

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
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- 3. Environmental Services Report** *page 7*
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- 5. Urgent Business**

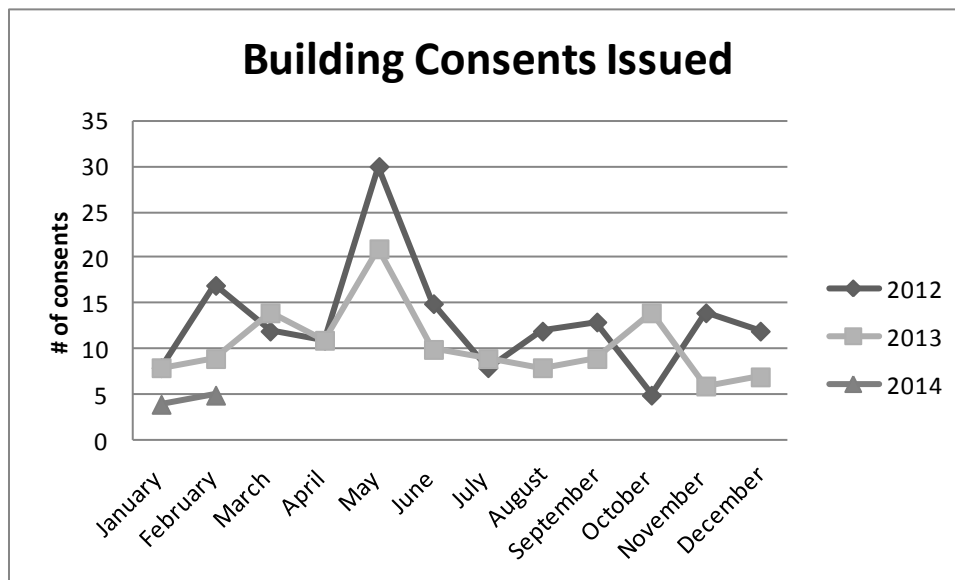
- **Building**

There were 5 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$534,630.00 issued for the month of February 2014. These consents were for:

- 2 Dwellings
- 1 Farm Shed
- 1 Garage
- 1 Marquee

3 Code Compliance Certificates and 11 Land Information Memorandums were issued in the month of February 2014.

I recently attended a meeting, arranged by an analyst from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, at Hurunui District Council. The meeting was part of an information gathering exercise, for the Ministry, from Building Consent Authorities around New Zealand. The analyst informed us that a New Zealand wide building consent central processing proposal has been put on hold while they do more exploring of ideas. They are asking for feedback and ideas from us. The analyst did tell us that it is becoming apparent that a large amount of training is still required in the building industry, particularly for designers, in the area of Building Law, the building code and standards. This will take some time and will probably be years away before any substantial changes are proposed.



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- **Resource Planning**

Resource Consent Update: 11th February to 11th March 2014

One application for subdivision has been received since the last report.

Notified Consents

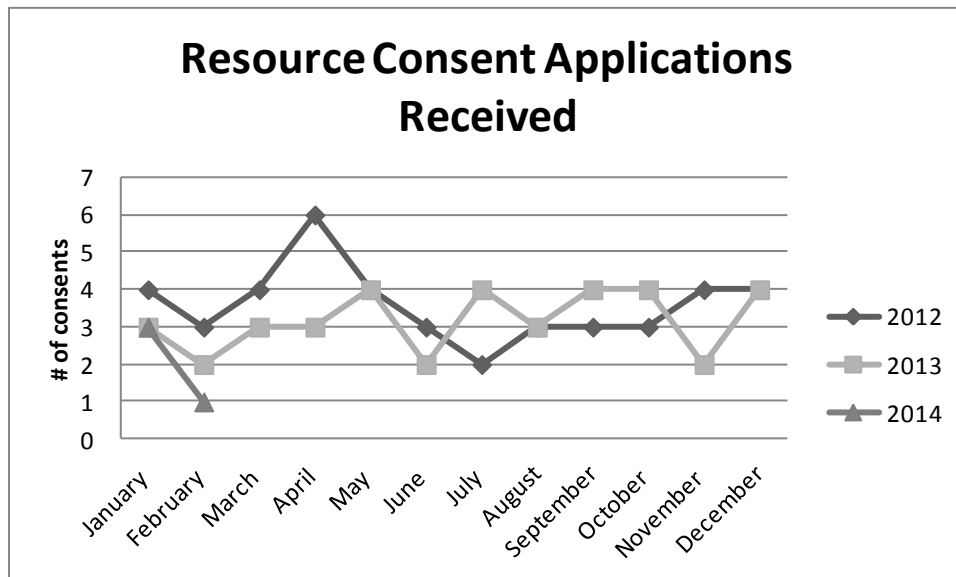
No notified consents are in progress.

