

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.44AM ON
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 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

12 complaints regarding dogs were received in September. Complaints were regarding rushing, roaming dogs and minor behavioural matters.

b) Building

There were 13 building consents, 7 code compliance certificates and 9 land information memoranda issued in September.

c) Resource Planning

4 resource consent applications were received during the reporting period. Two of these were for subdivision. The District Planner advised the biannual Ministry for the Environment survey had been completed. The results of the survey showed Council staff processed 96% of resource consents on time with only two consents outside of the timeframe. Nationally 93% of subdivision consents and 95% of land use consents were processed within the statutory timeframe. If the timeframe was not met legislation introduced late in 2009 required a refund be given to the applicant. Council had not been required to refund any money to date.

d) District & Environmental Planning

Review of Emissions Trading Scheme

The Government was undertaking a review of the Emissions Trading Scheme. The District Planner advised recommendations regarding waste could have a huge impact on Council however it appeared the landfill would be exempt. If the landfill was not exempt an additional charge of \$20 per tonne of waste would have to be collected from January 2012.

Glass Recycling Plant

An application had been made to the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Minimisation Fund for a new glass recycling plant. The application had been accepted for assessment and notification would be received in December regarding whether the application would proceed to stage two.

Freedom Camping Act

The District Planner would provide a report at the November meeting regarding the implications of the Freedom Camping Act.

South Bay Marina

Councillor Harmon enquired if Council would be able to get Land Information New Zealand to update the harbour entrance data so it could be used by Cruise Ships. The District Planner advised Land Information New Zealand believed the charts were adequate at this stage and they would look at updating the charts if additional survey information was provided. It was suggested Council and Environment Canterbury could resurvey the area and provide the information to Land Information New Zealand.

Councillor Harmon felt it was important the data was updated because Kaikoura could be receiving their share of visiting ships if the information was updated. The District Planner advised Coast Guard had offered to do some spot testing. It was noted Whale Watch were also keen to see the charts updated. The District Planner advised a fairly basic survey would cost in the vicinity of \$15,000. He advised ideally Land Information New Zealand would like the survey undertaken with a multibeam echo sounder however the survey work could also be done with GPS and a base sounder. The charts currently showed the harbour entrance depth at .9 metres. Tenders from the cruise ships had a draw of 1.2 metres. It was believed the draw on the Whale Watch vessels was more than 1.2 metres and the area had been surveyed at 1.8 metres.

The District Planner would confirm what Land Information New Zealand required and contact companies regarding the costs to complete the work and see if a cost sharing agreement could be arranged. The District Planner would report back at the next meeting.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.08am.