

**KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON
WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2016 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Open Forum – Session for members of the public wishing to comment on items included in this agenda.

The Council meeting will adjourn following this item and will resume following the Environmental Services Committee meeting.

3. Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business

4. Finance Report *page 14*

5. Civil Defence *page 16*

6. Civic Centre Building Report *page 17*

7. Review of Smokefree Public Places Policy *page 19*

8. Exemption and Delegation under the Fencing of Swimming Pool Act 1987 *page 25*

9. Public Forum

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10. Youth Council

- A representative of the Youth Council will be in attendance at 1.30pm to present this item.

11. Committee Updates

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13. Minutes to be Confirmed:

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14. Reports to be Adopted:

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15. Minutes to be Received

- **Hearings and Applications Committee 14/06/2016**
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- **Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 29/06/2016**

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16. Urgent Business

17. Council Public Excluded Session

Moved, seconded 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 on 20/07/2016***
- b. Adoption of Report Finance, Audit & Risk Public Excluded meeting 20/06/2016***
- c. Civic Building Report***

The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made
Minutes of the Council Public Excluded meeting 20/06/2016	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to protect information where the making available of that information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(b)(ii)
Civic Centre Project Report	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to protect information where the making available of that information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(b)(ii).
Report of Finance, Audit and Risk Public Excluded Meeting 20/06/2016	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to protect information where the making available of that information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or who is the subject of the information.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(b)(ii).

Summarised Finance Report for the period to 31 July 2016

Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue & Expense

	Budget 31/07/2016	Actual 31/07/2016	Actual 31/07/2015
Rates revenue	137,455	30,853	458,003
All other revenue	274,934	510,273	529,791
TOTAL REVENUE	412,389	541,126	987,794
Operating expenses	758,945	436,305	621,432
Net surplus/(deficit)	(346,556)	104,821	366,362
Other comprehensive revenue	-	-	-
Total revenue & expense	(346,556)	104,821	366,362

The operating surplus is well up on forecast for the first month of the new financial year, but the surplus is subject to various accruals to post back to the 2015/2016 year. New Zealand Transport Agency subsidies for the year ended 30 June are overstating revenue by \$129k, and water meter charges of \$92k also need to accrue back to the previous financial year.

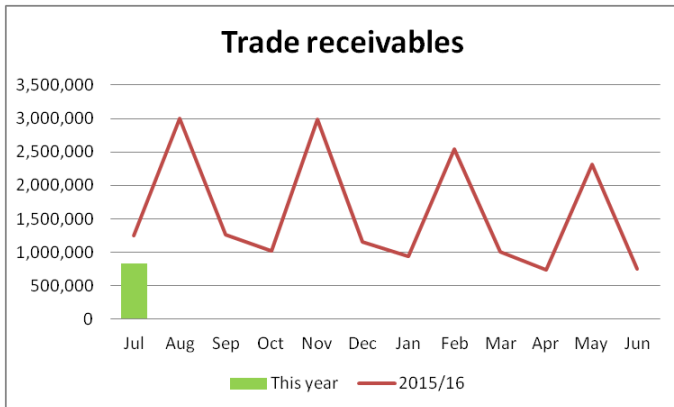
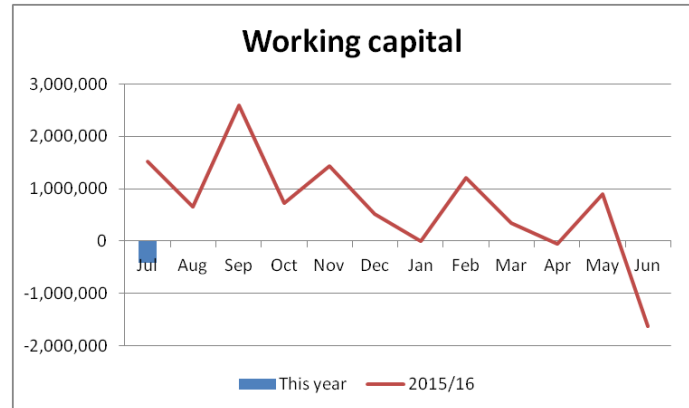
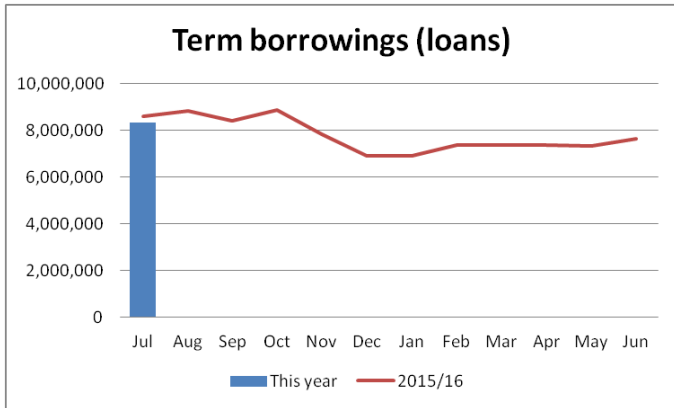
Summary Statement of Financial Position

