

**HEARING OF THE SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2016
HELD AT 9AM ON MONDAY 26 JUNE 2006 IN THE SUPPER ROOM,
MEMORIAL HALL, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor K Heays, Deputy Mayor B Woods, Councillors B Seddon, J Diver, M McChesney, J Macphail, M Pablecheque (arrived 11.10am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Grant (CEO), Sheryl Poulsen (Office Manager)

Introduction – the Mayor outlined the hearings procedure, including the 15 minute time frame for each submission, and advised Council not to debate with each submitter, but to seek clarification on any points raised.

The hearing commenced 9.10am.

Ivan Winstanley:

Mr Winstanley read his submission that the library should not be relocated, and that in the Partnership Strategy (page 154), a request that all consents be notified. He advised that a group of residents had made a submission to the District Plan that Beach Rd not be zoned Business B. Since then, without being made notified, consents have been granted to Bus B use. When a property is sold, the land should revert to Residential A. There is another consent (Res A) for change of use to make fishing gear, that hasn't reverted back when it was sold.

The CEO was asked if somebody applies for change of use and the business ceases, does the property revert back to its original on sale – he advised that for rating purposes yes, but the consent carries on (goes with the land not the individual business). The suggestion was made that Mr Winstanley take up his concerns with our planning staff where they relate to specific consents.

Paul Thompson:

Mr Thompson presented his submission regarding engine braking – that the existing bylaw include the outlying settlements of Oaro, Puketa and Rakautara. He suggested the biggest problem is enforcement (trucking companies should be held accountable). At 3am trucks are travelling at 75kmph on Churchill St, no other vehicles around for them to be slowing down. Drivers are in a hurry and ignore the rule. At the Kahutara Bridge, 6-7 trucks come through in a row at 115kmph and more, come to the corner at Hislops, and apply brakes. Clarification was sought as to the difference between engine brakes and normal brakes. Mr Thompson advised that the engine brake is a hammering noise, it restricts the exhaust, and the reverberation throughout the motor is the noise.

Mr Thompson was advised that it is Transits highway, and he responded that perhaps the solution is driver education. The CEO suggested that Council advocate Transit to put signs up and also to police, monitor and enforce. Mr Thompson offered that truck drivers are getting pinged for it (using engine brakes) in small settlements in the North Island. During the day since the 80km signs have gone up there is more engine braking than there had been.

Kathie Roberts

Mrs Roberts advised that her chief concern is fate of the library, it's essential that it remains accessible. Users include elderly people (many of whom don't drive cars) and young people.

Mrs Roberts read her submission. The building is only about 20 years old, and was refitted 10 years ago as a library. Existing building has been removed from strategic assets. There will be a huge increase in operating costs. 900 new houses comes across as a target to be attained instead of addressing the needs and wants of the community. Council should undertake strategic land purchases for affordable housing, and provide a weekly rubbish pickup for the elderly. Amendments to the proposed district plan should be well publicised. Listen to comments. The brief reference to whale watch does not include an explanation why the rezone took so long.

She continued that the (proposed combined facility) development is simply too expensive, and the debt will continue for too long. If development doesn't occur fast enough peoples rates are going to go through the roof. Something smaller would be more suitable. The CEO was asked is there any way to break a lease, and he responded this would be with the consent of the lessee (council would have to buy out the lease). He further advised that the facility is currently only a footprint, it is not at the detailed design stage, and it could be developed in stages rather than all in one hit.

Dave Margetts

Mr Margetts was unable to attend. The Mayor read and summarised his submission, including the brief that had been provided in lieu of attending. Council noted the suggestion that Council, Transit and Environment Canterbury join to form a planning entity to attract funding for a development strategy. It was also noted that the LTCCP provides for development of a Structure Plan (page 176).

Innovative Waste Kaikoura Ltd

The General Manager of IWK, Ian Challenger, advised that he wishes to introduce a charge for wood waste to be able to employ people to sort that wood into usable elements. People do come in to buy firewood (this year \$378 in revenue), but this is very limited because the wood isn't sorted. IWK do have an issue with tantalised timber, can't bury it, and can't leave it exposed over ground either. He recommends \$80 per tonne in recognition of the environmental cost of this material. There is no answer how to handle this material currently. It needs to be separated, and he feels a new machine needs to be purchased, that will join timber together to reasonable lengths to be sold. He advised that the material coming from building sites and generally is very clean. Builders seem amazed that there is currently no charge. Treated wood can't be burnt unless it is extremely high temperature to eliminate treatments.

The Order of St John

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. St Johns would like to be considered as a priority as a key organisation in areas of primary health service delivery.

