

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.38AM ON
WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 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), R Vaughan (District Planner), D Laughton (Senior Building Control Officer).

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Inland Road Status

Mayor Gray advised he had emailed Colin King for an update on progress regarding the status of the Inland Road. He advised he had not yet received a response but he was meeting with Colin King on the 28th of March.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Dog/Noise/Stock Control

27 calls were received regarding dogs in February. The majority of these related to roaming dogs. Three calls were received regarding a dog on Killarney Street rushing people as they walked passed. The owner has agreed to have the dog on a running chain until a fence can be erected to prevent the dog having access to the front of the property.

7 complaints were received regarding noise. All but two required warnings and noise levels reduced.

b) Building

12 building consents with a combed construction value of \$1,043,000 were issued in February. There were currently 16 building consents on hold waiting for further information. Building consent applications with significant levels of required detail missing were still being received. It was noted the introduction of the licensed building practitioner scheme would require practitioners to attend seminars and keep up to date with requirements. The Senior Building Control Officer noted complaints would be able to be about practitioners and those practitioners could be censored.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised he had spent six days in Christchurch undertaking building assessments following the February earthquake. He noted in general timber framed housing was still livable. All builders had been notified that the Building Inspector would be assisting in Christchurch.

The Senior Building Control Officer advised due to the reduced consent numbers a remission of the accreditation audit fees had been applied for. The fees for the accreditation audit had been reduced from \$18,000 to \$15,000.

c) Resource Planning

12 new resource consent applications had been lodged during the reporting period. These consisted of 11 land use and 1 subdivision consent. The District Planner advised there had been an upsurge in consents and the consent for the North Wharf development had been lodged. Councillor Harmon enquired if the North Wharf development resource consent application would be processed in-house. The District Planner advised the processing would be completed by Council staff but a commissioner would help make the decision on the application.

Councillor Burrows enquired if the Christchurch Earthquake was an opportunity to promote sections within the district. He noted semi retired people who had lost their homes may be looking for somewhere else to build. The District Planner advised Tourism New Zealand had approached the Tourism Officer for a list of Real Estate Agents and developers.

d) District and Environmental Planning

Proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity

The District Planner advised the matter was currently open for public submission. She advised there were specific concerns with a requirement for maps and schedules to be created of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna and these were required to be included in the District Plan within 5 years. She advised areas of significant biodiversity were currently recognized on a voluntary basis in the District and a submission would be made and presented at the April meeting.

Regional Coastal Environment Plan

The District Planner advised a decision had been released and the Plan Change had been accepted however the operative date was not yet known.

NIWA presentation

The District Planner advised NIWA were holding a presentation on research findings in the Kaikoura canyon on Thursday 31 March. The presentation would be about geomorphology and geological process, oceanography and sea floor habitats and communities.

e) Environmental Health

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Environmental Health Officer had put together a submission to the Electoral Select Committee Reform Alcohol Bill. This was the second submission and it had been approved by the Liquor Licensing Sub-committee. The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council would like anything changed or altered the submission could be changed and the select committee advised.

Councillor Pablecheque advised there had been some issues discussed previously and these had not been included in the submission. These included Easter trading which he felt should be normal day trading in Kaikoura and also a drinking age limit. He noted currently there was a purchase age for alcohol but he felt there should be a drinking age.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Bill had been released the previous year and Council had spent quite a bit of time debating various issues. The Environmental Health Officer had put together the submission working with the Liquor Licensing Sub-committee. It was noted this was the second submission to the Bill.

Moved by Councillor Burrows, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Electoral Select Committee Reform Alcohol Bill Submission Number Two be held over to the April meeting.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am