	Budget 30/06/2017 Full year	Actual 31/07/2016 One month	Actual 31/07/2015 One month
Current assets	4,460,718	2,848,389	11,369,525
Non-current assets	172,122,221	165,330,485	164,034,520
Current liabilities	(2,491,400)	(3,260,252)	(5,053,078)
Non-current liabilities	(9,379,376)	(7,177,470)	(3,673,676)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	164,712,163	157,741,152	166,677,291
Ratepayers equity	80,752,128	87,013,315	93,517,437
Special funds	2,532,347	1,394,274	3,842,680
Asset revaluation reserve	81,427,688	69,333,563	69,317,174
TOTAL EQUITY	164,712,163	157,741,152	166,677,291

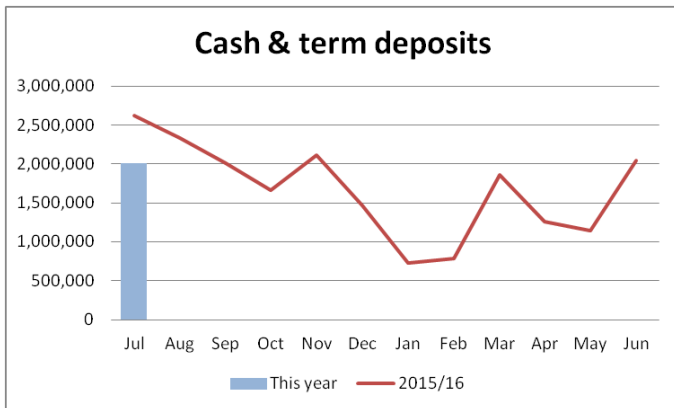
As resolved by Council last month, there are no longer any properties held for sale. Trade creditors are particularly low, reflecting substantial payments made in July. Several new loans were drawn, including a partial drawdown of the Civic Centre contingency loan.

Working capital remains below zero, with current liabilities exceeding current assets. A cluster of loans falls due within the next 12 months and they will be refinanced when they mature. Liquidity is currently 3.87:1.

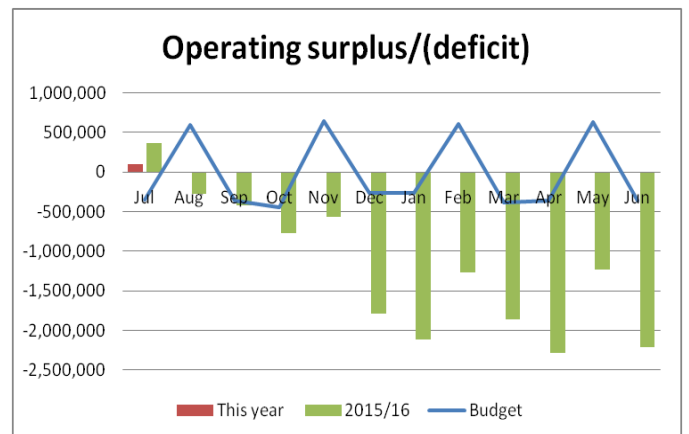
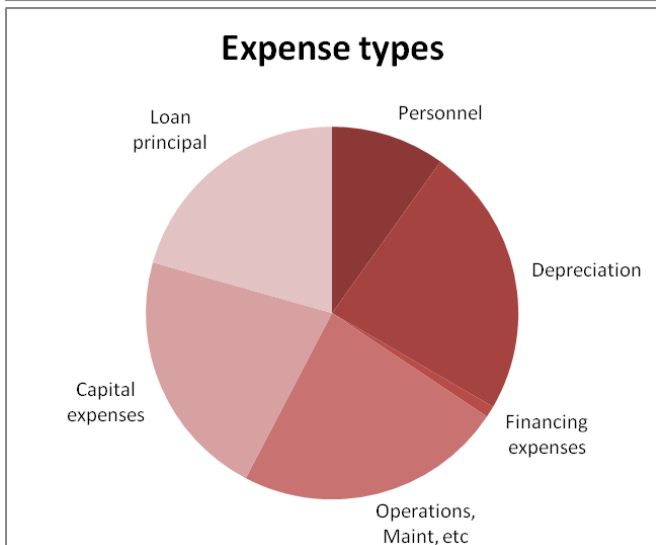
Financial Dashboard



