

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.18AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, C Mackle, D Millton.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), D McCaul (Senior Building Control Officer), R Vaughan (District Planner).

APOLOGIES: Mayor W Gray, Councillor J Howden
Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

There were 9 building consents with a combined construction value of \$993,900 issued for the month of June 2014. The consent had been issued for the Kaikoura Hospital.

b) Resource Planning

Consent numbers were still down with only one application for land use and two for subdivision received in the reporting month.

c) District & Environmental Planning

Resource Management Reforms

These reforms would now not occur until after the elections.

Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

Work was continuing on implementation of the Policy Statement and discussions had been held with the Runanga regarding Papakainga housing.

Kaikoura Enhancement Group

The Kaikoura Enhancement Group had a concept design for the northern entry to the Kaikoura Township. A public meeting regarding the concept would be held on 22 July 2014.

Te Korowai

The Local Government and Environment Committee had examined the Kaikoura (Te Tai-o-Marokura) Marine Management Bill and recommended that it be passed with amendments.

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee

Background work was continuing for the planting day on 4 September 2014.

Councillor Blunt advised there had been a considerable amount of interest in Immediate Steps funding and a number of farmers had applied. There were also a number of farmers who were going to undertake water testing of spring fed creeks on their properties. Water testing could be undertaken through the Cawthron Institute for very little cost and they could also identify the source of faecal coliforms. Councillor Harmon enquired if improvements had been made to the water quality in Lyell Creek. Councillor Blunt advised if the outlier readings were removed almost every site showed a decrease in nutrient levels measured. It was encouraging that a number of farmers were fencing and planting along waterways on their properties and as a result further water quality improvement was anticipated.

Councillor Millton advised he was concerned regarding the effect on water quality due to the increased number of seals at Ohau point and whether there was a need to be careful when harvesting shellfish from the area and felt perhaps the water testing areas should be extended. The District Planner advised currently only contact recreation sites were tested but she would enquire regarding water testing in the area. She advised the site was being defined as a seal sanctuary and taking seafood from the area would not be allowed.

Sustainability Strategy

Councillor Morgan enquired regarding work on the Strategy. The District Planner advised it had been suggested a recognition system for businesses be incorporated into this work. The Lincoln Envirotowns model would be used. This would be sent to Councillors for information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.34am.