

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.26AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014 AT 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), S Syme (Committee Secretary), D McCaul (Senior Building Control Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), K Scattergood (Emergency Management Officer).

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

There were 16 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$1,121,394 issued for the month of May. It was noted consents for Christchurch City Council had slow down. This was attributed to a system review. A discussion was had regarding new building exemptions.

b) Civil Defence

Exercise Pandora had been held on the 29th of May. This had been a table top exercise which had focused on communications and who did what in terms of emergency services. The conversation had mainly focused on storm events. Storms were mainly business as usual for many agencies and Civil Defence monitored in case the situation escalated. Councillor Blunt enquired if any discussions had been held regarding alternative ways of keeping communications open. The Emergency Management Officer advised during the last event the phones had only been out for a day. For that situation to occur both lines on either side of Kaikoura needed to be broken therefore it was considered there was some redundancy in the system. People were encouraged to have backup systems in place. The Emergency Management Officer advised work had been undertaken to strengthen other methods of communications. It was noted all areas of the district could be communicated with via radio in a major emergency. Funding had also been obtained for a repeater station on the Inland Road.

c) Resource Planning

Three new applications were received for land use consent during the reporting period.

A discussion was held regarding the removal of the designation from the Ministry of Justice site on Killarney Street. If the Ministry wished to build on the site they would now need resource consent to do so.

d) District & Environmental Planning

Walking and Cycling

The construction of the walking and cycling track from Harakeke Mall to Middle Creek was continuing. The District Planner advised the track was wider than anticipated. The metal was thinner than desirable in some areas which would be addressed as would signage following some damage to the track from motorbikes.

Kaikoura Enhancement Group

The District Planner was unsure of the next meeting date for the Group. The Group had discussed a public meeting to present the concept plans for the Northern Entry to the Kaikoura Township. There were some good opportunities to improve the visual entrance to the town. Councillor Diver enquired if the plan had been looked over by an engineer in terms of cost. The District Planner was unsure but the plan had been given to the New Zealand Transport Agency. Some parts of the plan would be relatively inexpensive to construct.

Councillor Blunt noted the South Bay entrance work which had been undertaken by Council's Harbour Warden was fantastic. He suggested a similar approach could be taken to the Northern entrance which maybe a good alternative to an expensive plan and cheaper for ratepayers. The Chief Executive Officer advised it was unknown currently how New Zealand Transport Agency might come to the party. For example with the cycleway down the State Highway to South Bay, New Zealand Transport Agency had originally said they would not contribute and then ended up completing the whole project.

Mayor Gray felt it was important to have a plan/vision to work toward.

Te Korowai

The Select Committee had heard all submissions to the special legislation for the Kaikoura (Te-Tai-o-Marokura) Marine Management Bill. The report on recommendations from the Committee was due back to parliament by 20 September 2014. The District Planner advised there had not been a great deal of submissions and there were none opposed or though some submitters had requested modifications. The District Planner would provide a website link to the submissions.

Waste Minimisation

An investigation was currently being undertaken regarding a national initiative to eliminate food waste. Some promotion would be on the Council website and information would go out to ratepayers in the near future.

The District Planner advised of the free materials website. www.freematerials.co.nz. It was noted the programme would not work unless there were listings made.

Data was being gathered from the next group of Councils to join the Ebook. The aim was to get more Council's involved to make the book cost neutral.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the Environmental Services reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01am.