

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.31AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

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

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

There were 11 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1,913,940 issued for the month of September. This included two visitor accommodation consents one for glamping and the other for Pure Pods.

b) Resource Planning

One submission had been received in opposition to the operation of a chicken farm. It was noted the submitter had not indicated if they wished to be heard therefore it was unknown if there would be a hearing.

c) District and Environmental Planning

Land and Water Regional Plan – Plan Change 4

Included in the agenda was a submission on Plan Change 4 of the Land and Water Regional Plan. The submission sought greater protection for water supplies which serviced fewer than 25 people which had public access e.g. camping grounds.

Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Environment Services Committee endorse the submission on the Land and Water Regional Plan – Plan Change 4.

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

2. BLOCK OFFER 2016

A letter had been received advising the government had started consultation for Block Offer 2016. A submission had been drafted in response to the 2016 Block Offer consultation information. Additional points had been raised in the 2016 Block Offer submission which included putting the block offer on hold until two studies, which were currently underway, were completed which were researching the biological importance of the Kaikoura Marine area.

Councillor Morgan noted the submission raised a lot of issues for the community and provided a number of reasons why a submission should be made. She did however feel that Council's stance could be stronger given its push for sustainability. She referred to the recommendation which had been put forward by R Hogan in the public forum.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray that the Environmental Services Committee;

- 1. Receive the information contained in the Block Offer 2016 report.***
- 2. Support the submission on the New Zealand Petroleum and Mineral 2016 NZ Block Offer Consultation Document.***

Discussion:

Councillor Blunt advised the implications of something going wrong from deep sea oil drilling for the Kaikoura community were horrendous. It was noted the Minister for the Environment had advised equipment to clean up an oil spill was currently inadequate. It was noted the Acting Mayor of Christchurch had described the block offer as sheer lunacy. Councillor Blunt agreed with this statement particularly due to fault lines on the ocean floor and he was keen to see R Hogan's recommended wording included in the submission to give Council's argument more weight. It was generally felt the submission was well written, clear and precise.

Amendment to Motion:

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Blunt that the submission include the following statement at the beginning "Kaikoura District Council requests the exclusion of the entire proposed off shore Block Offer 2016 release area. Should the Government find this unacceptable, Kaikoura District Council requests that the considerations laid out in the following submission are taken into account."

The amendment was put and carried. A division was called.

For: Councillors Blunt, Harmon, Howden, Mackle, Millton, Morgan.

Against: Mayor Gray, Councillor Diver.

Substantive Motion:

That the Environmental Services Committee;

- 1. Receive the information contained in the Block Offer 2016 report.***
- 2. Support the submission on the New Zealand Petroleum and Mineral 2016 NZ Block Offer Consultation Document with the addition of the following statement at the beginning of the submission "Kaikoura District Council requests the exclusion of the entire proposed off shore Block Offer 2016 release area. Should the Government find this unacceptable, Kaikoura District Council requests that the considerations laid out in the following submission are taken into account."***

The motion was put and carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03am.