ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 8 June, 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 W Reveley, D N Nelson, K L Holmes and N A Brown; Environmental Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 4 May, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed."

Glass/Beavan **Carried**

Matters Arising

Turney Pig Farming Operation

Clarification was sought on whether condition 7, which precludes the growing of food crops for direct consumption, has been applied to similar consent applications.

The Environmental Services Manager explained that this condition was included as a result of a submission from Community Public Health when the applicant originally applied for consent. The consent holder's subsequent requests for an extension of the activity in 1995, and most recently, were granted on the basis of this earlier condition which had not been objected to by the consent holder.

Micro-chipping and Registration of Dogs

The Environmental Services Manager reported that information will be provided through the District Diary and by public notice reminding dog owners that registrations become due on 1 July 2006. Mr McKenzie explained that the Act requires owners to micro-chip their dogs within two months of 1 July 2006; consequently dog registration would not be affected until after the initial two month period elapsed. He stated that only dogs being registered for the first time after 1 July 2006, were required to be micro-chipped.

Application LUC 060038 – Moronui Ltd – A & L Mackenzie

"That Application LUC 060038, to erect a purpose built fertiliser shed of approximately 1015m^2 in floor area and a pole shed of 8m x 16m, for the storage and dispatch of fertiliser be granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The consent is to proceed in accordance with the plans and details included with application dated 27 April 2006.
2. The entrance and exit to the site is to be from Anama Station Road only and is to be formed in accordance with Appendix A12.2 Rural Zones : Vehicle Crossings where traffic levels are 30 or more vehicle trips per day or a similar vehicle crossing design to the satisfaction of the Roading and Street Services Manager of Ashburton District Council.

3. The hours of operation for this activity are to be Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 5.30 pm and Saturday 8.00 am to 12.00 noon.

4. The proposal shall comply with the Ashburton District Council Plan noise requirements such that the noise levels are not exceeded, neither at nor within, the notional boundary of any residential unit other than residential units on the same site as the activity.

	2400 hrs to 0700 hrs	0700 hrs to 0900 hrs	0900 hrs to 1700 hrs	1700 hrs to 2100 hrs	2100 hrs to 2400 hrs
Monday to Friday	30dBA	30dBA	40dBA	40dBA	40dBA
Saturday	30dBA	30dBA	30dBA	40dBA	30dBA
Sundays & Public Holidays	30dBA	30dBA	30dBA	30dBA	30dBA

5. The consent holder is to obtain any necessary discharge permits for on-site stormwater and effluent disposal prior to giving effect to this consent.

6. The proposal shall comply with all relevant standards in the District Plan with regards to hazardous substance storage and all relevant codes of practice.

7. The consent holder shall provide a management plan to Council that stormwater used for domestic purposes on site shall meet all necessary health standards and evidence is to be provided to Council that the water quality is of a potable (drinkable) standard in accordance with the *Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2000* and *New Zealand Building Code G12 Water Supplies* or its successors. This evidence shall be in the form of information on the chemical and bacterial quality of the water supply and tested at an accredited laboratory and results provided to the Council.

8. The resource consent holder shall monitor the operation of the sewage holding tank with regard to removal and disposal of sewage. The Council will require confirmation from a suitably qualified person as to the structural integrity of the tank, once installed and commissioned.

9. The existing trees on the Anama Station Road and Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road boundaries are to be retained to a minimum height of 6m and any dead or diseased trees are to be replaced with a similar species and a minimum height of 2.0m at the time of planting.

10. All on-site lighting on the site shall be directed away from adjacent roads and all lighting shall be shielded such that no light spill goes outside of the property boundaries.

11. Within 20 working days of each annual anniversary of the date of this decision or upon the receipt of information identifying non-compliance with the conditions of this consent, the Ashburton District Council may, in accordance with Sections 128 and 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, serve notice on the consent holder of its intention to review the conditions of this resource consent for any of the following purposes.

    (a) there is or is likely to be an adverse environmental effect as a result of the exercise of this consent, which was unforeseen when the consent was granted.

    (b) monitoring of the exercise of the consent has revealed that there is or is likely to be an adverse effect on the environment. Monitoring of the activity may be undertaken 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.

The actual and reasonable costs of conducting such a monitoring shall be payable by the consent holder and shall be in accordance with fees adopted by the Council from time to time.

(c) There has been a change in circumstances such that the conditions of the consent are no longer appropriate in terms of the purpose of the above Act."

Tasker/Lowe **Carried**

Racecourse Avenue Subdivision – Naming of Right-of-Way

"That the new right-of-way serving four lots off Racecourse Avenue, being consent 040147, be named Chambers Lane."

Glass/Urquhart **Carried**

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Urquhart/Beavan **Carried**

Building Consents

The Environmental Services Manager agreed to compile data on building consents issued in the last reporting period which will be circulated to the Committee.

Staff Vacancies

It was reported that an appointment has been made to position of General Inspector. To date, the Environmental Health Officer vacancy has not been filled.

Ashburton District Development Plan

- **Small Villages**

It was reported that Council has considered a request, through the LTCCP submission process, seeking Mayfield's inclusion in the consultation process. Council has indicated its support for consultation to be undertaken with the community providing there is an available budget and sufficient time for this to take place.

- **North East Ashburton**

The Environmental Services Manager reported that proposals for this Plan Change could not be finalised until connections with the State Highway and Rail were defined. Council will receive a report and final design proposals for the Plan Change once agreement has been reached with Transit and the rail network companies.

Retirement

Mr Dennis Burridge, Council's Environmental Health Officer, was welcomed to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Burridge for his work and the support he has given the Committee. The Committee heard that Mr Burridge was previously employed by the Ashburton County Council and is retiring after 35 year's Council service.

The meeting concluded at 2.28 pm.