

# REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.03AM ON WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planner).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors G Harmon, D Morgan.  
***Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

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

1. Environmental report on rock extraction. (Councillor Blunt)

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **a) Building**

There was still quite a few building consent applications being lodged for dwellings which indicated some development was progressing.

### **b) Resource Planning**

An appeal to the Environment Court has been received on the RJ Ross Family Trust subdivision. The appeal had been lodged by the applicant it was not known if submitters wished to join proceedings.

### **c) District & Environmental Planning**

#### **Resource Management Reform Bill**

The Resource Management Reform Bill process had been extended by two months. Inconsistencies in the legislation had been identified through the submission process.

#### **National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity**

Kaikoura was not seen as a growth area and in terms of the Policy Statement fell into the "all local authorities" group. The result of this was that only the general policies on the design and supply of land applied. It was noted Council did not presently constrain the supply of land.

#### **Harbour Safety Improvements**

The resource consent had not been lodged with Environment Canterbury and Council had not yet obtained the Cultural Impact Assessment.

#### **National Tourism Infrastructure Fund**

The Government had set aside \$4 million per year for the next three years to help local authorities facing infrastructure pressure from an influx of international visitors. Details of the fund criteria had not yet been released. Canterbury as a whole had made a push for better toilets. Three iconic locations in Kaikoura had been put forward which were;

1. Ohau Stream

2. Surf Breaks of National Significance – Mangamaunu and Meatworks
3. Hikurangi Marine Reserve.

It was generally felt the \$12 million allocated was not enough.

#### **New Zealand Geographic Board**

The Geographic Board was calling for submissions on a proposal to alter the Clarence River to Waiau Toa/Clarence River.

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Council support altering “Clarence River” to “Waiau Toa/Clarence River”.***

***Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Environmental Services Report be received.***

### **3. URGENT BUSINESS**

#### **Environmental Report on Rock Extraction**

An enquiry was made regarding the Environmental Report which had been compiled in relation to the rock removal at South Bay regarding effects of the blasting of the rock. The District Planner advised there would be no noticeable effect on the water surface from the blasting. Information would be included in the Council newsletter about the rock removal and why the use of an alternate channel was not recommended.

It was suggested that it might be prudent to undertake a wave study. The District Planner advised an expert had advised that technically the removal of the rock would provide a positive effect. The real issue was sea level rise and not the work which Council was proposing.

Fees from cruise ship passengers would assist with recovering costs for the rock works from the 2016/17 financial year onwards. The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wanted some revenue and future tourism growth then it had to undertake the navigational safety work. It was a strategic project that would be loan funded through the harbour rate.

The District Planner would circulate the Environmental Report along with the Resource Consent application.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.31am.***