

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.23AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), D McCaul (Senior Building Control Officer), R Vaughan (District Planner), K Scattergood (Emergency Management Officer), D Shovel (Environmental Health Officer).

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Civil Defence

The Youth in Emergency Services Programme (YES) had been very successful. All cadets except one had completed the programme which required cadets to spend an evening with each of the following organisations; St John, NZ Fire Service, Coastguard, Civil Defence and Search and Rescue. The cadets also attended a two day camp weekend with all of the organisations. The cadets were required to join one of the emergency services for two months with a graduation to be held in May.

150 people had attended one of four "A tsunami ready community" public meetings in March. Work on community plans would now commence. The Emergency Management Officer would be connecting with communities to help them create a plan for emergency situations.

Exercise Pandora would be held in May. This was an annual national exercise. This year the exercise would be based on local flooding and would be a desktop exercise regarding information flow in the Emergency Operations Centre.

b) Building

11 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$1,212,250 had been issued in March. 6 Code Compliance Certificates and 12 Land Information Memorandums had also been issued.

The building team was aiming to improve public information and was working to produce information sheets.

c) Resource Planning

The District Planner advised an increase in applications for "224 certification" which could indicate sales were increasing. The "224 Certificate" was the final stage and completion of a subdivision. She advised in good economic times people tended to complete subdivisions quicker. It was noted development contributions had to be paid prior to the release of the "224 Certificate".

d) District & Environmental Planning

Earthcheck

The District Planner advised the function to officially present the Platinum Certification Plaque to the Kaikoura community had been held on the 4th of April. Councillor Howden advised the function had been fabulous and thanked the District Planner for all of her work.

e) Environmental Health

The Food Bill 2011

The Environmental Health Officer advised the Food Bill was again before parliament for its second reading and it was hoped the Bill would be enacted during the year. He provided an overview of the Food Bill.

The Environmental Health Officer advised during the last round of food premise inspections the standards throughout the district had been mixed and there had been some concerns with food safety standards. It was noted however the uptake of Food Control Plans had been overwhelming with 30 out of 44 premises registered. This made Kaikoura number one in New Zealand based on statistics for premises taking up Food Control Plans.

Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

The Act was now fully implemented. The fees and charges regulations associated with the Act aimed to fully recover costs associated with alcohol licensing. It also aimed to provide incentives to licensees and managers to adopt best practice and harm minimisation models. The Act provided for application fees and annual fees based on the level of risk associated with a premise. From 1 July all Territorial Authorities were required to collect annual fees on the anniversary date of the Licence. It was noted the Licence fees could only be reduced by the introduction of a Bylaw.

Mayor Gray enquired how a premise could reduce its risk level and therefore fees. The Environmental Health Officer advised a reduction in risk category could be achieved through performance or reduced hours of operation. It was noted points related to performance were retained for a two year period.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Annual Alcohol Licence fee collection be introduced effective from 1 July 2014 and be applicable to all Licences with an anniversary date after 1 July 2014. From that date every licensed premise would be liable to annual fees on the anniversary date thereafter.

The Environmental Health Officer advised a controlled purchase operation had been undertaken recently. 15 premises had been visited and no one had sold any alcohol to the minor which was encouraging.

2. SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY – OUTCOMES FROM FIRST CONSULTATION MEETING

To retain Earthcheck Certification the Kaikoura community was required to have a Sustainability Strategy in place which outlined work streams and key performance areas working towards a sustainability goal.

Workshops had been held with Councillors and staff and a workshop had also been held with businesses and residents on 3 March 2014. An overview of feedback was provided. It was noted a Tourism Strategy was also required as part of the certification.

The District Planner advised actions and outcomes had not yet been formulated and she was looking to undertake further consultation.

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that;

1. The information be received.

2. Councillors would email the District Planner a list of Community Groups they wished to engage during the preparation of the Sustainability Strategy.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47am.