

**REPORT OF THE TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 1.00PM ON
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor S Thomas (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillor J Macphail, L Buurman, N Gold, R Cleal

IN ATTENDANCE: L Copping (Executive Officer), T Ayson (Kaikoura Star).

APOLOGIES: T Kahu

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by N Gold and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Greater Christchurch & Banks Peninsula Strategy
2. 2nd Trans Tasman Mainstreet & Towncentres Conference
3. Reduction of Speed Limit Kahutara – Oaro

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 14/09/2005

Structure of Committee

Councillor Thomas advised he had received no feedback from the Committee regarding the recruitment of new committee members. Councillor Macphail advised he had been approached by Mr Melville Syme who had expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Sculpture

N Gold advised stone carver S Genet who had been commissioned to carve a sculpture at Seafest had been unable to attend.

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Tourism & Development Committee minutes of 14 September 2005 be received.

3. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST

West End Upgrade Workshop

L Buurman advised she would contact architect D Rivers to invite him to a meeting in November. Mayor Heays advised he was intending to get Council approval to invite D Rivers to the next Council meeting to explain the proposed West End upgrade to Councillors and suggested the visits be tied in together.

Letter of support to Business Discussion Group

Councillor Thomas advised a letter advising of the Committee's support of the ongoing development of the West End upgrade had been forwarded on 7 October 2005. He advised he understood Council were now very eager to progress the upgrade.

L Buurman noted angle parking would need to be revisited as the general consensus was that the road was already too narrow and such parking would cause further congestion to the West End. Councillor Macphail advised car parks would be lost if there was no angle parking and suggested one way to soften the effect was to restrict campervans from the angle parking area.

Mayor Heays advised he believed one of the major issues of the West End Plan was to make the area more efficient, further noting he believed creating heart and soul, atmosphere and creativity were vital.

4. TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was noted Kaikoura Information and Tourism Inc. attendance at the Australian Roadshow was still to be deducted from the present balance of \$143,795.28. L Buurman advised she would follow this matter up to ensure an invoice was sent to Council.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Greater Christchurch/Banks Peninsula Strategy

L Buurman advised she had recently been informed Christchurch City Council were developing a tourism strategy for greater Christchurch and the Banks Peninsula area and had noted Kaikoura was not included in the strategy and suggested perhaps it should be.

A draft of the strategy was tabled by L Buurman to committee members seeking feedback.

2. 2nd Trans Tasman Mainstreet & Towncentres Conference

Councillor Thomas advised he had spoken with the Chief Executive Officer who was eager for a representative from the Tourism & Development committee to attend the 2nd Trans Tasman Mainstreet & Towncentres conference.

Councillor Thomas suggested it was important whoever attended the 2nd Trans Tasman Mainstreet & Towncentres Conference had been involved with the whole process of the West End redevelopment.

Moved by L Buurman, seconded by N Gold and resolved that Councillor J Macphail attend the 2nd Trans Tasman Mainstreet & Towncentres Conference on 30 October 2005 – 2 November 2005.

3. Reduction of Speed – Kahutara to Oaro

Mayor Heays advised Transit were planning to create a speed zone from Kahutara River Bridge to Oaro Bridge of 80km per hour. Support had been received from police, road patrol, and the communities living along the coastline and Transit were now seeking formal support from Council. Mayor Heays advised it was hoped the speed zone would be applied prior to Christmas and asked the committee to show its support.

D Cleal expressed concern and advised in the past temporary speed restrictions had been used at peak periods and suggested it was just another revenue making idea.

Councillor Macphail advised he had advised Transit at a recent meeting of signage used in Australia for areas such as this where “High Accident Area” signs were erected, however Transit had not shown any interest in such signage.

L Buurman suggested the lowered speed limit should not include the long Oaro straight so there was at least a chance to overtake and advised it may be good motivation to at least trial such an idea.

N Gold advised she felt the 80kph zone should not include the slow lane prior to the Oaro Bridge, and that signage such as Councillor Macphail suggested be installed.

The Committee agreed that if Council supported Transit’s proposed 80kph speed zone from Oaro Bridge to Kahutara Bridge that the zone start from the north end of the Oaro straight to the Kahutara Bridge. It was further agreed that the reduced speed zone be reviewed 12 months after being imposed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.06pm.