Monitoring

Monitoring of complaints and resource consent conditions is ongoing

General

Project Information Memorandum and inquiries have been picking up.



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- **Resource Consent List Update**

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 7 FEBRUARY TO 11MARCH 2014

Resource consents decisions issued:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity	Number of New Lots / Guests
NONE			

Active consent applications currently in process:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Land use – Visitors Accommodation	Bruce & Carol Page	148 Torquay Street
Subdivision and Amalgamation	Tony Fitzgerald	Puhi Puhi Valley Road
Removal of Designation (court house)	Ministry of Justice	Killarney Street

Consent applications awaiting receipt of further information requested from applicant or on hold:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Subdivision: 2 lot subdivision & dwellings	Reardon SJ & AR	19 Old Beach Rd
Land Use- Visitor accommodation 2 guests and non-compliance with height standard	N Mitchell	13 Swyncombe Place
Land Use- Visitor Accommodation under 8 holiday home	Brown Euan	39 Kotuku Rd
Land Use- Digging in Archaeological Area	W Slee & M Bolt	42a Avoca Street
Land Use-Dwelling Exceeding Height Standard	Lawrence	188 Torquay Street

• District & Environmental Planning

District Plan & Environmental Planning Report 10th February to 10 March 2014

National Documents

Resource Management Reforms

No new updates have been provided by Ministry for the Environment on the “single plan” concept.

National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 (NPS REG)

The plan change has been placed on hold waiting the outcome of the “single plan” concept.

Canterbury Regional Council

Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS)

Staff are to continue planning on implementation of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

Land and Water Regional Plan

A number of appeals have been received by the High Court, some against the whole plan. Until appeals are resolved both the existing Natural Resource Regional Plan (NRRP) and the Land and Water Regional Plan have to be complied with.

Walking and Cycling

Construction of the walking and cycling track for Harakeke Shopping Centre to Middle Creek is underway.

Te Korowai

An announcement by the Government in regards to implementation of a Strategy prepared by Te Korowai for protection and special management of the Kaikoura marine environment will be made on Sunday 16th March. A verbal update on this item will be given at Council.

With the special legislation underway, Te Korowai will be better placed to push on with voluntary agreements with commercial fishers, a code of practice for charter fishers and a number of educational and research programmes.

Work is continuing on the implementation of the relevant part of the strategy in the Kaikoura District Plan. Councillors will be notified of the timeframe associated with this plan change at the next Council meeting.

Earthcheck Certification

A milestone celebration for the Platinum Certification will be held on the 4th April 2014. Invitations have been sent for this.

The first of a series of workshops on sustainability was held with good turn out from Councillors and some valuable feedback. If Council has any ideas for groups to target with workshops, please let the District Planner know.

Kaikoura Enhancement Group (KEG) formally Business Discussion Group

Members of Kaikoura Enhancement Group will be providing an update to the Council in the public forum section of today's meeting.

Waste Minimisation

Waste minimisation is again focussing on processing and finding markets for the recyclable items. It would be good to process more products locally, rather than depending on outside commodity markets. Work is continuing on this.

A funding application has been made to Keep New Zealand Beautiful for new street recycling bins in the West End. Progress on this will be given if the funding application is successful.

Biodiversity Project

Work has started on supporting Environment Canterbury's Biodiversity Officer in finding projects for the Immediate Steps funding. Several projects have been identified and work will continue contacting landowners and obtaining prices.

