

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2015 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Howden.  
***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

## **1. OPEN FORUM**

### **Ralph Hogan**

R Hogan noted that at the Local Government Annual General Meeting a remit was passed requesting Government to develop legislation to prohibit smoking outside of restaurants, cafes and bars. Another remit was passed for a levy on plastic bags. R Hogan enquired regarding Council's stance on both remits. He noted the remit regarding the levy on plastic bags stated the levy would be charged at the point of sale and it would be up to the retailer to pass on the cost to the purchaser. He felt it was important the cost was passed on to the purchaser as it was more effective. He noted when a ban was put in place in Hawaii retailers put on their plastic bags that they were reusable. He felt a levy allowed people to still obtain plastic bags if they needed then but it was a deterrent.

R Hogan hoped there would be an expansion on the cycle/footpath specification work as outlined in the minutes of the previous meeting. He noted Council had been quite receptive regarding the idea whereas the Operations Manager had not.

R Hogan noted in regard to the freedom camping report that the proposed bylaw for Wairoa showed the intent was not to disallow people from sleeping in their cars as a matter of safety. He felt if a Bylaw was put in place in Kaikoura then the distinction between freedom camping and stopping to rest as a matter of safety would need to be clarified.

***The meeting adjourned at 9.07am and resumed at 1.01pm.***

## **2. POINT KEAN CARPARK**

J Weir, Ranger Department of Conservation Kaikoura, was in attendance to present this item.

The aim was to develop a strategy at Point Kean to address critical issues and to ensure the site was safe and enjoyable for visitors and seals moving forward. Seal numbers were currently at approximately 10% of historic numbers so it was a certainty that seal numbers would grow. Point Kean was now a Fur Seal breeding colony and seals at Point Kean were being disturbed

and harassed. It was noted from January to July 2015 over 100,000 cars had visited the Point Kean car park.

Potential ways of keeping seals and people safe were discussed. These included;

- Fencing
- Adding sides and gates to the boardwalk
- Increase of official looking presence
- Use of volunteers and community groups
- Increasing awareness
- Sustainable harvest.

It was generally felt fencing and education was the best solution.

### **3. KAIKOURA YOUTH COUNCIL**

S Beardmore, Community Facilitator, and T Hooper, Youth Council Representative were in attendance to present this item.

A report of Youth Council activities was tabled. Current projects included; monthly youth jam nights, upkeep of new plantings at Lyell Creek and a Photovoice project.

An exhibition of Photovoice would be held in November and Council was invited to attend. The Photovoice project was for youth to share their stories about living in Kaikoura.

Youth Council acknowledged and thanked Council for the increase in budget from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

### **4. CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE**

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on progress at the Civic Centre. It was noted the exterior cladding would be 95% completed by the end of the following week. The replacement of the roof panels would commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, weather dependent. It was noted the replacement panels had been ordered for the roof even though the insurance had not yet been finalised.

A discussion was held regarding the cost of the internal fit out for the building. It was stated a figure of \$720,000 had previously been included in past building information and an enquiry was made as to how much had been spent to date and whether or not the figure was still accurate. The Chief Executive Officer advised no additional funds had been allowed outside of the original budget for the fit out. Some internal panels had been purchased. It was noted furniture used in the current building would be used in the new building along with some items obtained from Environment Canterbury. Councillor Blunt wished to know how much money had been spent on fit out for the Civic Building and what fit out work was yet to be undertaken.

## **5. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Local Government New Zealand Conference**

It was generally felt the conference had been very good. There had been a number of very good and interesting speakers on the programme. Highlights from the conference from those who attended were shared with the meeting.

### **Marlborough Regional Forestry**

\$2.8million had been distributed in the financial year ending 30 June 2015 compared with \$3.2million the previous year. 35% of logs had been exported with 30% going to China and 5% to India. 65% of logs had gone to the local market with a 75% return. It was noted transport cost had reduced due to a surplus of ships worldwide.

### **Kaikoura Zone Water Committee**

The Committee had taken on the task of getting domestic water supply storage up and running in the District for emergency supply.

It was noted Immediate Steps projects in the Clarence had been extremely successful and could lead to potential growth in adventure tourism.

## **6. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – KAIKOURA LONGBOARD EVENT**

A request had been received for a temporary road closure of Ingles Drive and Greenburn Way on 23 and 24 January 2016 for the Kaikoura Longboard Festival. The event had been held in 2014 and 2015.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that under Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965 the Council agree to close Ingles Drive and Greenburn Way from 9.00am to 5.00pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.***

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Council 15/07/2015**

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 July 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record subject to the following paragraph included in the Urgent Business section under Civic Centre Building Project; "A discussion was held regarding when Council had ratified the three story Civic Building. It was thought it had been when M McChesney was a Councillor however this was proven to be incorrect."***

## **8. ADOPTION OF REPORTS**

**Works and Services Committee 15/07/2015**

***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 15 July 2015 be adopted.***

**Environmental Services Committee 15/07/2015**

***Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 15 July 2015 be adopted.***

**Finance & Policy Committee 15/07/2015**

***Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 15 July 2015 be adopted.***

**9. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED**

**Hearings & Applications Committee 08/06/2015**

***Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee held on 08 June 2015 be received.***

**Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 24/06/2015**

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee meeting held on 24 June 2015 be received.***

**10. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely;***

- a. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting held on 15/07/2015***
- b. Civic Building Project Update***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.25pm***