Top capital projects (by spend \$)	Budget \$000's	Amount Spent \$000's	Within budget	Within time
Civic centre	4,900	6,973	No	No
Sth Bay wtr	300	297	Yes	Yes
Harbour rock	300	21	Yes	No
CCTV	26	15	Yes	Yes
Ozone FBI	20	10	Yes	Yes
Footpaths	250	-	-	C/fwd
Road reseals	200	-	-	C/fwd
Road rehab	190	-	-	C/fwd
West End	100	-	-	-
Airport Rwy	50	-	-	-



- Footpath in Churchill St progressing
- The civic centre is due for completion in Sept/Oct, and a valuation is underway
- South Bay water renewal is complete
- Rock removal in the harbour is delayed pending resource consent and cultural assessment
- Security camera's in West End progressing
- Software license for FBI software purchased



The full financial report is contained within the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee agenda

Civil Defence

Tourism and Civil Defence

Winter Tourism and Emergency Management

This year the focus is on recovering after emergencies of all sizes.

The first workshop was held on the 21st of July and focused on insurance. It was well attended and much was learned.

The second workshop on business continuity was cancelled due to lack of participants. A reworking of the delivery method for this program is underway to see how to best meet the needs of Kaikoura businesses.

Upcoming Workshop

- Health and Safety Act- Tourism and Emergencies – Your responsibilities and how to meet them 24th August 2 to 4pm

Emergo: Exercise Paikea

Emergency Management Officers from Kaikoura, Hurunui, and Marlborough will participate in the Canterbury District Health Board's Emergo exercise on the 17th of August.

This is a mass casualty at sea scenario which will involve all the emergency services in Kaikoura and Whale Watch. This is a great opportunity for cross agency training.

Emergo is a white board exercise using real time simulation.

Prepared by	Kd Scattergood, Emergency Management Officer
Authorised by	Angela Oosthuizen, Chief Executive Officer

Civic Centre Building Report

Purpose:

This report provides Council with an update on the timeline and construction of the project.

Updated timeline

Services	Comment	Completion Date
Plumbing	Largely completed with final fit-off to be completed post painting and floor covering completed	August 2016
Electrical	98% complete – installation of generator and external landscape lighting to be completed	August 2016
Fire sprinkler	2 sprinkler heads to be installed on top floor otherwise all completed.	August 2016
Internal Walls	Completed	
Partitions	In progress	August 2016
Suspended Ceilings	Gib stopping and in progress	August 2016
Interior Painting	In progress	August 2016
Reception desks	In progress	August 2016
Kitchen	Completed	-
Bathroom flooring and carpeting	Bathroom flooring completed. Carpeting on order. Floors preparation completed – awaiting installation of carpet.	August 2016
External fire stairs	Treads and external cladding to be installed.	August 2016
Internal Stair Case Finishing	Design completed, Materials ordered – 3 week lead time to material delivery.	September 2016
Exterior works : kerb & channel, block wall, entrance ramp, concreting, handrails, fencing & external plastering;	Kerb and channel complete; Awaiting installation of demarcation box and manholes by Chorus; To commence entrance ramp with remainder to occur in mid-August 2016	August 2016

Exterior Stairs	Rear Ramp concreted and constructed; council to build ramp, finalise landscaping and path adjacent to rear ramp.	August 2016
Server Room	Racks ordered and in place, air conditioning in place, final fit-off of cabling to be done. Transition plan for relocation of servers to be compiled.	September 2016
Lift	Commissioning of lift to be completed – awaiting installation of analogue phone line by Chorus	September 2016
Partitions	Construction commencing 11 August 2016	August 2016
Deck and Balustrade's	Final design sign-off and construction	Late August 2016
Code of Compliance	In progress	

A review of the project plan has indicated that the proposed date for handover will be 28 September 2016.

