

# REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.25AM ON WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 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), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners).

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **a) Building**

D McCaul, Senior Building Control Officer had resigned and had finished at Council. Advertising for a replacement was underway. A shared services agreement with Hurunui District Council was in place for building control services.

### **b) Resource Planning**

The District Planner advised consent numbers had been increasing however they were still down on the previous year. Three applications for land use and two for subdivision had been received in the reporting month.

### **c) District and Environmental Planning**

#### **Kaikoura Enhancement Group**

A public meeting had been held in July. The meeting had been positive with people keen to see work commence. The suggestion to close the portion of Mill Road between Athelney Road and Old Beach Road had been discussed. It was noted if New Zealand Transport Agency approved the proposal the matter would be brought to Council as the intersection from Beach Road to Old Beach Road would have to be redesigned. Council would also have to go through the road stopping procedures as outlined in legislation.

#### **Te Korowai**

The Kaikoura (Te Tai o Marokura) Marine Management Act 2014 came into effect on 7 August 2014. The Act established a number of marine protection and sustainable fisheries measures in the Kaikoura Marine environment which included; a marine reserve, Whale Sanctuary, Fur Seal Sanctuary, two taiapure, three mataitai and an advisory committee.

The District Planner advised the challenge now was educating the public regarding the rules in each of the areas.

**Earthcheck**

The “Too Good to Waste Business Awards” had been launched. Businesses who took part would receive a certificate recognising their work towards sustainability. Five businesses had been audited as part of the awards programme.

**Water Testing Ohau Point**

Feedback had been sought regarding water quality testing at Ohau Point. The District Planner advised the area was now a seal sanctuary and access to the sea across the shore was not permitted. It was unlikely Paua would be affected by water quality. Any water quality testing would have to be done at Council’s own cost.

It was suggested the increased number of seals was significant for the coast to accommodate and it may be something which needed to be considered in future.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39am.***