

# MINUTES OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.02AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2013 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

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

## **1. OPEN FORUM**

### **R Hogan – Block Offer 2014**

R Hogan commended staff on the submission which had been compiled regarding the 2014 Block Offer within the time limit imposed. New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals were now seeking feedback on the exposure draft which provided an indication of what the regulations might look like. Council had previously made a submission on the issue but there was now another opportunity to comment. Submissions closed on 31 January 2014. The Exposure Draft did not include any of the concerns raised in previous submissions and he felt a submission should be made to that effect.

R Hogan advised he was disappointed more Councillors had not attended the Block Offer meetings. R Hogan advised although the meetings had been based on the 2014 Block Offers the topic had not been brought up and the maps had not been shown until a request was made by meeting attendees. He advised one good thing that came from the meeting was the release of a new response timeframe which he felt for the first time was a more realistic response schedule.

R Hogan advised he would like for the Petroleum Extraction Subcommittee to be reestablished and noted the item was not included on the agenda. He felt the Committee should be made up of people from different positions. Mayor Gray advised he would make a decision in the New Year regarding the reestablishment of the Committee.

***The meeting adjourned at 9.09am and resumed at 11.58am.***

## **2. CIVIC BUILDING UPDATE**

S Chadwick, Civic Building Project Manager, was in attendance to present this item.

S Chadwick advised the project was tracking on budget. One major supplier had pulled out of the project one week before delivery of their product. This was due to them being involved in a major contract in New South Wales which had been pushed back. After discussions it was decided to continue with the supplier but had resulted in a two month delay. The delay would mean there would be less disruption in the town centre over the Christmas /January period.

It was noted when the product arrived it would be on large trucks and half of the road would be blocked. The major labour contractor had been able to find fill in work. The change to timetable had brought about the decision to build one half of the building first which would reduce the risk of weather exposure.

S Chadwick provided an overview of the products used in building and the construction process. He advised the building was designed to move and shake but not destroy itself in an earthquake. It was noted if beams in the building broke they could be unbolted and replaced. He further advised the building once completed would be the best constructed for earthquakes in New Zealand. The building was light weight and it was green.

***The meeting adjourned at 12.13pm for lunch and resumed at 1.01pm.***

### **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **Kaikoura Enhancement Group**

B Carter was in attendance to present this item.

B Carter advised the Group had been formed in August the previous year and had continued to meet monthly. The group had started as a Beach Road group but now extended to all of Kaikoura. He advised the group did not support individual agendas.

B Carter thanked Council for the funding it had allocated in the last Annual Plan for a concept and design of a more approachable town. The Goodfellow Group had been engaged to compile the concept. It was hoped a presentation would be provided to the Group at the end of January and the Group would then give a public presentation. B Carter advised the Group would be requiring more funding and were keen to become an incorporated society. The aim of the Group was to enhance what Kaikoura had.

The next meeting would be held on 27 January 2014.

### **4. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS**

1. Proposed Road Closure – Gravity Sports (Councillor Millton)

### **5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Local Government Act 2002 required every Council to have a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct had recently been updated to take into account changes to legislation.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the Code of Conduct be adopted subject to minor corrections to spelling.***

### **6. CANTERBURY TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT**

The Local Government Act 2002 required, after elections, authorities in the Canterbury region to enter into a Triennial Agreement about how they would deal with each other. The agreement was required to be adopted by March

2014. The Chief Executive Officer advised previous agreements had included a no surprises policy and this had been breached once with regard to Environment Canterbury.

Included in the agenda also was a Charter of Purpose for the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. The Forum advocated on behalf of the region. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy had come about from the Forum.

Councillor Millton enquired why Kaikoura would not become a unitary authority. The Chief Executive Officer advised Kaikoura could not become a unitary authority because it did not meet the population threshold.

Councillor Millton suggested Council compare its results with other Council's like Waimate and Mackenzie. The Chief Executive Officer advised benchmarking would mean Council would be able to be compared going forward however all Councils needed to have the same measures. The Government was trying to come up with some consistent measures. Mayor Gray noted that Government was unaware of the state of local infrastructure because it varied so much around the country.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the draft Local Authorities Triennial Agreement be adopted by Council and that any proposed changes to the document be brought back to Council for consideration.***

## **7. BLOCK OFFER 2014**

New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals had notified its intention to let blocks in the Pegasus Basin in 2014. It was consulting with 99 iwi and hapu and had notified 63 local authorities with an interest in the exploration of the areas proposed. The consultation period commenced on 19 September 2013 and closed on 14 November 2013.

Included in the agenda was the submission lodged with New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals.

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that;***  
***1. The report entitled Block Offer 2014 be received.***  
***2. Council support the submission on the New Zealand Petroleum and Mineral Block Offer Consultation document.***

## **8. YOUTH COUNCIL**

No members of the Youth Council had been able to attend the meeting however a report was tabled.

