

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE KAIKOURA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL TO HEAR AND DELIBERATE ON SUBMISSION  
TO THE LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025 HELD AT 10.55AM ON  
MONDAY 08 JUNE 2015 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), B Taylor, S Syme (Committee Secretaries).

**1. SUBMITTERS HEARD**

**Te Korowai O Te Tai O Marokura**

Te Korowai spokesperson G Solomon thanked Council for its support over the last nine years. It had been valuable and fundamental in establishing the marine reserve. Te Korowai requested \$10,000 per annum for three consecutive years. G Solomon advised the benefits would be, amongst other things, improved tourism experiences and opportunities and greater public awareness and improved education. She advised they were low on funds and any work they generated incurred costs. They had applied to Environment Canterbury for \$20,000 per year for three years and were still waiting to hear if that had been accepted. When applying for funding from organisations they were sometimes asked what funding they already had, and the Lotteries Commission had an application prerequisite for secured funding. It was generally felt the work Te Korowai was undertaking to establish a code of practice with the charter fishing businesses in the district was very positive.

**Kaikoura Memorial Hall Committee**

J and M Syme were in attendance to present this item. They advised this years' submission was essentially a repeat of last years' requests. The Committee requested funding for scaffolding, curtain fire-proofing and a new commercial sized fridge.

Scaffolding was deemed essential for safety and practicality. Increasingly grand décor was being set up and hall light bulbs were difficult to replace. J Syme presented a piece of Hall curtain fabric that had been burnt, presumably by a floor light. This demonstrated how easy it was for them to catch alight and that having fire-proof curtains was essential in the Hall. Discussion ensued over the cost of fire-proofing the curtains and how often it would need to be repeated versus the cost of buying new fire-proofed curtains. While it was

expected that new curtains would be very expensive there was a general interest in the price comparison.

Fridge space in the Hall kitchen was very limited. It was felt a commercial fridge would last longer than a domestic fridge. Councillor Diver advised commercial fridges were more easily repaired than domestic fridges. It was suggested improving the facility with scaffolding and a new fridge could result in more people using it. Earthquake strengthening was already included in the Long Term Plan.

### **Ralph Hogan**

R Hogan advised his submission had been prepared hastily and could require some clarification. He advised page two of the Consultation Document queried if people still wanted the Council to be the lead agency toward the promise of sustainable development. R Hogan agreed that Council should be but not necessarily the only agency. He felt community ideas should be included in environmental issues. He requested that interested parties from across the community come together to address climate change.

He believed footpaths and bike paths were of highest priority and work should be accelerated threefold. In turn, the reduction of emissions would be greatly increased and more evident. Before any money was spent he requested a methodology be established with clear specifications to ensure the best solutions. R Hogan felt that the roading rate increase of 22% was too much. The document did not show where money for the Civic Building project was generated from.

He would like to see fewer streetlights and for them to be a dimmer softer tone. He also felt strongly about genetically modified organisms coming into the area. He advised that other countries were divesting in fossil fuels and investing in cleaner and greener schemes and that Kaikoura should follow suit.

## **2. DELIBERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

### **Te Korowai O Te Tai O Marokura**

Te Korowai had requested \$10,000 for three years. Councillor Howden felt the request of \$10,000 per annum was excessive. Te Korowai was somewhat in limbo awaiting a decision from the new Minister as to whether or not they would be an Advisory Committee. It was generally felt that the amount of \$119,640 for administration was high, and once a plan was in place it would not cost a lot to run. There was already the presence of the Ministry for Primary Industries in the community, however the work Te Korowai was doing with the charter fishing businesses was considered very important.

