority. He further advised at this stage it was unknown how relevant accreditation would be in the long term due to two proposals currently being considered. Submissions closed at the end of March with a decision due from cabinet by the end of June. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was unfortunate in terms of timing because Council was required to continue with the legal framework until it was changed. It was noted all changes to the Building Act had come about from leaky homes.

**c) Resource Planning**

12 new resource consent applications had been lodged between 8 December and 7 February 2011. The District Planner advised the application for the Kaikoura Wharf had been received on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2011.

*d) District and Environmental Planning*

**Beach Road / West End Intersection**

The District Planner advised feedback had been sought from various parties to be passed to New Zealand Transport Agency. He advised the general feeling was that a walking bridge would provide a great option for those who did not feel confident crossing at the currently crossing point. He further advised New Zealand Transport Agency did not currently have any funding for the walking bridge but if the concept was supported and funding did become available it may be able to be implemented.

**Marine and Coastal Areas Bill**

The District Planner advised the Bill had been presented to Parliament for the first reading. She advised the Bill did not appear to have many changes following the submission process.

**Bikewise**

The District Planner advised the Bikewise breakfast had been held earlier that morning and was quite well attended. She advised the next big event was the Mayoral Challenge on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. The Mayor had been provided with a bike by Avanti for the event. She further advised it was pleasing to see how many people in the District were cycling.

*e) Biodiversity and Environmental Projects*

**South Bay Landscaping Report**

The Biodiversity Officer advised in 2007 Council had been provided with landscaping proposals for the South Bay reserve at the entrance to the Peninsula walkway. At the time Council had been supportive of a plan with some amendments and a budget of \$50,000 was allocated. The Biodiversity Officer noted some components of the chosen plan and amendments had been initiated and completed. Council staff had reviewed the plan with regard to the remaining budget and taken into consideration what would work on the site from past experience and wished for those amendments to be revisited.

The Biodiversity Officer enquired if it would be useful to have a barbeque in the area. She advised the barbeque could either be run by electricity or a coin operated gas barbeque. The District Planner advised most electric barbeques were push button operated and free of charge. Councillor Burrows advised he would like to see a barbeque in the area. The Biodiversity Officer advised discussions with Department of Conservation had revealed they were moving away from barbeques in areas due to vandalism. Councillor Diver advised gas barbeques tended to be vandalized and they also required more maintenance. Councillor Harmon felt if money was being collected it was encouraging people to break the barbeques.

*Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Burrows and resolved that Council staff approach the Kaikoura Lions Club to ascertain if they were still interested in installing a barbeque at the*

***South Bay Reserve and the matter be further discussed at another meeting.***

The Biodiversity Officer advised there were issues with the rope running around the bollards in the middle of the reserve because it tended to shrink and expand, people would swing on it came free from the bollards and was difficult to fix. She suggested in time the rope be replaced with steel rope which was safe, did not fray and was used for parks and reserves. Councillor Burrows felt the rope looked good. Councillor Macphail suggested planting instead of bollards. It was noted there were issues with the survival of the plants in the area. It was generally felt a price should be obtained for steel rope and this be provided for the next meeting.

The Biodiversity Officer advised with regard to landscaping trial plots could be established which would provide an indication of how the plants would survive. Advice received had indicated landscaping beds would be a waste of time for the area and digging down would raise archaeological issues. It was generally felt the area was a good open area with great views and was well used. It was also felt a few shade trees should be planted in the area.

The Biodiversity Officer advised a decision had not been made previously regarding whether Council wished to see a playground installed in the area. She advised a basic playground cost approximately \$17,000. Councillor Harmon felt a playground was not necessary. Councillor Burrows felt if money was to be put toward a playground it should be in an area where people live.

***Moved by Councillor Burrows, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that Council not proceed with the installation of a playground in the South Bay Reserve.***

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am***