Jane Winstanley

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. Ms Winstanley's submission requests that Council keep the library in the town centre for its members and tourists. It was discussed that the whole situation will be examined in light of these submissions, and the CEO confirmed that the draft LTCCP has the proposed facility as one of its major projects, and if council wanted to delete the library from that facility it could do so. He advised that there needs to be something in the LTCCP to give the CEO a mandate to investigate and progress with the concept. If council says conceptually to go forward, we can do this without the library, it just means he will not include the library in his investigations.

It was discussed to leave the library building on the strategic asset list, and the CEO advised that if Council wanted to look at disposing of the building, council would have to go through the special consultative process. He recommended leaving library service as part of the facility

concept. He was asked if this would keep both doors open for future decisions, and he confirmed yes, but leaving the building on the list of strategic assets could have future ramifications in funding if the result of consultation determined that the library building not be sold. He was asked does council have to confirm commitment to the facility today, and responded that the concept needs to be in the LTCCP in order to progress any further investigations, this could result in excluding the library.

It was suggested that the library is a public asset, and should return to strategic assets, however it was discussed that the library is the strategic asset, not the building. The LTCCP is about identifying projects we want to do, and is reviewed every three years. If it (the proposed combined facility) is not in there, there is no mandate to progress it. It was acknowledged that there have been a number of issues raised, particularly in relation to access. In order to take these access issues further, it needs to be included in the LTCCP. If it's not in the LTCCP, then there are no access issues. The CEO reiterated that the LTCCP sets the direction, the Council can determine the issues, and then decide if you want to run with it, run with part of it, or bury it. The Annual plan process is only financial adjustments of what is already in the LTCCP.

Environment Canterbury

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. The CEO commented regarding the development of Maori capacity in decision making, that there are different cultures applied over different councils in Canterbury, and Council has an excellent relationship with the Runanga. Current levels of consultation are far higher than that done by any other council. ECan's request to jointly develop a plan for Maori involvement would dilute council's relationship with the Runanga.

It was discussed that the stock truck effluent disposal site doesn't need to be in the LTCCP. The stock effluent site has been initiated by Transit and Environment Canterbury; it should have already been done, therefore doesn't need to be in future planning, it will already be in place, and requires no financial support from Council.

Educating NZ

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. It was discussed that Councils Road Safety Coordinator can apply for funding for certain projects. The CEO advised that Land Transport NZ is reviewing all of its funding as a result of its amalgamation of several transport organisations. Local authorities contribute now, and it is likely that council will have funding cuts.

Ministry of Economic Development

The Mayor read and summarised this submission regarding the deployment of broadband. It was discussed that in Kaikoura broadband is pretty well available. Schools have it, and it is provided to anyone within a 7km radius from a school, this means almost anybody can get it anyway. While this was acknowledged, the question was asked should we be looking at ducting. It was suggested that technology is changing so quick that soon wireless technology can provide the same or better connection speed (a decoder will be required).

Kaikoura Historical Society

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. The submission requests that the grant be increased to \$20,000. The CEO was asked has the move up the hill been discussed with the museum, and he confirmed that in terms of location, yes, but in terms of arrangements, no, because it's not yet in the LTCCP. Footprint concepts have been discussed. To date there have been no detailed discussions (such as lease arrangements etc).

A brief break was taken, after which the Mayor reiterated the procedure of hearing submitters.

Alan MacDonald

Mr MacDonald expressed his concerns about the issues community will need to address, particularly in relation to keeping a small coastal character. He asked when did small start, and when does it finish. Council is not putting the description into regulatory law, it's not specific, and can be used against developers to restrict their development.

In relation to the harbour facility, he requested that a new boat harbour needs to be planned for now, over summer there are 156 boats and trailers parked along South Bay, funding in the system should be spent to look at further development (and he felt that the need for boat parking protection works is overstated). He recommended that Council get whale watch, dolphin encounter, etc, into the water, and free up that area for public boat parking. The further recommended that Council set up a Trust to find funding.

Regarding the forecasting assumptions, specifically underground wiring, Mr MacDonald expressed his support, but wants Council to consider work at hand. He advised that when the original harbour facility was put in place (in 1996) promises were made to the residents then for under grounding of power. This never happened, Council ran out of money. He recommended Council get back on track where we last finished instead of taking on new projects.

He also expressed his belief that, in relation to Significant Negative Effects (p172), Council can't state that there are no negative affects when there are cases before the Environment Court.

