

**REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL
WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON
WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Pablecheque (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors B Seddon, M McChesney, J Diver, J Macphail.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saily (Asset Manager), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer), J Doggett (Works Infrastructure).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Thomas
- Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

1. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

Water Supply

There were no major problems encountered with the water supply for the reporting period apart from a malfunction within the Kincaid system which was resolved in a timely manner.

Sewer System

Desludging of the Oxidation Ponds continued throughout the month with the dissolved oxygen averaging 4.6mg/l during the month. The Chief Executive Officer suggested a site visit be undertaken by Council later in the day

Public Toilet Facilities

Facilities were fairly maintained during the reporting period with two reported problems at the West End facility which were quickly resolved. It was noted the new facility at the Mill Road/State Highway corner was painted with graffiti.

b) Roothing

Capital Projects

Tenders for the districts' resealing contract were received and the contract was awarded to TC Nichols.

Stock Effluent on Council Roads

The Asset Manager advised a report had been received from Connell Wagner highlighting all discussions and agreements reached to date with local farmers regarding stock effluent on Council roads. Solutions had been reached with three farmers and Councils

engineers, with assistance from staff, would continue to broker a solution with the remaining four farmers.

2. ESPLANADE PARKING ALTERATIONS – WHITE MORPH MOTOR INN

The Environmental Development Officer sought direction from Council following discussions held with the owners of the White Morph Motor Inn regarding campervan parking obstructing patrons views on the Esplanade. Overnight camping and parking on the Esplanade was prohibited, however daytime parking was unrestricted.

A number of solutions had been discussed with the White Morph including the following:

1. White Morph rent a specified number of parking spaces from Council, placing planting boxes (of a determined size, colour etc) for a determined time period. Car spaces could be reduced in length (using planting boxes and/or bollards and rope) to allow cars to park while making the spaces unsuitable for vans. *A similar and successful rental arrangement exists with businesses in the West End.*
2. White Morph fund, prepare and plant a section of grass and shorten five parking spaces either side to allow for car parking only. Place signage stating no campervan parking.
3. Enhancement of parking and green spaces along the Esplanade is a long term priority of Section 4 of the Coastal Management Strategy. Alterations made to the Esplanade should consider the community, visitors and local businesses and be completed consistently along the entire length of the Esplanade. It is recommended that signage be avoided and any immediate alterations are of a temporary nature to allow for future planned development.

It was noted support had been gained from neighbouring businesses.

As a representative of the Mayfair Theatre Committee, Councillor McChesney expressed concern noting there was a definite need for parking for theatre patrons and noted the White Morph had already painted yellow lines outside their building to stop parking on the street directly outside guest rooms. She felt other businesses around the White Morph also needed to be able to succeed and questioned why Council should bend over backwards for one businesses.

Councillor Seddon felt it was a golden opportunity to commence development of the Esplanade, stating development of the strip adjacent to the White Morph could set the very tone for the Esplanade and should be grabbed if the White Morph were prepared to contribute funding.

Councillor Diver concurred with Councillor McChesney.

Councillor Woods felt point 3 above was well thought out and considered everybody.

Councillor Macphail supported solution number 3 in the agenda. He felt everyone had a right to park along the Esplanade and that banning campervans from parking along the Esplanade would be detrimental to visitors to the town.

Mayor Heays advised he had publicly expressed an interest in tidying up the Esplanade and if any adjustments along the Esplanade could be made in line with the Coastal Management Strategy then he supported it.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that as a result of looking at point three, being “any alterations made to the Esplanade should consider the community, visitors and local businesses and be completed consistently along the entire length of the Esplanade and that signage be avoided and any immediate alterations are of a temporary nature to allow for future planned development” that if it fulfills the White Morph Motor Inn request then further negotiations take place between the Environmental Development Officer and White Morph Motor Inn.

Discussion

Councillor Woods advised she would be disappointed if Council set a precedent and favoured short term renting of space along the Esplanade.

Councillor Diver suggested Council look at the whole view of the Coastal Management Strategy that was prepared in 1998 and decide if it was still appropriate today before it made any decisions.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that provided the White Morph Motor Inn request fits with the Coastal Management Strategy, then it be pursued.

Discussion

Councillor Diver asked the Environmental Development Officer if she had a copy of the section of the strategy covering the area outside the White Morph Motor Inn. The Environmental Development Officer advised yes however it did not particularly relate to parking. Councillor Diver advised there was an architectural plan for the particular area of the Esplanade in question and requested it be provided for Council to look at.

Councillor Macphail advised the crux of the proposal appeared to be restricted parking and he did not like the idea of parking being available for cars only and not campervans. Campervans had a right

to park along the Esplanade and it may set a dangerous precedent along the foreshore.

Councillor McChesney objected having to make a decision on information provided at such late notice.

It was decided a workshop would be held at 2.30pm on Friday 17 November to look at the Coastal Management Strategy and to further discuss the matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38am.