

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FOLLOWING THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
AT 11.53 ON WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2005 IN MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA**

PRESENT: Mayor Heays (Chair), Councillors B Seddon, B Woods, M McChesney, J Diver, J Macphail, S Thomas, M Pablecheque.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), J Woodgate (Minutes Secretary).

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence – Councillor Woods

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 18/05/05

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

a. Works and Services Committee 18/05/05

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 18 May 2005 be adopted.

b. Environmental Services Committee 18/05/05

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 18 May 2005 be adopted.

c. Finance and Policy Committee 18/05/05

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 May 2005 be adopted.

d. Social Services Committee 11/05/05

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 11 May 2005 be adopted.

e. Tourism & Development Committee 11/05/05

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Tourism & Development Committee meeting held on 11 May 2005 be adopted.

4. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Application Committee 17/05/05
Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 17 May 2005 be received.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CONFIRMED MINUTES

Memorial Hall Parking

Councillor Woods commented on the reserved parking outside of the memorial hall and enquired what standards would be used for such parking.

The Chief Executive Officer advised councils Bylaw enabled parking to be controlled by way of signage in cases of special events. Those wishing to apply to use the cycle lane for parking for specific events were able to apply to council for use of such signs.

LTCCP Audit Fee

Councillor Seddon enquired if any word had been received in response to council's letter to Local Government advising it would not be paying additional audit fees for auditing of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

Mayor Heays advised no response had been received to date.

Councillor Pablecheque was interested to know what the outcome would be if council refused to pay the fees.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Elected Members would be held responsible if council refused to make such payment

6. RECOMMENDATION FROM TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

A recommendation from the Tourism & Development committee was included in the agenda following the committee's meeting of 8 June 2005 where it was resolved that council be asked to support progression of the Whale Watch Development project and further encourage Ngai Tahu Development Corporation to reconsider investment in Kaikoura.

It was discussed and noted that Council to date had fully supported the project through every step.

Councillor Diver commented that surely all council members knew council was in support of the development, further noting he did not see why such a recommendation had come to Council if they already knew where Council stood on the matter.

Mayor Heays suggested the Chief Executive Officer's lead be followed on this matter. .

Councillor Diver advised he felt it was of high importance that it be pointed out that Council had not been the hindrance in relation to this matter.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablechue and resolved that Mayor Heays write a letter to the chairman of Whale watch reiterating councils support in the Peninsula development.

Against: Councillor Diver

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.10pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.10pm.

7. MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL FORESTRY REPORT

The Marlborough Regional Forestry Report was included in the agenda for information purposes.

Councillor Diver advised he had recently attended a forestry meeting and advised loans were currently being paid back to Marlborough District Council at a rate of \$450,000 per annum.

He advised councils forestry was looking good with the Para site currently trialing Redwood and Eucalyptus trees. Some of the Redwoods had not taken off as yet, however council was hoping for a better result next year.

The land itself belonged to Marlborough Regional Council with Kaikoura District Council holding a 10% share in it. While log prices were down council had been receiving approximately \$100,000 per annum from forestry over the past 2 years. Once loans were fully paid off dividends would rise.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays advised that he had recently began a process with Environment Canterbury where 18 Environment Canterbury employees would be invited to Kaikoura to take part in an environmental workshop involving important features around the town. Initially a tour of the district would be undertaken in order to familiarize with the district and also to see the work that their understudies had been taking care of. The Mayor advised Environment Canterbury had responded and were eager to begin the process.

Councillor Seddon felt it would be a good idea to include sites such as Ocean Ridge, Whale Watch and the Oxidation Ponds into the tour.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Leave of Absence

Councillor Woods requested leave of absence from the July 20 meeting.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Councillor Woods be granted leave of absence from the 20 July 2005 meeting.

Move by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council move into Public Excluded.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.00pm