

**MINUTES OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
9.07AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 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 Watts (Committee Secretary).

1. OPEN FORUM

R Hogan – Reestablishment of Petroleum Exploration Subcommittee

R Hogan advised he wished to address item 4 on the Environmental Services Committee Agenda regarding the Petroleum Exploration Subcommittee. He proposed that the subcommittee should be constituted to not just gather information but control information around the issues and move towards sustainable alternatives. He advised the District Planner had advised the issues did not go together but he did not agree and would be looking at a positive way forward. He advised there were arguments for reforming the subcommittee that he would like to add which included involving the community in more of the issues.

R Hogan rejected the argument that the government had already made its decision so there was no further need for submissions; he felt the submission process was ongoing. In response to the statement regarding misinformation on both sides he advised he did not like the idea of there being two sides. He felt the situation was not black and white and if there was a perception of misinformation then that was all the more reason to get the information and figure out what was correct and what was twisted, slanted or biased. He felt it was important to keep the idea of the positive aspect of looking at developing solutions and alternatives and to include the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9.15am and resumed at 11.07am.

2. CIVIC BUILDING UPDATE

S Chadwick, Project Manager, was in attendance to present this item.

S Chadwick provided an overview of the building construction and variances to the project. He noted the building was unique with advanced technology being used. S Chadwick advised the building was made from solid timber and not a hybrid product. There was a limited amount of steel in the building. It was generally felt there was a marketing opportunity associated with the technology and the green aspects of the new building.

3. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a. Council Public Excluded Minutes 19/02/2014*
- b. CEO Performance Review*
- c. Appointment of Outside Representatives to Council Committees*

The meeting adjourned at 12.05pm and resumed at 1.05pm.

4. CIVIL DEFENCE PRESENTATION

M Gadsby Hazard Analyst Environment Canterbury, J Mountjoy, Marine Geologist NIWA, Jessica Peterson Community Resilience Coordinator Canterbury Civil Defence Group and the Emergency Management Officer were in attendance to present this item.

Presentations were given regarding a Tsunami Ready Community. J Mountjoy provided the latest data on tsunami science in Kaikoura. Modelling would be done on regional source tsunami's to get a picture of expected wave heights. He advised one of the myths of tsunami was that they did not happen very often however they did. It was noted sometimes the only warning was the earthquake. A handout called "Risk profile for Canterbury" was tabled.

A discussion was held regarding the role of elected members in a tsunami ready community. Civil Defence wanted elected members to be prepared, know neighbours and advise the community to get ready to get through. J Peterson requested Council support the following two days of public meetings. She advised in an emergency Civil Defence wanted elected members to be out in the community gathering information on who was affected and how locals were coping. Information was key in an emergency. It was noted it was the Mayor who decided whether or not to declare an emergency.

5. YOUTH COUNCIL

The Community Development Officer was in attendance to present this item. T Rupene, Youth Council representative, had been unable to attend the meeting. A report from the Youth Council was tabled at the meeting.

An application would be made to the Youth Development Partnership Fund for funding for a project called "The Mix". "The Mix" would be a place where people could volunteer to take on activities, learn new skills and build relationships in a safe place. The refurbished Scout Hall had been donated for the purpose.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Kaikoura Enhancement Group

B Carter, K Goodfellow and the District Planner were in attendance to present this item.

B Carter advised a meeting had been held with New Zealand Transport Agency the previous Monday which had been positive. The concept was to enhance State Highway 1 from South Bay right through to the North end of town.

K Goodfellow provided an overview of the information sheet included in the agenda. The aim was to create a legacy for years to come. B Carter advised New Zealand Transport Agency had been opposed to reducing speed however there were ways to slow traffic naturally for example pedestrian cut outs. He advised the footpath quality was poor so that was a key opportunity along with undergrounding utilities.

The Kaikoura Enhancement Group wished to take a long term view of what was to be done. It was noted the community was driving the initiative so the support was already in place.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 19/02/2014

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 February 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8. REPORTS TO BE ADOPTED

Works & Services Committee 19/02/2014

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Works and Services Committee meeting held on 19 February 2014 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 19/02/2014

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 19 February 2014 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 19/02/2014

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 19 February 2014 be adopted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.14pm.