The Youth Council application to the Youth Fund for their "Learn to Lead" programme had been successful. The programme would take place in 2014.

The Your Council were investigating joining forces with the High School Student Council to create one strong cohesive youth voice in Kaikoura.

## **9. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Hearings and Applications Committee**

Councillor Diver advised the first meeting of the Hearings and Applications Committee would take place on 21 January 2014. Training for new members would be provided at the same time.

### **Mayfair Theatre**

Councillor Morgan advised thanks to the hard work of the Committee and Melville and Julie Syme the theatre had successfully changed to digital. There were also now more opportunities for people to go to the movies. Four movies were being shown per day and 95 people had attending the midnight screening of "The Hobbit". The new screen was yet to arrive.

### **Kaikoura Information and Tourism Incorporated (KITI)**

Councillor Harmon advised the i-Site manager had resigned. KITI would now look at restructuring the way it was run.

The new Kaikoura brand had been launched and would be brought to Council in February for Council to decide if it would also adopt the brand. Work was currently underway on the Strategic Business Plan.

Mayor Gray advised numbers through the i-Site were up 45%.

## **10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gray had met with Jan Hania and Dave Hayes from the Department of Conservation. It was noted that money was currently an issue for the Department. The submission from Kaikoura about opening the area from Molesworth to Kaikoura was in the discussion stage. It was noted there was strong support for the project.

Mayor Gray had attended the Mayoral Forum in Christchurch on 6 December. Dame Margaret Bazley had been appointed Chair of the Forum. Hon Amy Adams had been in attendance to advise about the upcoming statutory review of Environment Canterbury which was required to commence in 2014. Consultation would be undertaken prior to Government making a decision.

Mayor Gray advised a booklet had been received entitled "Talent NZ. Creating a place where talent wants to live". The booklet show cased a project inspired by the late Sir Paul Callaghan. A wide group of talented New Zealanders had been interviewed about how they saw New Zealand and a roadshow around the nation would be conducted in March 2014.

Mayor Gray advised he felt there were real opportunities for places like Kaikoura where we embraced the digital revolution and an environment could

be created where talented people and or companies could embrace the quality lifestyle while running and growing their business. A forum was to be held in Whanganui in September entitled "A place to live".

#### **11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Council 20/11/2013**

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 November 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.***

#### **12. MINUTES / REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**

The minutes and reports of the meetings held on 18 September 2013 which had been confirmed under section 3.18.2 of the NZD9202:2003 Amendment 1 Standing Orders were included in the agenda for information.

***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting and the report of the Works and Services, Environmental Services and Finance and Policy Committee meetings held on 18 September 2013 be received.***

#### **13. URGENT BUSINESS**

##### **1. Gravity Sport Event – Temporary Road Closure**

At the September Council meeting Council had considered a request to close Ingles Drive and Greenburn Way for a longboard skateboard event and had agreed to the closure. The proposal had since been notified and objections closed on 20 December 2013.

Concerns had been raised by residents about the event and skateboarders in the area at other times. The Chief Executive Officer advised once the objection period had closed the objections would be considered in terms of the use of the road and the impact of closing it to vehicular traffic movements. The objections would be considered by the Operations and Maintenance Manager who would also look at what mitigating measures could be put in place to alleviate concerns.

Councillor Blunt advised as soon as skating in the area had appeared on U-tube people had started to congregate and even camp overnight in the area. He had been advised it had taken a year to get the people to move on and get the neighbourhood back to where the residents wanted it to be. It was believed people had purchased sections so they could reside in a certain type of neighbourhood. Councillor Diver noted the subdivision was not a gated community. Councillor Harmon felt the problem was that the event was going to promote skateboarding. It was asked if the organiser could be asked not to promote the event. The Chief Executive Officer advised the organiser had advised participants if they were identified on the course prior to the event they would be disqualified.

It was noted the only way the previous decision of Council could be rescinded was by a notice of motion and the item needed to be on a meeting agenda. The process of calling an extraordinary meeting was also explained.

**14. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

*a. Council Public Excluded Minutes 18/09/2013*

*b. Appointment to District Licensing Committee*

*c. Appointment of outside representatives to Council committees*

*d. Memorandum of Understanding Kaikoura Hospital*

**15. APPOINTMENT TO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

*Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that Councillor Diver be appointed Chair of the District Licensing Committee.*

*Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that John Macphail and Kevin Heays be included on the District Licensing Committee membership list.*

**16. APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Airport Committee**

*Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that John Macphail be appointed as the Wings over Whales representative on the Airport Committee.*

**Hearings and Applications Committee**

*Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that Pam Sigglekow be appointed as community representative on the Hearings and Applications Committee.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.29pm.*