Recommendation:

That the Civic Centre Building Report be received for information.

Prepared by	Angela Oosthuizen, Chief Executive Officer
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Review of Kaikoura District Council Smokefree Public Places Policy

Introduction

The Kaikoura Smokefree Public Places Policy was approved by Council in January 2013. The Policy was intended to be reviewed in June 2014. This paper addresses the review of the Policy.

Executive Summary

In March 2011 the Government adopted the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand, with the aim of reducing the prevalence of smoking across the entire population to less than five percent. Local government plays an important leadership role in the community and has the ability to assist with de-normalising smoking in the community. Section 23 of the Health Act 1956 provides “it shall be the duty of every local authority to improve, promote, and protect public health within its district”. Adopting Smokefree policies and creating smokefree places facilitates the role of Council. The development and inclusion of a Policy does not commit Council resources.

Procedural Matters

The Local Government Act 2002 provides that a local authority may develop policies and bylaws. However, before a bylaw is created Council must determine that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem and then must follow the special consultative procedure. The current Policy has been based on voluntary compliance and it is not considered that a bylaw is justified, particularly if voluntary compliance is intended.

Problem Definition

The problem with smoking is simple. Smoking kills more than 50 percent of smokers¹. However, any policy direction on smoking should reflect that individuals still have a choice. Nationally 15% of New Zealanders were identified as smokers in the 2013 Census.

Kaikoura District Council presently has a Smokefree Policy, so the issue which the Council needs to address when reviewing our Policy is whether we are meeting our obligations under the Health Act and the Local Government Act.

In 2015, a survey was undertaken regarding “A Smokefree Kaikoura”. The survey was directed at businesses associated with food and alcohol which connected with tourism. A total of 168 businesses were eligible for survey and 123 responses were received.

The key findings were:

- 99% agreed staff and customers should be protected from second hand smoke
- 99% agreed that second hand smoke is harmful to adults and children
- 43% businesses saw customers smoking daily
- 47% businesses had staff who smoke
- 87% were aware of Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal
- 53% were aware of KDC Policy
- 27% were aware of KDC’s endorsement of 2025 goal

Given this survey, it appears that more than 5% of the Kaikoura population (178 people) will continue to smoke in 2025. The existing Policy could be promoted more to de-normalise smoking. Kaikoura District has a very small rating base with limited funds and it has already made a significant commitment to the health sector within Kaikoura by underwriting the new community hospital. The approach Wellington City Council has taken with the development of videos is excellent but is beyond the capacity of our budgets.

¹ Health Effects of Smoking. Ministry of Health www.health.govt.nz/yourhealth/healthy-living/addictions/smoking/health-effects-smoking

Our current Policy is aimed at education and awareness and will be supported by Smokefree Canterbury.

Potential Options

1. Remove the Policy

Removal of the Policy will not further objectives under the Health Act or Local Government Act.

2. Create a Bylaw

A bylaw is not seen as the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem. Individuals still have the right of choice when it comes to smoking.

3. Retain the Status Quo

The current Policy raises awareness but progress appears to be slow. Options to address this include leaving the Policy unchanged but create additional awareness of the Policy through education. This will require development of communication material for use in various media (newsletter and website).

4. Amend the Policy

The Policy could be amended to ensure that it is broader by including additional land areas and increasing the area outside of the Council buildings (e.g. 10m from the entry/exit of Council building). Additional resources e.g. signage can be leveraged from Smokefree Canterbury.

Evaluation of Solutions

Only two real options have been considered status quo and amending the Policy.