### **Kaikoura Memorial Hall Committee**

The Hall Committee had requested three things. The Chief Executive

Officer advised that the curtain fire-proofing would be considered part of general Hall maintenance. There was discussion about whether or not grants could be applied for. The scaffolding which was quoted in the submission was only 700mm wide and it was generally felt more suitable scaffolding would be required. It was also noted that the scaffolding would need to be collapsible and be stored on site. Councillor Diver advised that LED lights might be installed which had a much longer life span than standard bulbs.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.59 am and resumed at 1.00pm.*

### **3. SUBMITTERS HEARD**

#### **Federated Farmers**

Federated farmers had taken a close interest in rates for the rural sector. F Brenmuhl felt the Consultation Document was very well set out and he particularly liked the simple comparison of the effects on rates between urban and rural properties. He advised rural ratepayers were struggling in the current market and debt was expected to double by 2021. He requested the rates cap be reduced to 1% from 3% and maximum use of uniform annual charges. Federated Farmers requested the road rehabilitation allowance of \$300,000 per annum for the next thirty years be deferred. They supported funding the Hospital but only if it was a uniform charge per ratepayer. N Clark advised the marina and pool complexes should not go ahead yet and more pricing research should be undertaken.

*Councillor Milton retired from the meeting at 1.08pm*

#### **Sport Tasman**

The Sport Tasman Annual Report and ENewsletter were tabled. T Thomas advised they were grateful for Council's support so far and looked forward to the partnership continuing. Over the year 4000 child entrants and 300 adults entrants had participated in Sport Tasman events. They had engaged with over 40 different organisations. T Thomas advised that a cycle training programme was coming to Kaikoura later in 2015. The Lion's pool had had very high patronage over the summer. He was pleased to see the emphasis being put on footpaths in the Consultation Document.

#### **Smokefree Canterbury**

M Witt congratulated Kaikoura District Council on being the only Council in the region that, to date had the goal of being smoke-free in their Long Term Plan. He suggested further measures to promote the issue, for example, a ban of smoking near the perimeters of Council buildings. He also suggested that winter would be a good time to talk to tourist operators, in particular food premises and bars, about them self imposing smoking bans in their outside areas and perimeters. According

to the 2013 Census, Kaikoura had approximately 400 people who considered themselves smokers.

### **Cancer Society of New Zealand**

A Dodd introduced herself and the played a short video featuring L Chesterman Chief Executive. She felt Council was well placed to shape healthy places in Kaikoura. She suggested encouraging a reduction in the visibility and acceptability of smoking in the town. An example was given of a business which had increased revenue since banning smoking at its premises. A Dodd encouraged increasing shade cover, both natural and built, and 'sunsmart' behavior.

### **Environment Canterbury**

J Cope and B Gabites were in attendance to present on the causes and effects and remedial options from erosion of parts of the Kaikoura Coast.

The far corner of the Esplanade around toward Avoca Street was particularly prone to erosion. This was because sediment from the Hapuku River, which was swept down the coast by the prevailing north-east wind, did not carry down that far. This resulted in the area not being naturally replenished. A thesis in 1997 revealed that the Kowhai River used to enter the sea on the north side of the peninsula which provided sediment for the whole Esplanade. Re-nourishment of the area had been undertaken using sediment from South Bay.

There was abundance of sediment on the south side of the peninsula which came from the Kowhai and Kahutara Rivers. Sediment from the mouth of Lyell Creek was not suitable to be used further down the Esplanade as it was a small pebble and re-nourishment must be of a similar, or preferably slightly larger, size to be effective.

The idea of a concrete seawall was discussed. Research had shown that if a solid structure was put in place it would move the erosion problem to either end of the wall rather than remedying the problem. Walls were also prone to be scoured out from underneath breaching the integrity and effectiveness of the wall.

There had been a series of storms and very high seas in the past few months which had highlighted the problem areas. Movement trends and prognosis of sediment was required to ascertain the best course of action, as well as to understand and predict the shoreline responses over the next 100 years.

Re-nourishment was a long term commitment that would continue. A university student was undertaking an intensive study of erosion in the Kaikoura area and that would provide a range of potential options to address the problem.

