

# REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.41AM ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor D Morgan  
***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **a) Building**

There were 18 building consents issued in April.

The IANZ accreditation audit was due to commence the following Tuesday. The audit process was about Council's building department remaining a Building Control Authority.

### **b) Resource Planning**

Resource consent applications remained steady. Council was currently in the process of completing the subdivision of the walkway on the side of the property at 20 Beach Road. The process had been undertaken a number of years ago but solicitors had not lodged the subdivision with Land Information New Zealand. It was important to ensure the walkway was in place because when the property at 20 Beach Road was sold Council would still own land behind the property.

### **c) District and Environmental Planning**

#### **Active Faults and Folds in the Kaikoura District**

The draft report had now been finalised by Environment Canterbury and the official launch would be undertaken on 8 June 2015. Environment Canterbury would like to present to Council at its June meeting.

The District Planner advised nothing had changed in terms of fault hazards and research was leading towards fault awareness zones. Fault avoidance zones could not be created without certain information and could only extend 20 metres either side of a fault.

#### **Kaikoura Enhancement Group**

Some discussions had been held with New Zealand Transport Agency who had advised it was happy for work to be undertaken alongside the State Highway as long as it was a certain distance from the State Highway corridor. New Zealand Transport Agency had offered one day of traffic management free of charge to the Council which was positive.

### **Te Korowai**

Discussions had continued regarding the makeup of the Advisory Committee on the Kaikoura Marine Management Act 2014. It was noted the Fiordland Group had disbanded after individuals had been appointed to an Advisory Committee.

### **Canterbury Waste Group**

The Group was continuing work on the food waste campaign. An audit of 4 communities in Canterbury had been undertaken to find out the cost of avoidable food waste per household, composition of food waste by food group and by avoidability and also a comparisons with national and international waste audits. An audit had not been undertaken in Kaikoura because there was no kerbside waste collection.

A discussion was held regarding waste minimisation Grants and agrichemical collection points for rural areas. The District Planner would look into agrichemical collection points.

## **2. PROPOSED CANTERBURY AIR REGIONAL PLAN SUBMISSION**

Included in the agenda was a submission on the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan. The key focus of the submission was that Kaikoura was not in a Clean Air Zone and had good air quality. The submission largely supported the status quo but was seeking a little more flexibility in some areas and to keep Kaikoura out of the Clean Air Zone.

***Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council endorse the submission on the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.***

## **3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON NEW ZEALAND'S CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS**

The Government was seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The District Planner had come across the document the previous Monday. The consultation document stated New Zealand had a unique economy based on agriculture and a high rate of renewable energy, so there was little New Zealand could do to reduce emissions. Council needed to outline in its submission that the reduction of emissions should move away from a focus on agricultural emissions. The Government should also consider the impact of climate change on small communities.

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

- 1. Council received the information in the 'Public Consultation on New Zealand's Climate Change Targets' report and submission.***
- 2. Direct staff to expand the submission with any relevant research and further information.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15am.***