The CEO was asked of the Moa Point reserve, could we not have that as parking. The CEO clarified that this is the reserve area outside the area that is sealed, and advised that Council would need to get resource consent and go out to public consultation. It was discussed that most of submissions on Moa Point in the past have asked that this be retained as an area for recreation (walking, etc) in response to submissions at that time. It was discussed that the small coastal village description came from the District Plan, came quite clear from the district plan public process that this is what the community wants. The CEO confirmed that the small coastal character is also stated in the Future Directions document in 1996, it has been in Council's documents for some time. Mr MacDonald stated that this allows Councils and individuals to come back to District Plan and prevent development because they can claim that it prevents the small coastal character.

Kaikoura District Library

The District Librarian, Cheryl Barker, spoke in support of her submission. She advised that the library is here to meet the social and cultural needs of the community, we are here for everyone. She presented a "pros and cons" report taken as a result of comments made by the library users in relation to the proposed combined community facility. Pros included that the proposed building will be custom made, and that the Library has been very isolated from Council in the past. Library space will be doubled. Cons included that the library location will no longer be central, although it could possibly end up being central due to development going on to the south. Elderly without vehicles is a big issue.

Ms Barker stated that school visits are very popular; these will be more difficult to organise. There will not be the same level of internet users; much of this is due to foot traffic. Some concern that library staff will be expected to do council tasks, payments of rates, etc. The Pros and Cons report recommends that the library take over the current building. Parking is not going

to be an issue, as library clientele will no longer be competing with dive shop. She acknowledged that the library will be spending more on rent whichever way we go.

Ms Barker continued that, where the library is currently located is becoming a social tourist area; businesses are outgrowing the area and heading to the new shopping mall. The Library has definitely outgrown its space, trying to squeeze children's programmes etc into the space is very difficult. She confirmed that personally her first choice would be to go with the Council facility, and suggested that such a move could improve council relationships with the community (by being in a central community hub). She suggested that if this doesn't happen, the library should expand at West End.

She acknowledged the concerns expressed regarding elderly access, and advised that the library do provide a house bound service, and can go to the schools to provide the children's programme. She was asked do you think that visiting schools would be as effective. Ms Barker responded no, children need to experience the library for themselves. Some children don't know what a catalogue is. She was asked do you find that children coming to the programmes also come along outside the programme e.g. after school. Ms Barker replied that this depends, some are bus children. A lot of school children have their own library card.

Hapuku School

Diane St Clair (Principal) and Jenny Hughey (Board Chair) presented their submission. They expressed their concern that the school was not invited to be involved. In regard to the community outcome Quality Schooling; they advised that these goals are about council providing leadership to the community, and allowing participation with the community. Ms Hughey advised that it is great that council will have a committee, but asked how widely the community has been consulted.

They continued that the High School Commissioner is coming to the end of his term and it is planned that an Advisory Committee be established, above the Boards, to try and make a coordinated approach to education. Council through its working party could be involved. In this present form is not representative of what has been picked up from the education community. They were advised that Boards of Trustees of other schools have asked council to initiate a review, and that a moratorium put in place or the review would already have been held. Kaikoura Primary School has informally asked for recapitation, Hapuku School has tried to change its designation; St Josephs School has tried to change its designation. Ms Hughey confirmed that Hapuku is now trying to become a school of special character.

It was discussed that education issues have been discussed very widely. The request for a review didn't stem from Council. When the last LTCCP was put together, Council had been approached to get involved to look at education in general. In the first instance Councils priority is about getting groups together to discuss issues. Ms St Clair acknowledged it is good to have a working party, but the public will get upset if they hear that Council is initiating a review. The Otago Boards Forum is an example, if that type of forum was initiated in our district, certainly then Council could be involved at that level. Behaviour problems, staffing problems, any issues, can be addressed from a community forum approach. The suggestion from commissioner is really addressing to look at education. It was generally discussed that the performance measure relating to the review be clarified that the community review education, whereas the wording currently implies the Ministry of Education review process.

Mr & Mrs David Middleton, and Mr David Todhunter

Mrs Middleton asked is it final that the council wants to move to Scarborough St, she felt this is a shame as Council is in such a beautiful spot. We will have children taken up the street at huge expense; they can't get there by themselves. Mr Todhunter presented a letter to the editor, and the Mayors reply to that letter. That letter stated there would be no Council expenditure without consultation, with regards to the proposed complex. Mr Todhunter expressed that it is complete nonsense taking the facility up there; it is in a beautiful spot. He asked who reads the Kaikoura Star anyway, nobody even knows about it. (Dr Lloyd Johnson joined the discussion) He expressed that Council offices are far better situated where they are. Fire service needs to be relocated, and move the croquet club. He suggested that the proposed site on Scarborough St would be handy for all of us eventually; we'll all be in the dead centre of town. He stated that it is more likely to be \$20 million for the complete complex, this is rather grandiose, this would fit a small city, and he noted that costs are estimated to be going up \$1m per year. This equates to between \$300-\$400 for every man, woman and child. He asked that Council consider rebuilding in its current area.