The status quo presently appears to be too slow to address the 2025 target. There are a number of constraining factors in Kaikoura that must be recognised:

1. Our local economy is supported by tourism - the Smokefree Canterbury 2015 study shows that 35% of people believe a Smokefree Dining Policy would have a positive impact on tourism, 17% believe it will lead to a negative impact. 31% of businesses do not support a Smokefree trial.
2. Resources do not exist for enforcement of the Policy.
3. Council can create some awareness of the existing Policy through ongoing communication on the website and social media.
4. Council has no financial resources for signage but can rely on support from Smokefree Canterbury
5. The success of the policy will depend directly on the support of Smokefree Canterbury

Next steps suggested by Smokefree Canterbury are:

1. Supporting KDC to review the extent of its current Policy.
2. Look for new developments to create Smokefree opportunities.
3. Continue to build the relationship with the commercial and tourism sector.
4. Support individual cafes to become totally Smokefree.
5. Consider a voluntary Smokefree trial for certain areas.

The inclusion of additional public places will assist in raising further awareness and de-normalising smoking. This can only be possible with the support of Smokefree Canterbury through the provision of resources which will be necessary items such as signage, logos and assisting with advertising.

Recommendations:

- 1. Council agree that the Smokefree Policy requires amendment.**
- 2. Council agree that a Policy which is achieved by voluntary compliance does not require public notification.**
- 3. Council agree to the suggested amendments to the Smokefree Policy and that the policy is endorsed as Council Policy. To be known as "Kaikoura District Council Smokefree Public Places Policy 2016".**

Prepared by	Matt Hoggard, District Planner
Authorised by	Angela Oosthuizen, Chief Executive Officer



Kaikoura District Council Smokefree Public Places Policy 2016

Introduction / Purpose

The harm of tobacco smoking is well-documented. In March 2011, the Government adopted the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand meaning the prevalence of smoking across the population will be less than five percent. Local government plays an important leadership role in the community and has the ability to assist with de-normalising smoking.

Council manages community infrastructure, including libraries, reserves, recreational facilities and bus stops this provides the opportunity for Council to show leadership by promoting a smokefree lifestyle as being both desirable and the norm in Kaikoura.

By focusing on playgrounds, sports grounds, parks and Council events, Council will send a positive message that our children and young people's health and the environment (i.e. litter and fires) should be protected from the effects of smoking.

The objective sought is the reduction of smoking uptake by children and young persons by limiting their exposure to seeing others smoking, while not unduly infringing on the choice of others to smoke in outdoor public places should they want to.

Definitions and Scope

The object will be achieved by the following policies:

1. Compliance with the Policy is voluntary and will not be enforced by Council staff.
2. The following playgrounds, sports grounds and parks are deemed smokefree under this Policy;
 - Gillings Lane Reserve
 - Takahanga Domain
 - Gooches Beach Playground
 - Churchill Park
 - Bayview Street Park
 - South Bay Playground and Park Area
 - Seaview Playground
 - Kekeno Park
 - Kaikoura Skate Park
 - All Council controlled esplanade reserves and strips

3. The following Council properties and within 10m of entry and exits to these properties will become smoke free:
 - Kaikoura Civic Building, West End
 - Memorial Hall, Esplanade
 - Kaikoura Pensioner Housing (buildings not site), Torquay Street
 - Area of Mobile Vendors, locations as provided for within the District Plan
 - Area of “Licence to Occupy” sites, Jimmy Armers Beach, South Bay Reserve and Esplanade
4. Council events will be promoted as being smokefree.
5. When renewing leases of Council property, including outdoor dining licenses on footpaths consideration will be given to making the leased area smoke free.

Alignment with Council’s Community Outcomes

The Policy contributes to Kaikoura District Council’s Community Outcomes:

- Sustainable Development
- Environmental Protection and Enhancement

Policy Details

Goal:

By 2025, less than 5% of Kaikoura’s residential population will smoke.

Core Objectives:

1. De-normalise smoking within the Kaikoura District.
2. The reduction of smoking uptake by children and young people.
3. Assist Central Government with their goal of New Zealand becoming smokefree by 2025.

Information and Education:

The Council will continue to work with Smokefree Canterbury to promote positive role modelling, which will be communicated over a long period of time to achieve a positive attitudinal and behaviour change by smokers.

Implementation:

Key elements include signage, promotions on the Council website, in the Council’s monthly newsletter in the Kaikoura Star and direct marketing to sports groups/clubs.

The Council will work with Smokefree Canterbury members to ensure information relating to the new legislation and the health impacts of smoking and passive smoking are up to date and easily accessible to the community. Messages on signage and any communications will focus on the positive rather than the negative.

