

# **REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.17AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, 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), A McCormack (Planning Officer).

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

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **a) Resource Planning**

The hearing for the RJ Ross Family Trust subdivision consent was held on 19 April 2016. The decision was issued on 11 May 2016. The decision of the Committee was to grant consent for 2 lots on the site. The application had been for 3 lots.

### **b) District & Environmental Planning Harbour Safety Improvements**

The cultural impact assessment workshop which had been scheduled with the Runanga had been cancelled. Staff were currently working with the Runanga and Environment Canterbury regarding what consultation was required for the resource consent for rock removal in South Bay prior to the application being lodged with Environment Canterbury.

### **Freedom Camping**

Members of the national Freedom Camping forum had met in Wellington in April. Prior to the forum local government representatives who intended to attend the forum had met to discuss local government issues. The issues raised were presented at the forum. A remit was also being put to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting requesting government review the freedom camping legislation and camping ground regulations. Regionally a collaborative approach was favoured.

The Minister for Tourism had advised of funding available for infrastructure. Initially \$12million had been allocated over 4 years with the suggestion that Councils fund up to 50% of the project. It was noted if Council was able to obtain funding of 50% it would still have to fund ongoing maintenance. User pay toilets were discussed. A discussion was also held regarding camping apps directing people to camping spots and away from spot where Council did not want people to camp. Research had shown however that people were aware of their rights with regard to freedom camping. Distance signs and rubbish bins were also discussed. It was noted a lot of rubbish bins had been removed from remote locations because they had become rubbish dumping spots for some.

***Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.36am.***