

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.18AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014
AT THE 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), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), T Ross (Regulatory Services Team Leader), B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

There were 6 building consents with a combined construction value of \$134,076 issued for the month of November. It was noted it had been a quiet month in terms of consents. However there were 15 consents to be processed. It was estimated 3 or 4 of these were for dwellings.

b) Resource Planning

The District Planner advised resource consent applications had been quiet with only 4 applications received in November.

A discussion was held regarding consent requirements for a small bed and breakfast. Resource consent was required so that it was fair to all businesses which provided short term accommodation for commercial reward. The Chief Executive Officer advised the aim of the consents was to legitimise small businesses with 4 or fewer beds. He advised it was a relatively painless and inexpensive process, and rather than hounding people to comply with the district plan, Council was instead actively encouraging small operators to seek resource consent. The District Planner clarified that visitor accommodation was defined as a stay of less than three months.

c) District & Environmental Planning

Land and Water Regional Plan

The operative date for the Land and Water Regional Plan had been moved from November 2014 to the first quarter of 2015,

Natural Hazards

Council had received the first draft of the report prepared by Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) for Environment Canterbury. The report showed a summary of existing recorded faults and identified two additional suspected faults. A map was tabled. The District Planner

advised the difference between a fault and a fold was a fault had a surface rupture and a fold did not.

A building could not be located within 20m of a fault. It was noted however a building 25m from a fault might suffer the same or less damage than a house 100m or 1km from the fault depending on where the epicentre was. Councillor Millton enquired if there were any areas in the Kaikoura District which were potentially subject to liquefaction. The District Planner advised GNS reported Kaikoura's liquefaction risk was low to very low.

Te Korowai

The District Planner advised patrols would be enforcing the new rules over the coming months and there would be zero tolerance of breaches.

A Research Subcommittee had been formed to come up with a research plan around the Marine Management Area and the protection mechanisms.

Earthcheck

Earthcheck Certification would not happen prior to Christmas.

Kaikoura had rated in the top 100 globally sustainable destinations which in turn attracted some international publicity.

Waste Minimisation

The District Planner announced that in March a waste minimisation programme would be rolled out nationally with the objective of reducing food waste. There would also be a project aimed at addressing rural waste.

\$5000 had been secured for the Enviroschools programme. The programme had previously been supported by a representative from Christchurch however potentially someone from Kaikoura could offer more local input.

Moved by Councillor Morgan seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46