Enforcement:

The Policy is not a ban on smoking in a public place. No enforcement measures will be used against those who breach the Policy. Introducing a Policy where people can choose to comply is in the spirit of promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

Monitoring and Review:

As partners of the development and implementation of the policy, Smokefree Canterbury member organisations will be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the Policy. This Policy should be reviewed after 3 years or as and when agreed to by Council.

Financial Consideration:

This Policy does not determine resource allocation. This is the role of Council in the formation of Long Term Plan and Annual Plans.

Approval Date

17 August 2016

Review Date: July 2019

Exemption and Delegation under the Fencing of Swimming Pool Act 1987

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider an exemption to the application of the Fencing of Swimming Pool Act 1987 (the Act) for a property and to delegate to a Council committee the functions to consider such applications.

Background

The Act has been in force since 1987. General concern about these unnecessary deaths led Parliament to enact the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987. This Act requires that, in the absence of a specific individual exemption, every private swimming and spa pool be properly fenced. Water Safety New Zealand has statistics showing that drownings of children under six years old have decreased since the introduction of the Act.

In its 1983 report, the Committee concluded that swimming pools should be fenced because:

- (a) They are a significant childhood water hazard;
- (b) Pool fencing is the most effective means of preventing drownings of preschool children in private swimming pools;
- (c) It is totally impossible for parents or guardians to supervise the children in their care every minute of the day;
- (d) Where there is a reasonable and viable means of protecting young children from hazards such as private swimming pools, the children have a right to that protection; and
- (e) The value of aesthetically pleasing gardens cannot be placed above the value of human lives.

The Act is administered under the building control functions of the Council. The Act requires that at least 10% of all swimming pools are audited annually for compliance.

Council has not previously had a delegation for decision making on swimming pool exemption applications. The Act states that that Committee may only be made up of Council members and may not have any officer of the authority.

Section 12 Delegation of powers to committees of councillors

A Territorial Authority may delegate powers and function to a Committee of Council that is only comprised of elected members of the Council. Council may not delegate these powers and functions to a Committee that includes committee members who are not elected members. Council cannot delegate its powers to an officer of the Council.

Councils may

- Grant exemptions from Act (Section 6)
- Impose conditions on a property or pool

In all circumstances above Council can only grant an exemption/impose conditions if, after having regard to the characteristics of the pool and the property, it is satisfied that it *“would not significantly increase danger to young children”*. No exemption is required for a new pool fence, or an alteration to an existing fence, if the new or altered fence is at least as safe as one built in accordance with the standard in the schedule of the Act.

To date exemptions have been granted by:

- Palmerston North City Council
- Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Auckland City Council
- Nelson City Council

- Marlborough District Council.

The details or conditions associated with these exemptions have not been viewed.

An application for such an exemption has been received from Myra Burns at Fernleigh on the Inland Road.

Discussion

It is considered that given the rarity of these applications that it is appropriate to have the Council consider in their monthly meetings. However, should the regularity of applications increase, this could be reviewed at a later date.

EXEMPTION APPLICATION

An application has been received by Myra Burns of 671 Inland Road, Kaikoura to install an AQUANORT POOL with a hard cover and an exemption from the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

The exemption application seeks an exemption to be granted on the basis that the pool will have a hard cover.

Discussion

The swimming pool cover will not comply with F4 of the building code nor will it comply with the fencing of swimming pools Act 1987. The application for swimming pool cover is considered high risk due to the fact that when the cover is removed for swimming the pool is left in a vulnerable position if constant supervision is not available. It may endanger visitors, children and animals to the property whether on the same land or on other property if the pool is not covered.

Replacing the swimming pool fence with a swimming pool cover would require an application for an alternative solution. The alternative solution plans must be provided by personnel experienced in swimming pool cover installation. Due to the high risk the application poses and the fact that it is not listed in any of the acceptable solutions.

In a normal situation, if the pool cover was not in position and the home owner ran inside to answer the phone, the pool would be left in a high risk position. However on the other hand in a fenced pool situation if the home owner ran inside to answer the phone then all they have to do go through the self-closing and latching gate leaving the pool is in a low risk safe position.

Building Control Officer, Des Allen, visited the site with Building Control Officer, Aaron Reardon, on 9 August 2016, and met the owner on site. The pros and cons of the swimming pool cover were discussed and photos were taken.