***The meeting adjourned at 3.25pm and resumed at 10.00am on Tuesday 9 June 2015.***

***Councillor Milton reentered the meeting.***

**Encounter Kaikoura**

D Buurman was in attendance to present the Encounter Kaikoura submission. He advised the consultation document had been very helpful as a summary of key issues.

D Buurman advised the community needed to focus on ways to create reasons for visitors to visit in the shoulder season and off season months and asked Council to seriously consider resourcing a part time Event Management role. It was suggested an amount of \$30,000 per annum was required to get started. Councillor Blunt enquired who should pay for the Event Management position. D Buurman felt Council initially and then look at a profit share arrangement.

The next most important priority was protection of Kaikoura's coasts from coastal erosion. D Buurman suggested that perhaps a discussion was required with the local Member of Parliament about more input into the Kaikoura coastline as it was an amazing asset.

D Buurman also requested that Council looking at doing something about the trees on the left hand side of the State Highway heading down to South Bay. He advised he had made a submission on this matter 10 years prior and enquired if the matter would still be being discussed in another 10 years.

Encounter Kaikoura did not agree that the relocation of State Highway One or the development of a new Marina at South Bay were urgent priorities at this stage.

**Diane Rossiter**

D Rossiter tabled photos of the erosion opposite her property. She noted in February cars had been able to park in the area shown but they were unable to now. She advised there were three options regarding the erosion issue which were;

- do nothing
- fix using pea shingle
- a permanent fix by installing a boulder wall.

D Rossiter felt the "do nothing" option was not an option and was concerned with the possible loss of the cycleway and the road. She advised if the road was damaged the cost would be two fold, repairing the road as well as erosion control work. She advised it would be better to carry out erosion control before the road was damaged. She felt in

the short term the problem should be fixed by adding more pea shingle until a more permanent solution had been investigated. She further advised the option of a boulder wall was a more attractive option as it would provide an area for people to park and picnic.

It was noted a presentation had been made by Environment Canterbury the previous day regarding erosion and it was generally felt there should be a presentation to the public.

### **Whale Watch Kaikoura**

K Ngapora, General Manager, Whale Watch Kaikoura was in attendance to present the Whale Watch Kaikoura submission.

Whale Watch Kaikoura supported the principle of enlarging the existing marina and would appreciate the opportunity to enter into a dialogue with Council on any proposed enlargement of the existing marina facilities. A partnership with private enterprise should be seriously considered which would provide a range of benefits. A discussion was held regarding the extending the sea wall on the right hand side of the slipway to create recreational berthing for visitors.

K Ngapora felt Council should seriously consider commissioning an economic study for the Kaikoura District to provide insight and direction on economic development opportunities looking toward 2025. He advised people looking from outside the district may see opportunities which the community could not see.

It was also felt clearing the South bay harbor entrance should be a priority as it was a barrier to any short-term development of cruise business to Kaikoura.

### **Nicky McArthur and the Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust**

N McArthur and S Goldstein from the Canterbury University were in attendance to present this item.

N McArthur advised the desired outcomes from her submission were;

1. A dark night sky for Kaikoura which improved the environment not only for the Hutton's Shearwaters but also improved star gazing opportunities for residents and visitors.
2. Existing lighting within the district was monitored and measured to ensure it meet its District Plan criteria.

N McArthur requested that when Council was reviewing its Long Term Plan that Council embrace the Hutton's Shearwater which was an endemic species and unique to Kaikoura. A number of options were put forward for consideration in terms of changes to the Long Term Plan and the District Plan.

N McArthur advised it was noticeable with public awareness increasing that the “pick up” rate for disoriented birds was increasing. On two consecutive nights in the current year volunteers had picked up 200 birds. A poster was shown which identified sites of crash landing. The data gathered showed State Highway lights appeared to attract more birds. It was noted breeding pairs only had one chick each year and birds fledging for the first time had a higher crash landing rate.

