

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.23AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, J Howden, D Millton.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Mackle
Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

District and Environment Planning Report

Canterbury is Tourism Business Friendly

A report had been drafted based on findings of the survey results from the Regional Tourism Office and District Tourism Officer and a number of tourism providers. One of the current recommendations was that there was a need for a strategic approach to freedom camping. A letter from Canterbury Mayor's would be sent to the Minister of Tourism recommending a review of freedom camping so that there was a National Policy for the country. A strategic approach would mean all agencies would get together to discuss issues. The current Freedom Camping Act restricted Local Authorities from making rules over land which they did not own within their district.

It was suggested that whilst a national approach to freedom camping was awaited that Council could identify areas where infrastructure for freedom camping may be required.

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.

2. SUBMISSION ON THE RESOURCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Included in the agenda was a submission to the Local Government and the Environment Select Committee on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill. The main issues raised in the submission included;

- Fixing of charges. This could make it more difficult for Council's to recover costs
- National Planning templates. These were opposed as templates should not be used to override local community planning
- Changes to section 108 appeared to change the status of all activities to restricted discretionary and would make it difficult for conditions to be imposed on resource consents.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receive the report entitled "Submission to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill.***
- 2. Endorse the submission which was lodged with the Local Government and Environment Select Committee.***

3. SUBMISSION ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Consultation Document dealt with a raft of changes to current marine legislation. The document was very broad and it was unclear how marine protected areas would be changed. The main concern was the lack of balance which was proposed. Whale Watch Kaikoura and Te Korowai had also submitted on the consultation document.

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council;

- 1. Received the Submission on the Marine Protected Areas Consultation Document report.***
- 2. Endorse the submission on "A new Marine Protected Areas Act" which had been lodged with the Ministry for the Environment.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55am.