The CEO was asked to clarify what happens to the fire service land when the fire service relocates. The CEO advised that it is a crown asset, and it reverts back to Ngai Tahu. Council can't sell the tar depot; that land is to revert to reserve at the end of the life of the landfill. The CEO clarified that the sports fields were put on the design plan to give an indication of size, which is not to say that rugby fields will be developed on the top of the hill. What actual form that land takes is not yet determined.

The CEO further clarified that Council will borrow up to \$8 million (not \$20 million as suggested). If costs are going to escalate beyond \$8 million in loans, that would have to come back to Council to reconsider if it is still viable. Mr Todhunter asked do the ratepayers know anything about what's going on up there - should we have a referendum. The CEO advised that this process (the LTCCP submission process) is a chance for the ratepayer to have an input, if there are people out there that don't know, that is incredible, Council has been talking about it openly all the time. Now that it is part of the LTCCP, we can go on with the concept. People in our community do know that the complex is out there. Mr Todhunter responded that people are so busy that they are not aware of it, nobody reads the Kaikoura Star.

The CEO reiterated that once the concept is in the plan, council can go out to the community with more detail. It was generally discussed that the Museum is in a bad state, and is located in a flood plain. The swimming pool is beyond repair, the library is too small, and the council office is too small. It was acknowledged that the combined sports group did a great deal of talk with the community, and that the High School has said during that process that it didn't want anything to do with the community based sports facility. (Mrs Kathy Roberts joined the submission discussion) Councillor Woods confirmed the need to emphasise that if this LTCCP is adopted, that therefore opens the way for further consultation and discussion. The CEO confirmed that it has to be in the plan to be discussed. Having it in the plan doesn't mean it is a fate accomplished.

Mr Todhunter suggested Council put in the plan that there is to be a referendum. There followed general discussion that Council had looked at options of developing 25 Beach Rd, which involved putting a bulldozer through that and the Drill Hall next door. This proposal fitted the museum, office and library, but Council was getting approaches from the community to build a new swimming pool and sports facility. 25 Beach Rd is vulnerable to flooding, tsunami, etc. Council's architect has advised that to do those facilities separately would cost an extra \$2.5 million not including land purchases. If it is not in the LTCCP, Council can't get funding, there would be no provision to help address current space issues, including for the museum.

Mr Todhunter advised that the cost is only half of it. He stated it's just we think it's in the wrong place. (Lloyd Johnson joined the discussion, asked if the dump will be moved). Council clarified that the landfill is not planned to move from the current site.

Marie Simpson

Mrs Simpson presented her submission, she had put in a number of submissions, all focus on the need for public walkways. The first one recommends a Transit style wired barrier to go from South Bay to the top of Churchill St; if nothing is done somebody will be killed soon. Tourists and pedestrians don't necessarily keep within the white lines when they walk up there. The wired barrier would be a short term fix, long term a proper developed walkway from South Bay to the community facility. She advised that although the main focus of the submissions relate to South Bay there is a need for a town wide plan, for example Ocean Ridge and Seaview will need a link to high school and St Josephs.

Mrs Simpson advised she has lived in small communities in Canada that have separate walkways and cycleways. If you want to keep Kaikoura's vision to be green, you should provide so that you don't need to use vehicles to get to places. She was asked if the walkway and cycleway are one and the same. Mrs Simpson replied yes; in Seaview for example the walkways planned could be 3 metres wide. In Canada these walkways are paved, with a line down the middle of it so they're not running into each other. She continued that the maps provided are where she would like to see the walkways, but is aware there may be problems.

It was discussed that the new sewer line runs through private property, it is currently all dirt, Council could form it into a walkway, this would ease that whole (Ludstone Rd/State Highway) corner, because children coming from Scarborough St could stay completely away from the highway. The CEO advised that Council recognises cycling/walking is good for us, we say we would like to put in place a strategy to identify potential locations for walkways, do you think that as part of identifying those locations, your submission has done it.