N McArthur advised that lights were very powerful in attracting birds and the Department of Conservation used lights to physically pull petrels and other birds onto the ground for banding.

**Margaret Egan**

M Egan advised her family owned the property at 43 Beach and had owned it for over 100 years. Her submission focused on one aspect of the Long Term Plan which was the proposed realigned of Beach Road. A designation, by Land Transport New Zealand, had been on the property for over 45 years pending realignment of the State Highway. This had limited the any development of the property. She wished to know whether or not the realignment was going to proceed. She felt after 45 years a conversation should be held as to whether there was any benefit in the realignment and keeping the designation in place.

M Egan further advised that given the road did not meet the usual criteria and the fact that New Zealand Transport Agency had not planned for any such realignment clearly showed there was no real prospect of it occurring currently or in the next ten years and felt to retain such an aspiration in the Long Term Plan was misleading.

**4. DELIBERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

**Environment Canterbury**

Environment Canterbury had requested Council include in its Long Term Plan methods which the Council would apply to implement the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health. It also encouraged Council to take part in a shared arrangement trial with other Councils.

An enquiry was made as to why both Councils were involved. The District Planner advised both Councils were jointly responsible. Environment Canterbury maintained the database and provided expert support whilst Council administered the site and considered any application in relation to the site. Council only did something about the issue if there was a risk to the environment or human health.

In terms of the establishment of a Tangata Whenua Advisory Service and Council entering into an arrangement with the Kaikoura Runanga, it was unknown how this could work because R Solomon represented

Council and also provided expert advice. It was noted there were processes currently in place and it was working well.

In terms of the Inland Kaikoura Road as a possible alternate transport link should State Highway 1 become unusable for any period and discussion with New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the road, the Chief Executive Officer advised work was being undertaken with Hurunui District Council and a report would be presented to Council regarding the issue.

#### **Angela & Joe van Rooyen & Residents of Skevingtons**

It was requested that Council seal the remaining unsealed portion of Skevingtons Road which was 700 metres. The residents were concerned regarding the inherent danger of loose gravel and also that the road met with the State Highway and felt it would only a matter of time before someone lost traction and careened into oncoming traffic. It was noted the requirement to seal a road was only triggered when 10 or more lots were created. The Chief Executive Officer advised subdivisions in the rural areas were not a guarantee that roads would be sealed sometime in the future and he further advised roads no longer attracted a subsidy for seal extensions. This was one of the reasons development contributions had been introduced. He further advised because there was no subsidy from New Zealand Transport Agency for seal extensions Council had a hierarchy of roads in which to do seal extensions on and this was based on road counts.

A discussion was held regarding the Operations Manager adopting the policy of the previous Asset Manager where roads were sealed near intersections.

#### **Kaikoura Lions Club**

The Lions Club would like to see a designated area for walking put in place for the areas from the end of the sealed parking area at Jimmy Armers to the first bend. It was felt it would be a lot safer for walking and would finish off the successful walkway project in the area.

It was generally felt this was not a Long Term Plan matter and the Lions Club should have a discussion with the Operations Manager to get the work done.

#### **Kekerengu Community Centre**

The Kekerengu Community Centre Incorporated had done a great job and had created a good community facility. A request had been made for \$10,000 to assist with the completion of the project. However it was understood the group would be happy with any amount Council was able to grant.



***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Milton and resolved that \$10,000 be granted to the Kekerengu Community Centre to be paid over the next twelve months, as funds become available, from the reserve contributions account.***

***Glenn Ormsby – Kaikoura Information and Tourism Inc  
Mayor Gray and Councillors Harmon and Howden declared and interest and retired from the meeting at 11.51am.***

