

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.24AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Harmon
Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Chief Executive Officer advised the IANZ assessment for accreditation would be undertaken in late May. A pre audit assessment had been undertaken. This had revealed the Building Control Authority was in a relatively good state. The assessment looked at what the Building Control Authority was actually doing compared with what it said it was doing.

b) Resource Planning

Consent applications remained steady. A request was made for consent revenue to be included in the report. It was noted applicants were charged a base fee and any additional costs were invoiced when the consent was issued.

c) District and Environmental Planning

Land and Water Regional Plan

Some sections of the document would become operative on 19 April 2015. The District Planner advised some issues could arise regarding discharge fields which required experts to sign off compliance with Environment Canterbury rules. Councillor Diver believed the aim of the rule was to streamline the process so that a drainlayer could put in a field drain as long as it complied with the rules and could sign if off.

Natural Resources Regional Plan – Air Section

The District Planner advised Kaikoura was not located in a “Clean Air Zone” and was therefore not subject to the same Air Standards. If the Plan remained as it was those in the Kaikoura urban area could have outdoor fires for cooking. In rural areas it was noted fires were largely permitted.

Te Korowai

The District Planner advised discussions had been held regarding engaging Environment Canterbury to address deficiencies in the Coastal Plans. There were provisions in the Plans which were disabling processes and made operations very expensive.

2. ENHANCED PUBLIC PLACE RECYCLING BINS

\$15,000 had been obtained from the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants Program. The District Planner advised there had been a lot of misuse of recycling bins over the summer season. The funding would allow staff to;

- Commission purpose made bottle banks
- Order 80 litre wheelie bins to go in the banks
- Install the bottle banks on concrete pads
- Reconfigure and label existing recycling bins and install signage.

Three bottle bank sites would be created. These would be at Mill Road, the New World Supermarket and by the Caltex Garage on Beach Road.

A discussion was held regarding scrap steel and it was generally felt it would be beneficial to have a scrap steel collection point in rural areas.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the Enhanced Public Place Recycling Bins report be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.04am.