It was discussed that there is a difference between cycle ways and cycle lanes. Mrs Simpson suggested that NZ drivers are horrible to drive with, they are aggressive and do not have respect for cyclists. The CEO advised that Transit has agreed to put together a working party on a roading strategy, and cyclists and pedestrians are part of that strategy. When we build the community centre, access to that will be looked at that time. He further advised that Council went through this exercise as part of Highway 2000 – that went a long way down the track, but funding stopped. Transit is changing its philosophy now, and recognised that getting pedestrians away from roads is therefore making them safer, and funds may become available in the future.

Mrs Simpson recommended that the walkway come from the other end of the racecourse, away from the state highway altogether. The CEO advised that through the Peninsula Walkways Plan that is being developed, there are plans for 2-3 walkways to link to Toms Track, and Dempsey's Track. Mrs Simpson responded that these shouldn't be just tourist tracks; they should be a link for residents.

The CEO was asked can Council approach the landowner of the land at the new sewer line and see if they would allow a walkway be developed on their land. The CEO was further asked what is the process to turn paper road to a walkway (Mt Fyffe Rd), he responded that Council could just open it up, some work would be needed at the quarry end, some infilling done. It was discussed that Council would like to open that up as a road, but could do a walkway as a start. Mrs Simpson confirmed this would link Seaview to downtown.

Mrs Simpson was asked, in relation to the Coastguard access way, does this have support from South Bay Ratepayers Association, and she responded that this is her personal observation, but believes it has support. She expressed that there is objection to the rock wall, and how much of the beach is covered with boulders. Kids love playing on it, its white, it's beautiful; it will end up being a beach of black rocks. She stated that Council's plan is really just extending the boat park. The beach is not eroding; she has photos from 15 years ago that show the beach has actually increased. It was expressed that Council supports Mrs Simpson's statement on making tracks user friendly for people who live here, instead of scenery orientated for tourists, and the need to make walkways convenient. Mrs Simpson was asked I take it you support the community centre? She responded yes, it will be a great community hub.

Community and Public Health

The representative from Community and Public Health was no longer able to attend. The Mayor read and summarised this submission. The request for a name change was confirmed. It was acknowledged that the submission contained compliments on the LTCCP, and that CPH wanted a regional strategy, the CEO advised that provision has been made on page 143.

South Bay Ratepayers Association

Representatives from the SBRA presented their submission. There are only one or two footpaths in South Bay; we definitely need a full compliment of footpaths with this new walkway being developed around the hill. Tui St needs to link with this; it is where people are walking in the way of buses. At the public slipway along foreshore to the lifeboat shed, people are walking right down the middle in front of the boats.

Beautification – more planting is requested around the bay especially where the ski areas are, limestone areas could be planted out eventually, and could Council mow the foreshore to get rid of broom, boxthorn, etc. From entranceway of South Bay to trees, rock baskets would be a good idea, from there to the ski lane. Currently this area is only dozer tracks and an old hedge.

Underground power lines – this was promised, Council only did half, still need Moa Rd to Kaka Rd done.

Roading – there needs to be a one way for buses in a loop around South Bay. There needs to be better road maintenance especially Tui St, currently it's just not happening, and coupled with footpaths there should be some kerb and channel.

Boat parking – Council should provide recreational boat parking in the limestone pit; this is the only place to go. Behind trees, can't dig in there but there is enough spoil in there to level it all out. At peak time people will be back again, footpaths and good roading need to be in place this is where we feel there will be a serious injury. Regarding the slipway, we have already pushed for that, Council should approach the boating club and buy into it. The boat club membership has gone from 75 members to 374 members; they are all parking on council land without being charged. Then the public could use that slipway and all that parking area to your advantage, take pressure off at peak times. The only alternative to this is to build a new slipway. The cheaper option is to go in with the boat club.

Gateway to South Bay, recommend a welcome sign to South Bay. The SBRA acknowledge Woody's work at South Bay corner and around the town. Would like in 10 years time for it to still look like that.

One of the main priorities for the SBRA is a track up the hill. Council owns the racecourse – request to provide a walkway at the back of the racecourse up the hill and on to Scarborough St. Just coming into town today there were three couples coming up the state highway walking over the white line into the line of traffic.

He was asked, in relation to the South Bay walkway, is this in support of Mrs Simpson's submission, and the response was yes.

He continued it is a safety issue to access boats and trailers at Moa Point, and advised that he personally hadn't been involved in the request to close off the Moa Point picnic area, but it does get used.

