

MINUTES OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.02AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014 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 – Petroleum Exploration and Block Offers

R Hogan advised he wished to seek clarification regarding whether the submission on page 52 of the agenda had been sent to the Ministry or had the deadline for submissions been extended.

R Hogan noted the previous submission on the issue had not appeared to have much effect on the Ministry for the Environment and it had continued to the exposure draft stage without removing the new non-notified discretionary classification. He advised it was good to see a more thorough explanation included in the submission in the agenda.

R Hogan requested at the December meeting that the Petroleum Exploration Subcommittee be reestablished. He noted Mayor Gray had advised he would make a decision in the New Year regarding the reestablishment of the Subcommittee. The item was not on the meeting agenda which led him to believe there was a reluctance to move forward with the matter. He requested the matter be brought up by a member of Council under urgency and felt it may be more appropriate under Environmental Services.

R Hogan felt the subcommittee could

- Provide more information for Council and avoid the wrong information being received
- Evaluate and quantify the risks to the community from petroleum extraction
- Be aware of events that were occurring and report to full Council
- Develop policy recommendations
- Recommend proactive ways Council could have the community move away from fossil fuels.

R Hogan advised the issue would not be going away and concerns were valid. He felt meetings should be monthly and a date should be set for the first meeting.

Mayor Gray advised his intention was to proceed with the current situation and not reform the Committee. He felt Council was stating its case from a reasonably strong position and intended to carry on that way. He further

advised there had been a lot of time and effort into the process. R Hogan advised there were a number of occasions when wrong information had gone out of Council and some of it could be rectified if it was brought to a Subcommittee and then disseminated to Council. Councillor Blunt advised he was in support of R Hogan's idea and felt a group to receive information would be beneficial. He felt the issue was significant for the community and it could potentially have some devastating effects. Councillor Morgan advised she was happy to raise the issue in Environmental Services.

The meeting adjourned at 9.15am and resumed at 1.02pm.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic Building (Mayor Gray)
2. Returned Services Association (Mayor Gray)

3. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

K Heays, P Constantine and O Cook from Environment Canterbury were in attendance to present this item.

Environment Canterbury was in the process of notifying everybody about the Land and Water Regional Plan. Meetings in Kaikoura would be held with Kaikoura District Council and staff, Dairy NZ and the Water Zone Committee.

P Constantine advised the Plan was important and was going to affect everybody. The decisions on the Plan had been accepted and adopted by the Commissioners in 2013. Appeals had closed the previous Monday with 9 appeals being made to the High Court. The Plan was still a Proposed Plan due to the general nature of some appeals.

Areas of the plan which affected Council were;

- Gravel extraction: All discretion had been given to river engineers and this was considered an opportunity rather than a constraint.
- Stormwater discharges had been made a permitted activity subject to meeting criteria. The key was to have a stormwater management plan in place.
- Sewerage system: It was noted this area was discretionary and it was not difficult to obtain consent. The area of interest being water quality.

P Constantine advised the Land and Water Regional Plan had been set up to improve water quality. The outcomes of the Plan would not be achieved within the life of the Plan and a long term view of 70 to 80 years had been taken. If a system did not currently meet the standard but there was a programme of work then it should be identified in any consent application.

4. COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A request had been received from the Chairman of the Hearings and Applications Committee for Council to fill the community representative vacancy. The Chief Executive Officer advised there were two ways to fill the

vacancy which were either by shoulder tapping or advertising. It was noted the person would need to have a reasonable understanding of what the Resource Management Act was about and should not have extreme views one way or the other.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Council agree to fill the vacant community representative position on the Hearings and Applications Committee.

A discussion was held regarding which process should be used for appointing the Committee member.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the community representative vacancy on the Hearings and Applications Committee be advertised.

5. PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND BLOCK OFFERS

Included in the agenda was a letter to NZ Petroleum and Minerals regarding proposed seismic surveying by Schlumberger Seaco Inc and a submission on the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 and current regulatory proposals.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that;
1. The petroleum exploration and block offers report be received.
2. The letter regarding prospecting permits by Schlumberger Seaco Inc be received.
3. Council endorse the submission entitled Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 and current regulatory proposals.

6. SIX MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Included in the agenda was a report showing progress against Long Term Plan targets for the first six months of the financial year. A discussion was held regarding targets for potholes, water gradings and the setting of targets.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Six Monthly Activity Report be received.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL

A representative of Youth Council was not able to attend the meeting due to school sports. An activity report was tabled.

