

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.18AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 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).

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Dog/Noise/Stock Control

There were 15 complaints received regarding dogs in the month of April. The majority of these related to roaming dogs. No dogs were impounded or located.

There were seven complaints regarding noise all from Whitby Place relating to band practice in Churchill Street. The noise levels were checked on all occasions and no further action was taken.

b) Building

There were 8 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$72,100 issued for the month of April. 14 Code Compliance certificates and 14 Land Information Memorandums were issued in the same period.

c) Resource Planning

The District Planner advised all but one party had given approval for Dolphin Encounter to undertake a commercial activity in a residential zone. A decision had been made to process the application on a limited notification basis. He advised the process to challenge notification was by judicial review. Councillor Burrows enquired if due to feedback should the application have been notified. The District Planner advised a report had been prepared by Food and Health Standards New Zealand which stated noise from the activity did not affect any sites other than the adjoining neighbours and there were no other wider community issues.

The District Planner advised if Council felt there should be no commercial development in South Bay they could rezone but there would have to be good case law to support the decision. The District Planner advised the Resource Management Act was an enabling Act and activities could be undertaken as long as the effects were contained.

The Chief Executive Officer advised developers could put covenants on their titles if they did not want certain activities to occur. The District Planner advised Council did not administer covenants and covenants on titles did not mean anything unless they were enforced.

It was noted the adjoining neighbour had requested an independent commissioner to hear the application and a pre hearing meeting had been held the previous evening.

d) District and Environmental Planning

National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation

The District Planner advised the Policy was now operative and Council had 24 months to change the District Plan to be in line with the Policy document. Council had to ensure the Plan allowed for the development, operation, maintenance and upgrading of new and existing;

- Renewable electricity generation activities using solar, biomass, tidal, wave and ocean current energy resources
- Hydro-electricity generation activities
- Wind energy generation activities
- Electricity generation activities using geothermal resources.

The Chief Executive Officer advised when the Resource Management Act had been compiled it was anticipated there would be national and regional plans that the District Plan would fit with. He advised this had happened in the wrong order with District Plans being formulated first.

Information Boards

The District Planner advised she was working on Information Boards for the north and south of the town. She advised at this stage she was finalizing final details regarding what would go on the boards and where they would be located.

Rugby World Cup

Funding had been approved for Kaikoura to install two additional recycling stations prior to the Rugby World Cup. These would be placed on Beach Road and around the West End intersection at high use areas. The bins previously located in the Aromas car park had been moved to the West End section of the Whale Watch car park.

Coastal Management Strategy

The District Planner advised the Lions Club were keen to complete the next section of walkway which would link Jimmy Armers Beach to the completed walkway at the Seal Colony. Funding had been secured for the materials and the Lions Club members would volunteer their time to undertake the work.

2. PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY

The District Planner had prepared a submission to the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity. Council had since been advised the closing date for submissions for those in the Canterbury area had been extended until 5pm on the 20th of May.

The District Planner advised the key aspects of the submission were;

- Kaikoura District was a smaller rural Council with limited resources

- 50% of the district was either crown or Department of Conservation land.
- Central Government needed to lead by example with regard to protecting biodiversity on crown property
- Kaikoura had successful biodiversity projects
- National Policy Statement placed too much emphasis on regulation
- Mapping and scheduling of land did not equal protection of land
- Alternative methods of protecting biodiversity required further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council endorse the submission to the Proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.57am.