The CEO was asked is the limeworks site council land, and he responded no, it is DOC land). It was discussed this is the only option we've got, or build a new slipway in the channel. SBRA recommend Council approach the boating club, make it all one slipway. He was asked why council would want to buy a private slipway. He replied that Council is up for another slipway anyway, and still can't have enough parking and launching room. The boat club has these facilities already. It takes it away from the need for more resource consents, it might not work, but is worthy of a try. He was asked would this alleviate pressure, and it was generally discussed that going from two slipways to one would not. He was further asked are you suggesting this keeps Moa Point purely commercial operators, and he responded yes.

The CEO advised that it is included in the coastal management strategy to utilise the limeworks site for boat and trailer parking.

The Mayor advised that he is looking forward to council and your association to come up with a plan. He responded South Bay residents see Bayview St, Ludstone Rd, and Yarmouth St getting done up and nothing done in South Bay. They would be very keen to get a working party with council to have a plan for the area, and even shovel and spade it once agreed.

It was discussed that when South Bay is full, it's full. It has already reached that stage, there is no room. People will still keep coming, they are parking down the roads, they will keep coming until there are no fish left. Councils can take a part in restricting the number of fish taken by recreational fishers. He was asked does your association agree with the definition of a small coastal village, and responded that the SBRA have never discussed it.

Ken Turner

Mr Turner presented his submission, which is about that definition of small. He asked where does small character start and end, it can be used against resource consents or any type of problem that may eventuate, no matter how long ago. He continued that he came here in 1952, it was just a small town, and people living here always remember what it was like when they first arrived. Kaikoura is growing so fast, it is losing its small town atmosphere now. That definition can be used against people, it happened to me when I wanted to build two storeys, that small coastal character was used against me to build. I have always looked on South Bay as a small seaside town, it still is, but now the way the marina has gone, it is losing its character. This word small is something that could be taken out (of the LTCCP) and never missed. Being open ended, there is no limit as to when the words can be used.

Harbour facilities – the harbour has been taken over by commercial activities, it was only ever designed for craft up to 18 feet, now has craft of 50 feet. Council will have to spend millions to fix it. He recommended taking the harbour facility to limestone bay, and using the rocks planned

for the boat park protection to make a seawall. Area planned for the rock wall is a great place for children to fossick. The flooding in that area is only the result of all that fine shingle that has been brought up out of the marina area. The \$400k planned to be spent will be absolutely wasted because it's not going to fix the problem.

Underground power – residents were promised when the consent was applied for that it (under grounding) would be provided for almost the entire South Bay area. Council ran out of money, and it's still not in the plan to do.

Mr Turner was asked when you refer to limestone bay is that the old whaling station? He replied no. There is a natural channel there, but it is exposed to southerly swell. It needs a dogleg breakwater. He was asked how many boats could it accommodate, and replied that this depends on how much room Council provides. He reiterated that it is fruitless to spend \$400k when it is not going to fix the problem. There are only 2-3 big boats going in and out of there (the marina), and it is them that are causing the problem.

Dolphin Encounter

Lynette Buurman presented her submission, and advised that the submission is made from a number of perspectives, as a resident, a business person and an individual. Key points in the LTCCP are that we are without doubt heading into another period of growth; the assumptions are in the order of 900 new sections, reliant on the tourism sector. This relies on greenfield development, Council needs to be sure that this is the type of development that the Kaikoura community is comfortable with.

Mrs Buurman continued in relation to harbour facilities at South Bay, if we are to expect so much population growth, it is unrealistic not to provide for harbour expansion. The LTCCP acknowledged that is already stretched but there is no provision for allocation of funds to investigate options, let alone any development. She recommended that a focus group be established made up of users, recreational and commercial, plus residents and others.

Mrs Buurman stated that she was disappointed at lack of consultation. Workstreams were supposed to be established. One workstream has achieved what it set out to do, what happened to all the other workstreams. She noted Council's undertaking to improve public consultation processes in the future. It is contained in the Leadership & Governance section of the LTCCP to improve the level of trust between community and council.

In relation to the proposed community facility, Mrs Buurman suggested that there needs to be a lot more public consultation prior to the facility taking place. Mrs Buurman expressed that commitment should be made to the employment of an economic development officer. She continued that in relation to the town centre, commitment from council to spend \$300k is currently reliant on agreement being reached with the business group, and suggested council take a leadership role. She stated that delivery vehicles are the worst parking offenders in the West End. Trucks are double parking in the West End, council needs to be proactive on this.

Mrs Buurman continued that the Tourism & Development Committee needs to establish priorities instead of just meeting for discussion as it is now. A formal action plan is needed. She acknowledged that development contributions are a necessary part of development, but questioned what a reasonable level of contribution might be. She felt there must be sufficient value left in the development. She questioned the minimum charge at the landfill doubling to \$5, it was clarified that this is for use of weighbridge; it is still \$2.50 for a black bag.

