

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 4 May, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), L J Leadley, B A Tasker, K W P Lowe, M J Urquhart, D Glass, R C Beavan and I J Burgess.

Also in attendance Crs P Reveley, D N Nelson, K L Holmes and N H Brown; Chief Executive, Environmental Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

## **Extraordinary Business**

“That pursuant to Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business and considered later in the meeting:

- **Licensing Fees**

*Reason* To confirm a change to the term of the licensing year, to be reflected in Council's Draft Long Term Community Plan 2006-2016 prior to its adoption on 29 June 2006.

Tasker/Burgess

**Carried**

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 16 March, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Urquhart/Beavan

**Carried**

## **Matters Arising**

### **Draft Earthquake, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy**

The Environmental Services Manager reported that a number of submissions have been received. The date for hearing submissions has been deferred until 18 May 2006.

## **Turney Pig Farming Operation – 1068 Dip Road**

Cr Glass expressed his concern at the requirement of condition 6 and proposed that the reference to keeping a daily register be deleted. He also sought the removal of condition 7, noting that the food listed as not able to be grown for direct consumption was not sufficiently detailed.

The Environmental Services Manager explained that both conditions were included in the previous consent. The keeping of a register by the consent holder provides a cost effective self monitoring function as it reduces the time spent by Council staff. Condition 7 is an environmental health requirement which is applied to a number of activities where spreading of effluent over land is carried out.

“That pursuant to Section 104B of the Resource Management Act 1991, application LUC 050024, being consent to increase pig numbers to a total of 4050 at 1068 Dip Road, be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. That the activity is to be sited and is to proceed generally in accordance with the information accompanying the application dated 13 September 2005.

2. That the total number of pigs housed shall not exceed 4050. The age ratio and housing provisions shall be in accordance with the information provided with the application dated 13 September 2005.
3. That the contents of the effluent holding tanks and dung races shall be emptied, cleaned and spread or sprayed at intervals not exceeding 24 hours following the effluent being produced.
4. That no effluent shall be spread or sprayed within 250m of any residence on a neighbouring property.
5. That no effluent shall be spread or sprayed within 20m of a well, stock water race, irrigation race and all external boundaries of the applicant's property.
6. That when spreading or spraying effluent the applicant shall have regard to wind direction. Effluent shall be spread in such a manner as to minimise smell nuisance to any neighbouring residences. The applicant shall ensure that sufficient alternative land is available on the property to accommodate the intent of this condition.
7. That the Ashburton District Council may, within 20 working days following each anniversary of the granting of this consent, serve notice of its intention to:
  - Review the conditions of this consent for the purposes of dealing with any adverse effects on the environment, that may arise from the exercise of this consent in regard to efforts on the surrounding environment from the sale, frequency and duration of the activity for which consent has been granted. The actual and reasonable costs of conducting such a review shall be payable by consent holder.
  - Carry out monitoring of the activity for the purposes of assessing compliance with the resource consent and/or dealing with any adverse effects on the environment that may arise from the exercise of this consent in regard to effects on the surrounding environment from the conduct of the activity for which consent has been granted. The actual and reasonable costs of conducting such a monitoring shall be payable by consent holder and shall be in accordance with fees adopted by the Council from time to time.”

Glass/Lowe

**Lost**

It was further reported that Environment Canterbury has granted its consent to the Turney pig farming operation. ECan's conditions of consent are in keeping with this Council's.

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7. That the land over which effluent is spread is not used for the growing of food for direct human consumption, eg berry fruit or salad vegetables such as strawberries, lettuce, cabbage, carrots, etc which may be eaten raw. This restriction is to remain on land eighteen months from the time effluent was last applied.
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Leadley/Beavan

**Carried**

Cr Glass recorded his vote against the motion.

### ***Dog Control Act 1996 – National Dog Database***

The Chief Executive advised that the payment is a requirement of the Dog Control Act and as such Council is required to pay the levy to the National Dog Database.

Mr Lester said the concept of micro-chipping all dogs is not widely accepted, however it is generally supported that the system be implemented for dogs which have been deemed dangerous. It gives the ability to have a history on the dog and owner if they move between districts. The matter was subject of a resolution at the Zone 5/6 Meeting held in Dunedin last week.

A submission seeking exemption for rural working dogs was unanimously supported by the participating councils and forwarded to the Parliamentary Select Committee considering the matter.

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee resolves to pay the National Dog Database levy of \$5,138 for the 2006 / 2007 year.
3. That the Committee resolves to leave the LTCCP and dog registration fees as they currently stand and fund the National Dog Database levy of \$5,138 for the 2006 / 2007 year from the Hydatid & Dog Control reserve account.”

Leadley/Tasker

**Carried**

### ***Naming of Road – Ashburton Aquatic Park – Stages 4 & 5***

“That the new roads off Huntingdon Avenue within the subdivision of Ashburton Aquatic Park Ltd, being consent SUB 050025, be named Torbay Avenue (Road A) and Trent Place (Road B).”

Urquhart/Beavan

**Carried**

### ***Extraordinary Business Licensing Fees Year***

The Environmental Services Manager sought the Committee’s approval to change the term of the licensing year. Currently applicants commencing business throughout the year are required to pay the full year’s fee. The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that the change to the licensing year will apply to all licences, including mobile shops, offensive trades, food premises etc.

“That all licences expire twelve months from the date of issue of licence and that wording be added to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 to reflect this.”

Tasker/Leadley

**Carried**

### ***Activity Reports***

“That the reports be received.”

Glass/Burgess

**Carried**

### **Arowhenua Visit**

The Environmental Services Manager suggested 27 or 28 September 2006, as a tentative date for Council’s visit to Te Runanga O Arowhenua at Temuka.

### **Animal Control**

A report from Council’s contractor for March 2006 was tabled.

The Committee requested that future reports in this area show comparisons with the previous month. Information on whether dogs involved in attacks have been registered was also sought.

### **LIMS**

It was reported that a manual calculation on LIM performance was carried out which indicates that the number of LIMS has increased with approximately 50 per month being processed at this time.

### **Liquor Licensing**

Minutes of District Licensing Agency meetings held 16/3/06 and 20/10/05 were received, along with a report from Cr Burgess who attended the ALAC Conference held 6-7 April 2006.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.50 pm and resumed at 3.03 pm.

#### ***Items transacted with the public excluded (3.03 pm)***

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Confirmation of Minutes – 16/3/06</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource Consent Matter</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activity
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Glass/Tasker

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 3.27 pm.