8. BRANDING

Kaikoura Information and Tourism had adopted a brand for use by Kaikoura organisations. Mayor Gray recommended Council adopt the brand and phase in the logo as material was replaced. Councillor Diver advised everybody was using blue and green and a similar design for their logos and he felt Council should not rush in and adopt the design. Councillor Morgan was concerned if

other organisations were also using the design then Council would not be distinguished from the community. Councillor Millton felt if everybody adopted the logo in years to come there would be no Council logo and people would think businesses with the logo were owned by Council. He felt the logo was good for welcoming people to Kaikoura but Council had to be careful with its own branding. Councillor Harmon felt “Te Tutakitanga” would not mean anything to most people. Mayor Gray suggested the words could be a conversation point. Councillor Blunt advised he was unsure about the words because they were difficult to pronounce and he advised it was not a term he had ever heard associated with the kaikoura community.

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Mayor Gray that the Kaikoura logo provided by Kaikoura Information and Tourism be adopted for general use in Kaikoura and for use by Council.

Discussion:

The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wanted to adopt the logo a report of costs to change could be provided and a report could also be provided on how the logo could be introduced and over what period. Councillor Diver advised he would like to view both coloured logo’s together. Councillor Morgan felt there was a risk with taking on a brand that anyone in the community could use. Councillor Harmon enquired what rules were associated with use of the current Council logo. The Chief Executive Officer advised permission was required to be able to use the logo. It was suggested Kaikoura Information and Tourism investigate copyright for its new logo. The Chief Executive Officer suggested that if Council adopted the logo in principle an article could be run in the newspaper requesting feedback. Councillor Blunt felt it would be beneficial to obtain feedback and information on the cost associated with changing the logo.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Blunt that an article be placed in the local newspaper advising Council was considering a new logo and was seeking feedback (the current and proposed logo to be displayed).

The amendment became the motion which was put and carried.

Against: Councillor Morgan

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Innovative Waste Kaikoura

Councillor Diver advised crushed glass from Innovative Waste Kaikoura would be used at the Ellersley Flower Show which could assist with future sales. There would also be a display at the Kaikoura A & P Show.

Regional Transport Committee

Councillor Millton advised he had attended a meeting of the Regional Transport Committee. He advised there was \$40million available for work on bridges and felt Council should be looking to obtain some of the available funding.

Kaikoura Information and Tourism Incorporated (KITI)

Councillor Howden advised KITI had been very active. The board was currently investigating an events coordinator who would help out with Seafest initially with the aim of trying to boost winter time events. Councillor Howden further advised investigation was underway regarding Kaikoura becoming a Regional Tourism Organisation which would provide more opportunities for the District.

Councillor Diver enquired when Council would receive a budget for consideration in the Annual Plan. Councillor Harmon advised it should be available for the next Council meeting.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gray recommended a visit to the i-Site he advised the layout of the building was excellent and new television screen should be in operation. The i-site had seen its busiest week in 20 years recently and the new Tourism Manager was amazed at how busy the centre was.

Events attended during the previous two weeks were the Marching Tournament and the 60th Jubilee of the Kaikoura Garden Club.

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 18/12/2013

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 December 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

12. REPORTS TO BE ADOPTED

Works & Services Committee 18/12/2013

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 18 December 2013 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 18/12/2013

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 18 December 2013 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 18 December 2013 be adopted.

13. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Applications Committee 12/03/2013

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 12 March 2013 be received.

Hearings and Applications Committee 16/03/2013

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 16 March 2013 be received.

Hearings and Applications Committee 26/03/2013

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 26 March 2013 be received.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic Building

The Chief Executive Officer advised the contactor had been supposed to start back on site on the 17th of February but had not finished a job elsewhere so would start back the following Monday. Councillor Mackle enquired why there were no penalty clauses in the contract. He advised generally when there was one issue this lead to others on the job. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was no deadline from Council perspective.

2. Returned Services Association (RSA)

Mayor Gray advised the RSA were preparing for the 100th anniversary of the First World War. An information sheet was tabled. He advised there may be opportunity for a community project with the RSA providing Oak seeds from Gallipoli. Mayor Gray felt both sides of the road on the hill coming from South Bay to town and along the top of the racecourse could be part of a community project with RSA funding.

15. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

a. Council Public Excluded Minutes 18/12/2013

b. Hearings & Applications Committee Minutes 15/05/2013

c. North Wharf Update

d. Memorandum of Understanding Update

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.27pm.