She was asked what size you think the district should be before the complex is feasible. Mrs Buurman responded that she has no idea, but she came and spoke with Council staff, and was assured that council has been sounding out the community; before anything is committed to council will get feedback. She expressed that she doesn't know that combining everything with the council office is the way to go.

Gerald Nolan

Mr Nolan has withdrawn his submission.

Physicians and Scientists for Responsible Genetics

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. It was discussed that the bullet points indicating protective measures could simply be incorporated in the LTCCP. The CEO advised that the first (to make GEO land use a prohibited activity) would be a plan change to the district plan. In relation to the second (to require notification to Council of any proposed GEO land use and payment of a bond), people advise us as to what the district plan requires, so this would also be a plan change. The third (to have a mandatory inclusion on LIM reports of GEO use), legally LIMs require any information that we are aware of.

The CEO advised that when the District Plan becomes fully operative, Council can promote a plan change, or after a stand-down period of two years individuals can apply for a plan change. It was discussed that, in order to put a GE crop in you must go through ERMA, perhaps the group should be advised that their battle should be with ERMA.

Environment Canterbury Freight Working Group

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. The submission was noted, and discussed that Council does have a bridge replacement policy as part of the asset management plan, and also has an annual bridge inspection report. Currently there is provision in the LTCCP to replace Middle Creek Bridge this year; this is the only bridge in the district with weight restrictions.

Dave Stanford

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. Currently our development contributions policy is based on land use, doesn't take into account the difference in charges (\$20 per bed to \$200 per bed).

Ministry of Education

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, which requests that Ministry of Education is recognised as an organisation contributing to this outcome.

Ministry of Social Development

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, and Council acknowledged support from the Ministry.

Department of Conservation

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, Council confirmed it is happy to incorporate the wording changes. In relation to the locating of public toilets, it was discussed that Point Kean is a DoC area, why are they asking Council to put a toilet on their land. It was discussed that it is a matter of working with DoC on these issues, and what is the best way of achieving that result. It was suggested that we could add Point Kean to the list of proposed locations to investigate, however it was discussed that there is no sewerage at Pt Kean, this was the issue at Jimmy Armers, these toilets would have been shut down if Council hadn't connected to the sewer

system. Not allowed septic tanks on the coast line – need to incorporate a system that can actually be put there.

Catholic Schools Board

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, and it was confirmed that preschools, primary schools and secondary schools are to be exempt from development contributions. Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Seddon, and resolved that the Development Contributions Policy be amended to clearly state this exemption.

Problem Gambling Foundation

The Mayor read and summarised this submission. It was generally discussed that Council has policies on gambling which limits how many machines there are and where they can go. Many of the issues raised are national issues, and the question was asked where does it fit within the LTCCP? The CEO advised that in isolation it hasn't been seen as a major issue, the LTCCP can't possibly go into every single thing Council does or each and every policy in detail. Council undertakes regular policy reviews as a matter of course. It was suggested that the matter be included on page 26 as an issue the community will need to address, as it comes up at Social Services Committee meetings regularly.

Ron Inkersell

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, which opposes moving council buildings, this was noted.

John Simpson

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, which was considered very similar to his wife's submission, and was noted.

Neroli Gold

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, and the commitment for employment of a Tourism & Economic Development Officer was acknowledged. It was discussed that the Tourism & Development committee needs to come up with a budget and list of priorities. It was recognised that it is an issue that there could be stagnation and the growth we are forecasting doesn't happen, Council needs to come forward and state that. The CEO advised that is not the reality. There are already 160 sections coming online from Seaview, plus 240 from ocean ridge – this is based on subdivision happening now and is not reliant on building of homes, there is almost half of your 900 coming online within 18 months.

Some discussion followed about the annual funding of the proposed community centre once it is operative. Pools are failing over all over the country because they are not viable, how can this community support it financially no matter how much we want it. It was discussed that Brian Allison (new principal at Kaikoura High School) had mentioned an indoor swimming pool around at the school. However it was discussed that this would result in the pool being under school control, not open to the public. Historically, as soon as sports clubs put their gear in the school, the school will take over control of its use.

Transit NZ

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, and the recommendation to include stock truck effluent sites was noted. A comment was made that this is currently being re-tendered.

Housing NZ Corporation

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, essentially supporting the LTCCP and looking forward to working with council on the provision of affordable housing. It was discussed that HNZC can apply for remission of development contributions if and when they wish to build affordable housing. There was some discussion on the UAGC, and that Council is aware of the affect this charge has on residential ratepayers (specifically low income), and goes to some length in its budget process to minimise this affect.