The pros for him are three main points:

- (1) Safety - children unable to access the pool from under the cover.
- (2) Heat – cover does not allow heat to escape so readily.
- (3) Leaves – keep the pool leaf free.

The Building Control Officer is of the opinion that, after speaking with the property owner, the exemption should be granted because;

- the location of the property
- surroundings
- windows across the front of the building good visibility to the proposed pool
- subject to satisfactory provision of additional information.

The owner did acknowledge that he understood there may be extra inspections required and extra paperwork to make sure the swimming pool cover conforms to safety requirements.

The cons for the swimming pool when the cover is off poses a problem for children under 6 who must be under constant supervision.

Condition on granting of Exemption for a Swimming Pool Cover, the owners must satisfactorily answer the following:

1. Provide details for the swimming pool cover manufacturer; include safety and electrical compliance.
2. Pool cover installers' safety certification required.
3. Electrical installers' certification required.
4. Provide a Producer Statement PS1 Design for the swimming pool cover.
5. Provide confirmation a Producer Statement PS3 Construction will be provided for the swimming pool cover installation at completion.
6. If the immediate area around the pool is not going to be fenced, then the boundary perimeter of the property requires safety fencing to keep children and animals from the adjoining properties.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

Council retain the right to hear and consider exemptions for swimming pools at their monthly meetings.

Council grant an exemption from the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 to Myra Burns of 671 Inland Road, Kaikoura to install an AQUANORT POOL with a hard cover subject to supplying the following information:

1. ***Provide details for the swimming pool cover manufacturer; include safety and electrical compliance.***
2. ***Pool cover installers' safety certification required.***
3. ***Electrical installers' certification required.***
4. ***Provide a Producer Statement PS1 Design for the swimming pool cover.***
5. ***Provide confirmation a Producer Statement S3 Construction will be provided for the swimming pool cover installation at completion.***
6. ***If the immediate area around the pool is not going to be fenced, then the boundary perimeter of the property requires safety fencing to keep out children and animals from the adjoining properties.***

Prepared by	Rachel Vaughan, Regulatory Team Leader
Authorised by	Angela Oosthuizen, Chief Executive Officer

Mayor's Report

There has been considerable works going on around our parks and reserves lately. This has been good to see and there has been plenty of positive community feedback on this. Woody and Trevor have completed several projects that are looking great. The gardens at the South Bay walkway have been tidied up, as has the entrance to the Bay where the Lions Club picnic tables get a lot of use, the Gooches beach toilets have been painted and the Lyell Creek and info centre area has been transformed with support from Jim Abernathy.

Through the town centre considerable works have been done also. The Takahanga walkway and access to the homes on lower Takahanga Terrace being hot mixed is a major improvement. Fencing and putting in a walkway on Scarborough Street has lifted this area considerably. The support of individuals and community groups supplying labour and materials is a big help. When the Churchill Street works are complete, this will improve the southern entrance also. Thanks to Gerry and team for arranging this work.

I attended an insights tool seminar with Sport Tasman in Nelson last week. It is an online system developed by Sport NZ, using data from Stats NZ, Active NZ, Secondary School data, Ministry of Education, Health and Nielsen research. It is a useful tool for Councils in developing sports facilities etc, as it tracks the trends across the nation and delves down into communities within a council area.

Attended LGNZ conference in Dunedin. Due to a flight delay we missed the AGM. There were 8 remits which were all passed;

- Impact of Dust on unsealed roads, Northland issue with logging trucks
- Community policing, a shortage in many areas. (We are well off here)
- Preservation of earthquake prone public heritage buildings
- Relocation of Govt Services to regional centres.
- Minimum standards for rental housing.
- Freedom camping.
- Beverage container deposit scheme
- Local Govt Act 2002 Amendment Bill.

Several speakers including politicians spoke throughout the two days, the most interesting for me was Peter Kageyama on 'How Councils can better engage with communities and create lovable places, places where talent wants to live.' Quote: "No city is loved because it fixes potholes, it is the other things like the community, the arts, great design & social capital that makes a place great."

Jason Krupp a research fellow at the NZ initiative, was also interesting. He has studied local govt and used Switzerland as a study case. Worth a look at his talk if you log onto the LGNZ website.