***Councillor Diver took the chair.***

A request had been made for additional funding of \$15,000 which would enable participate in new trade marketing opportunities be Tourism New Zealand for the USA, China and UK markets. It was noted Encounter Kaikoura had requested \$30,000 be allocated for an event coordinator. The funding provided for Tourism promotion was through the Commercial Rate. Councillor Blunt noted it was not like Commercial properties were already facing substantial increases however the town had been full over the summer and it was suggested it was back to the same levels before the Global Financial Crisis. Councillor Mackle advised if the request was from commercial ratepayers then he had no issue with the additional funding. Councillor Morgan noted \$180,000 was already allocated. A discussion was held regarding the commercial rate. It was generally felt it would be beneficial to continue the discussion when the Finance Manager was in attendance later in the day and the effect on rates could be seen.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Kaikoura Information and Tourism had engaged a part time coordinator to assist with organising Seafest 2015 and the aim was to expand the role to work with other possible events.

***The meeting adjourned at 12.02pm and resumed at 1.00pm.***

***Mayor Gray and Councillors Harmon and Howden re-entered the meeting. Mayor Gray resumed as Chair.***

#### **Kaikoura Boating Club**

The Kaikoura Boating Club was concerned about erosion and the change in parking abilities next to its boat ramp in South Bay. The Club wished to work with Council to find a solution and result. The Club had funds which they were prepared to put towards resolving the issue. It was noted no provision for work had been included in the budgets. The Chief Executive Officer enquired if Council wanted to look at the area as part of the big coastal erosion picture or was the South Bay slipway area a particularly isolated area that remedial work could fix. It was noted erosion in the area was right back to the carriageway. It was an area that was more likened to be remedied with rock protection.

A discussion was held regarding funding of any potential work. It was noted re-nourishment work could only currently be undertaken on the Esplanade as that was the only area for which consent was held.

It was agreed discussion should continue with the Kaikoura Boating Club to come up with a solution and costs and a report to be brought back to Council later in the year.

#### **Ron & Margaret Mackle**

The submission requested a change in the footpath differential for rural ratepayers from the current 0.25 to 0.20. It was noted footpaths were a big concern to people in the Kaikoura Township but not to those on rural properties. Councillor Blunt did not think it was fair that rural ratepayers paid hundreds of dollars for footpaths. Councillor Millton noted the change had little effect on urban ratepayers but provided relief for farms.

The proposal to borrow money to undertake footpath work sooner was discussed. It was generally felt there was merit in the proposal. A discussion was held regarding potential ways of funding the work. It was noted a number of people had requested the footpath work all done at once. The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council borrowed \$500,000 it would still only cost approximately \$50,000 per year for loan repayments which was the same as had been currently budgeted. It was suggested provision could be made in the 2015/16 financial year to borrow the money which would not have any effect on rates. The Operations Manager could be asked to provide a Plan and what he saw as most appropriate in terms of footpath work and the costs involved. At which time Council could make a decision. The worst case scenario was if Council decided not to go ahead with the bulk footpath work the money would be in the budget for the following year. Debt would not be affected until the money was actually borrowed. It was generally felt it was good business to do ten years worth of work at one time.

***Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that Council make provision in the 2015/16 financial year to raise a loan of \$500,000 for footpath upgrades, Council's Engineer to provide an upgrade plan to Council.***

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that that rural differential on the footpath rate be reduced from .25 to .20, the urban differential would be increased by 0.05.***

A request had also been made for the Swimming Pool to be funded by way of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) rather than through the General rate. The average farm paid \$172 per annum for the swimming pool whilst the average house paid \$15. The effect of making the swimming pool costs part of the UAGC was viewed on the sample

properties. When changed to a UAGC each property was rated \$23. This had the effect of reducing the General rate by \$350 on a farm with a rateable value of \$7.2million. A discussion was held regarding the fairness of rates and the fact that they were a value based tax. Councillor Blunt felt that like the Hospital the Swimming Pool rates should be a UAGC.

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Millton that the swimming pool be funded through the Uniform Annual General Charge.***

It was noted the addition of the swimming pool rate in the UAGC took the percentage of the UAGC up to 29%. The UAGC was capped at 30% by legislation.

