

# REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.34AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), D McCaul (Senior Building Control Officer), M Hoggard, R Vaughan (District Planners).

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

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **a) Building**

There were 12 building consents with a combined construction value of \$468,476 issued for the month of April 2014. 9 Code Compliance Certificates and 28 Land Information Memorandums were issued in the same month.

### **b) Civil Defence**

A discussion was held regarding the loss of communications to Kaikoura during the rain event on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April. It was noted communications failed due to a break in the fibre optic cable on both sides of Kaikoura. The District Planner noted this was the first time in 18 years that the cable had been broken in both directions. Vodafone were currently investigating whether it would be possible to connect to the Telstra cable which came onto land in Kaikoura. A further discussion was held regarding the timing of the closure of the State Highway north of Kaikoura.

### **c) Resource Planning**

9 decisions had been issued in the reporting month and three new applications for resource consent had been received.

### **d) District and Environmental Planning**

#### **Walking and Cycling**

The Walking Access commission had received an enquiry about what was believed to be a locked gate on the Postmans Track. It was noted this was the original bridal track from Goose Bay to the Kahutara River. It was noted the locked gate was not on the legal road known as Postmans Track.

The District Planner advised the Walking Access Commission had set up a fund to enhance access to New Zealand's outdoors. He further advised previously Council had not been keen to improve the track unless landowners were on

board. It was noted however that the track appeared to be reasonably well used. A discussion was held regarding promoting new tracks.

#### **Kaikoura Enhancement Group**

The Group had presented the concept for the Northern entrance to the Kaikoura Township to the New Zealand Transport Agency. The group wished to present the plan to Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Once approval was obtained from the New Zealand Transport Agency further consultation would be undertaken with the community.

#### **Te Korowai**

The Select Committee hearing of submissions to the Kaikoura Marine Management Bill was scheduled to be held the following day. The hearing would start at 11am.

#### **Waste Management**

A representative from the Ministry for the Environment had visited on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May to review Council's waste levy spend processes, waste collection process and the spending of funding received for the Glass Processing Plant. No issues had been identified. The final report would recommend a health and safety review of the use of the Glass Processing Plant be undertaken.

#### **Kaikoura Zone Implementation Programme**

Grass Roots funding of \$5,000 had been approved for planting at Lyell Creek. The aim was to plant the lower section of Lyell Creek by the Sewer Pump Station on the corner of Ludstone Road.

#### **Fantastic No Plastic**

The Kaikoura Seaward Lions had agreed to fund one drinking water fountain in the amphitheatre. The aim was to reduce to use of plastic water bottles by providing a place where people could refill them. An application for a second drinking water fountain would be made to one of the contestable funds available.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.06am.***