Liz Smith

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, and the CEO advised that there had been a good deal of discussions held with the previous District Librarian, and reiterated that the LTCCP presents a concept to form the starting point for investigation. Access issues have been noted. It was suggested that this submission proves the need for the library to be more involved with council, to create a more balanced work environment.

Richard Craig

The Mayor read and summarised this submission, which urges that council consider providing for harbour facility expansion.

ISSUES RAISED AS A RESULT OF SUBMISSIONS

Council discussed that several submissions shared a common theme, and discussed these major matters as follows.

Proposed Combined Community Facility

Access to the facility is an issue, particularly as it relates to the library. There is likely to be 12 months of detailed design work, Council will need to be clear to submitters that issues will be addressed during that process. It was discussed that the whole combined facility concept started off by Council recognising the need to relocate its offices. Perhaps we should just start off with that and add things later on.

It was acknowledged that Buller District Council went through the same process, spending \$60 million to do the same thing, had 1200 submissions (they have only double our population) we have received 6 submissions opposing, and of them 3 only oppose the library moving. If there was a real concerted opposition to the facility, we would have seen it. Feedback Council has received to date is “when we are going to do it”, not “don’t do it”. It was recommended that, as it stands now the proposed facility should remain in the LTCCP and that once we go into the detailed design we will be able to sharpen up on costs.

It was suggested to return the Library building to the strategic asset list – that purely relates to the sale of the building. The CEO cautioned that it just means Council may not be able to take up a commercial opportunity when it presents itself. It was discussed that the library service is the strategic asset, not the building. It was recognised that there is a borrowing cap of \$8 million in the LTCCP, and if it will cost more we go back to the groups to look for more funding.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Woods, that the library building be returned to the strategic asset list, the motion was lost. It was agreed to keep the library as part of the relocation for the purposes of the LTCCP, and to keep the library building off the strategic asset list.

Engine Braking Restrictions

It was agreed to write to Transit NZ, to ask them to put these restrictions in place and also to ask the police to enforce it.

Innovative Waste Kaikoura

It was agreed to approve the new charges as submitted.

Order of St John

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor McChesney, and hereby resolved that St John be acknowledged as a lead organisation in the provision of primary health service delivery throughout the pages listed, and that Council advocate for the retention, recruitment and training of St John volunteers.

Environment Canterbury

It was agreed that Council does not wish to dilute our relationship with the Runanga to fit in with other Councils. It was discussed that land use controls are covered in the District Plan process. Explain that do not believe needs to go in the LTCCP. Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Seddon, and hereby resolved that no change be made to the LTCCP in response to this submission.

Educating NZ

It was discussed that Council employs a road safety officer; it would be in his brief to contact this organisation to discuss potential programme delivery.

Kaikoura Historical Society

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque, and hereby resolved to increase the Society's grant to \$20,000 per annum.

Ministry of Education

It was agreed that Council acknowledge the Ministry as a lead organisation.

Dept of Conservation

It was agreed that the wording changes be incorporated, and noted to investigate possible locations with the Dept of Conservation. It was clarified that the CEO is a member of the Kaikoura Coastal Guardian Group.

South Bay walkways, footpaths and under grounding of power

It was suggested that Council refer back to the coastal management strategy, this includes all that area from racecourse to the coastguard, Council may want to revisit that with the South Bay ratepayers association.

Footpaths are provided for in the LTCCP, priority locations are being investigated. The CEO will advise Councils engineers to have a look at the under grounding of power at Tui Road, and cost. Currently some funds are budgeted; it has not been identified where that money will be spent.

Harbour facilities

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Diver, and hereby resolved that Council initiate a working party to investigate options for the future harbour facilities, slipways and boat parking. The CEO asked if funds needed to be provided to undertake the investigation. It was suggested it would cost up to \$5000 to undertake reviews. After some discussion \$10,000 was a more realistic figure to undertake a preliminary review. Moved by Councillor Pablecheque,

seconded by Councillor Macphail, and hereby resolved that \$10,000 be provided in the LTCCP to conduct investigations as resolved.

Meeting adjourned to hear presentation from Bayleys Real Estate.

Walkways

There was some discussion that there is currently no need to identify each walkway in the LTCCP, the walkways identified in today's submissions will be of great value during the development of a walkway strategy.

The CEO was asked could we do a consent application for a walkway on the top of the proposed boat park protection works, his response was no, Council would have to change the whole concept, it is a rock structure. Suggestion that there is no need for the rock wall, some of those using the area would disagree strongly.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.