

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.30AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 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. ENVIROSCHOOLS PRESENTATION***

A Creighton, Regional Coordinator Enviroschools Canterbury, and J Rodgers, Regional Facilitator plus representatives from the Lynton Downs School were in attendance to present this item. The Enviroschools programme had seven funding partners of which the Kaikoura Enhancement Trust was one.

J Rodgers provided an overview of the Enviroschools programme and the benefits of the programme for schools and the community. She outlined some of the projects which had been undertaken by schools in the district. Claudia, Tomos and Harry from Lynton Downs School gave an overview of projects undertaken at Lynton Downs School. Projects currently underway were maintaining an edible garden, caring for chickens and selling eggs to the local community and a school recycling and composting system.

A Creighton advised there was no costs for schools to be involved in the programme however there may be some costs associated with projects. It was noted Hapuku and St Josephs School were not part of the Enviroschools programme. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had been involved with the Enviroschools programme since it started in the South Island.

***2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS***

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

11 calls were received regarding dogs during May. The majority of these related to lost or roaming dogs.

3 complaints were received regarding noise. One incident required police attendance.

***b) Building***

11 building consents with a combined construction value of \$898,600 were issued for the month of May. 2 consents were for dwellings.

***c) Resource Planning***

2 new subdivision consent applications were lodged during the period.

*d) District and Environmental Planning*

**National Resources Regional Plan**

The District Planner advised training on the Natural Resources Regional Plan had been provided by Environment Canterbury staff. At a meeting with Environment Canterbury staff on 8 June it had been confirmed that Environment Canterbury were considering streamlining the Plan from eight chapters to four. If the proposal was to go ahead this could reduce the number of consents required by Council with a shift back to activity based consenting. It was noted Environment Canterbury dealt with approximately 3000 consents per year which was twice as many as any other regional authority in New Zealand.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it had taken 10 years to complete the first Plan and Environment Canterbury had given themselves 12 months to complete the second generation plan.

**Green Ribbon Awards**

The District Planner advised Kaikoura had been nominated as a finalist in the Green Ribbon Awards in the 'reducing our greenhouse gas emissions' category. She advised judging had been focused on programmes rather than general activity and Kaikoura had not won the category.

**Truck Stop**

The District Planner advised New Zealand Transport Agency had moved away from truck stops toward rest areas. Two sites had been identified within Kaikoura and these were at the Caves and the Clarence. Two sites had also been identified in Canterbury and one site would be constructed each year for the next four years.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.03am.*