***The motion was put and carried.  
Against: Councillor Diver***

***Councillor Diver left the meeting at 2.12pm.***

Clarification was sought regarding the roading programme and which roads were being rehabilitated. It was noted the works would mainly be undertaken on the roads on the Kaikoura flats. Councillor Blunt advised rural ratepayers did want the work completed at some point but this year had seen the dairy payout drop to disastrous levels. If the dairy payout was higher and the price for beef and lamb were at higher levels he would be in favour of going ahead with the work. He noted the payout for the coming year was not looking good either and suggested the additional \$200,000 which had been added to road rehabilitation work in the 2015/16 year be removed.

Councillor Harmon suggested Council consider a speed decrease on all rural roads so that the roads lasted longer. Councillor Mackle advised the roads were not in good conditions now and it was impossible to travel over 70km per hour on some roads already. The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process Council would have to follow to lower speed limits on roads. Councillor Mackle advised he was not opposed to lowering the speed limit but was opposed to allowing the roads to degrade any further. A discussion was held regarding the worst pieces of the road and it was generally felt the Operations Manager and Councillor Mackle should look at the very worst parts of the road.

***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that a report be brought back to Council on reducing the speed limit for rural roads south of the Hapuku River and north of the Inland road.***

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the extra \$200,000 allocated to road rehabilitation be removed for the 2015/16 financial year and a review be undertaken in twelve months time regarding the following financial year.***

The Mackle's had requested that the Beach Road aesthetics project be downsized considerably as they felt there was very little benefit to any ratepayers. The project would not entice visitors to stay longer or spend more.

It was noted the Beach Road aesthetics project was a continuation of the work that the Kaikoura Enhancement Group had undertaken. The District Planner advised separate complaints had been received regarding the Old Beach Road intersection. It was noted \$100,000 had been budgeted each year for four years. A discussion was held regarding the West End aesthetics. It was noted there was no budget in the 2015/16 year for this work and it could be reviewed as part of the Annual Plan next year.

***Councillor Diver re-entered the meeting at 2.53pm.***

#### **Review of Survey Submissions**

A discussion was held regarding the following items which had been highlighted in submissions;

- The site of the actual landfill could not be built on in the future
- Vegetation clearance by way of spraying. This was a grey area and rules around this were put in place by Environment Canterbury.
- That tourism in Kaikoura was well established and funding should be directed towards an industrial area
- Studies regarding aquatic facilities
- Undergrounding of power
- Car parking for the civic centre. The parks directly in front of the centre could be very valuable for short term parking.
- The inclusion of Eco-burials in the Long Term Plan. It was suggested this could be included under green initiatives.
- There had been a lot of positive feedback received regarding the consultation document.

***Councillor Blunt exited the meeting at 3.05pm.***

***The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm and resumed at 3.26pm.***

A late survey submission had been received from C Wilson. It was agreed the submission would be accepted.

### **Te Korowai**

The District Planner advised Te Korowai were currently waiting for some indication from Ministers regarding the makeup of the Advisory Committee. This matter only related to the legislation and there were other areas where Te Korowai wanted to achieve results. It was noted funding for Te Korowai was through the general rate.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that Te Korowai be granted \$5,000 for the 2015/16 financial year.***

### **Memorial Hall Committee**

A discussion was held regarding obtaining more information on a scaffolding system for the Memorial Hall. It was noted a scaffold system which was wider and on larger wheels could be obtained for similar money. The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wished to grant money for the items requested it could either provide the money to the Memorial Hall Committee or it could be included in the Memorial Hall budget for the Operations Manager to work on.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the funding requested by the Kaikoura Memorial Hall Committee of \$13,284 including GST for scaffolding, fireproofing of the curtains and a new fridge be added to the Memorial Hall budget.***

### **Ralph Hogan**

R Hogan had suggested the rates cap should be limited to the Local Government Cost Index plus 1.5% to 2%. The Chief Executive Officer advised 2.5% for the next two years was solely related to the Hospital and if that was removed the rates increase would be inflation plus 1.5% to 2%.

