

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 9.40AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014  
AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), R Vaughan (District Planners), T Ross (Regulatory Services Team Leader), K Scattergood (Emergency Management Officer).

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

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**a) Building**

There were 14 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1,678,650 issued for the month of September.

A discussion was held regarding consents for playgrounds and marquees. Playgrounds required consent in relation to height and durability. A building consent was required for a marquee which was over 50m<sup>2</sup>. Council could however adopt a policy which would exempt marquees from requiring a building consent if certain information was supplied.

There were currently 7 consents being processed with 6 of them requiring further information. It was noted there were normally 6 or 7 items on a dwelling consent which required further information.

Hurunui Building Control Authority continued to assist with processing of building consents and visited each fortnight to assist with commercial inspections. It was noted advertisements for a Senior Building Control had been running since July without successful. As of earlier that week Council was now advertising for a Building Control Officer and would look to take on someone who needed up skilling and training and was happy to undertake an academic course. Hurunui Building Control had advised they were happy to mentor a trainee Building Control Officer.

Councillor Millton suggested the use of contractors for the service. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had to strike a balance between service and keeping costs down. It was noted traditionally it had been more expensive to use outside contractors.

**b) Civil Defence**

“Get Ready Get Through” week had been from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of September. The week was about raising awareness about the need to prepare for emergencies. A table had been set up outside the New World Supermarket. Over 150 people had taken the quiz and many more people had stopped to talk about being prepared as well as taking home emergency checklists as well as other items for preparedness kits.

Training had also been undertaken regarding the new Emergency Management computer system. The programme was web based and could be run anywhere.

**c) District and Environmental Planning  
Earthcheck**

The 2014 benchmark data had been lodged. An audit would take place before the end of the year.

6 businesses had been sent certificates for the “ Too Good to Waste Business Awards”.

**Waste Minimisation**

The District Planner provided an update on priority waste streams. It was hoped there would be some intervention at a national level on problem waste areas.

The Ministry for the Environment had reviewed the effectiveness of the Waste Disposal Levy. 11 recommendations had been made as a result of the review.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10am.***