GodZone Adventure Race

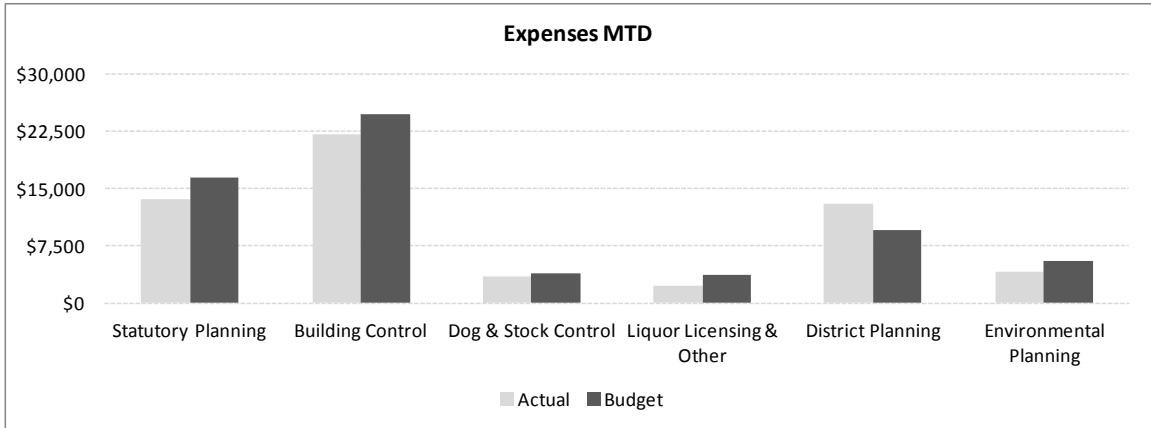
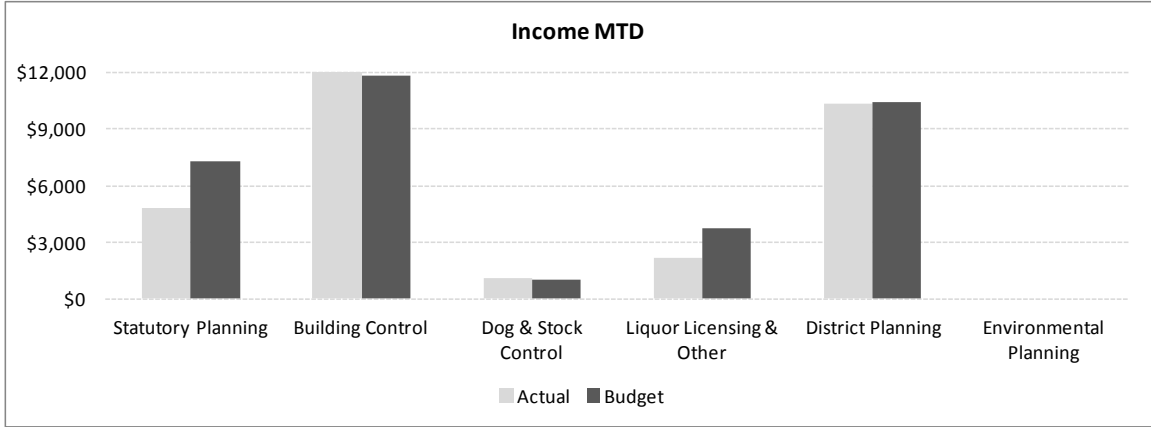
The GodZone Adventure Race got off to a great start on Saturday 8th March, 2014. The first team was back on Wednesday 12th March 2014. The race has been really well promoted and created a lot of followers on the website and Council's facebook page.

Huttons Shearwater Farewell Week and Whalefest

Information on these two initiatives has been circulated. Huttons Shearwater weekend is 5th and 6th March, with Whalefest starting 13th March with a book launch by a local author.

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Environmental Services Budget Report



Proposal - Reestablishment Petroleum Exploration Subcommittee

This item was requested to be put on the agenda as a result of the discussion at last month's Council meeting.

The original committee was established by Council at its meeting on 18 April 2012 with its brief being to "address continuing and ongoing petroleum and mineral extraction issues".

The subcommittee was to investigate the following and report back to Council;

1. Rebut in detail to the Ministry as invited, to the claims and input they had given Council directly or indirectly in communications.
2. Investigate actions, legal or otherwise, that might be taken should block 12PEG and 12PEG2 not be removed from offer.
3. Study the proposed Economic Exclusion Zone Bill that is in Parliament and find a path to give input that might influence its final form even though the formal submission timeframe had passed.

The subcommittee consisted of Mayor Gray and Councillor Burrows, Macphail and Morgan. It met on 4 occasions. Since its inception, Council has formally considered items from that Committee on 3 occasions being 15 May 2013, 19 June 2013 and 12 July 2013. Council also considered a report on Block Offer 2014 at its meeting on 18 December 2013.

The rationale for the subcommittee reestablishment is to enable Council to be in a better position, sooner, to make submissions to Central Government and to ensure Council is up to date on issues around on and offshore oil and mineral exploration.

At the Council meeting on 19 February the reestablishment of the subcommittee was discussed with the Mayor advising that he was not going to reestablish the subcommittee. Hence the request by the Chairperson of the Environmental Services Committee to have it on this agenda to determine whether this committee wished it to be reestablished as a subcommittee of the Environmental Services Committee.

The arguments in favour of forming the subcommittee are;

1. Ability to move quickly and agree on contents of submissions to Central Government.
2. Develop policy recommendations for Council consideration.
3. Ability to collect and collate information relevant to the topic.

The arguments against its reformation;

1. Government has made its decisions on off shore exploration therefore no further need for submissions.
2. Government has made its decisions regarding on shore mineral exploration therefore there is no need for further submissions.
3. The previous subcommittee met 4 times over an 18 month period when there was activity taking place in the exploration space. There would be even less reason for it to meet now.

4. Council staff keeps Council briefed on changes to legislation which will enable Council to determine future courses of action.

Council's involvement in Petroleum & Minerals Exploration is either as a regulator for specific proposals within our District or as an advocate on behalf of the community where Council wants to put forward the community's view on certain issues.

The Committee needs to consider whether the reformation of the subcommittee will assist it in achieving either of the above roles.

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