### **Nicky McArthur and the Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust**

The District Planner advised a number of changes requested were in the District Plan. If Council had taken a view of what sort of streetlights it wanted in place this could have been included in the Long Term Plan. The Chief Executive Officer enquired if there was a commitment from Council to look at street lights going forward and advocate to the New Zealand Transport Agency to review its streetlights. Councillor Harmon advised if there was not a huge cost impact he would support the proposal. Councillor Diver advised the current lights supplied by MainPower were a bulk discount light.

It was noted the Hutton's Shearwaters were quite rare and a point of difference for Kaikoura. It was generally felt that when streetlights were renewed the effect on Hutton's shearwaters should be considered.

The District Planner advised a dark skies bylaw could be investigated or the matter of dark skies could be left until the review of the District Plan

in 2018. It was noted there was a balance between the environment and safety. Councillor Morgan was interested in looking at dark skies because fewer lights would mean lower costs. Councillor Millton felt the town was quite dark already. The Chief Executive Officer advised new lights were able to be dimmed.

#### **Smokefree Canterbury**

A discussion was held regarding adding the Smokefree vision to the Long Term Plan. The District Planner advised this information should be included in Policies.

#### **Canterbury District Health Board**

The Canterbury District Health Board had recommended Council develop a Local Approved Products Policy as per the Psychoactive Substances Act. The District Planner advised there were currently no issues with psychoactive substances.

#### **Environment Canterbury**

The District Planner would ask J Cope to give a public presentation on erosion.

#### **Kaikoura Youth Council**

The Youth Council had requested the drainage and lighting at the Skate Park put in place. Councillor Mackle advised he was prepared to fix the drainage issues at the Skate Park however this would mean the Park would not be able to be used for a couple of days.

Youth Council had also requested additional funding. The current amount of \$2,000 allowed members to attend leadership events but it did not leave any money for work in Kaikoura. It was noted costs were in excess of \$3,000 last financial year.

***Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the Youth Council grant be increased to \$3,000.***

#### **Whale Watch Kaikoura**

A discussion was held regarding a subcommittee being formed to address an economic development study for Kaikoura. Mayor Gray was happy to lead the project and get an initial group together. It was generally felt the Group would need to sort out what it wished to achieve and then apply for funding.

It was noted both Whale Watch Kaikoura and Encounter Kaikoura wished to be involved with any proposal for a new Marina. It was generally felt a meeting of the parties should be arranged.

**Margaret Egan**

M Egan had requested the proposal to relocate the State Highway past Caltex be deleted from the Long Term Plan. The District Planner advised the relocation of the State Highway would fix the issue at the corner of Ludstone Road. Councillor Millton felt Council should work with New Zealand Transport Agency to speed up the process. Councillor Morgan advised she would rather see a commitment to funding to make the Ludstone Road corner safer for pedestrians.

**Kaikoura Information and Tourism (KITI)– continued**

***Mayor Gray, Councillor Harmon and Councillor Howden declared an interest and took part in the discussion or voting on the matter.***

The Chief Executive Officer advised part of the role of KITI was to come up with a business plan which could have included event management. Councillor Diver felt the request for funding of an events coordinator should have had more information with it. It was noted the request for an events coordinator had come from Encounter Kaikoura and not KITI. Councillor Mackle advised he would find it difficult to allocate money without seeing a Plan. It was suggested the money could be put into a holding account until a Plan had been developed. Councillor Millton felt the money should be allocated with no strings attached. A discussion was held regarding the quantum of money which should be allocated.

***Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that \$20,000 be allocated to Destination Kaikoura for an Events Coordinator subject to a business plan being provided to Council.***

A request had also been received for an additional \$15,000 for marketing.

***Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Destination Kaikoura be allocated an additional \$15,000 for marketing.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.41pm.***