

4.4 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 27 November, 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, B A Tasker, I J Burgess, J A Kingsbury, P W Reveley and J Sparks.

Also in attendance Crs N A Brown, K W P Lowe, K L Holmes and J A Everest; Environmental Services Manager, Senior District Planner, Consultant Planner and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley (lateness) **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 16 October 2008 be taken as read and confirmed."

Burgess/Sparks **Carried**

Proposed Plan Changes for Areas of Significant Conservation Value and Geo-Conservation Sites

The Consultant Planner reported that consultation with affected land owners is complete and while there was good buy-in from significant natural area land owners, for those in the Geoconservation areas the difficulty has been to separate the matter of landscape from Geological features, for example the Heron Basin. Mr Singleton explained that because of the strong linkage between geological features and landscape it is proposed to deal with the Geoconservation issues as part of the District Plan review.

The Mayor attended the meeting at 1.38 pm.

Mr Singleton further advised that only those sites not included in the tenure review process have been assessed and that DOC has agreed that any of the Group 2 sites on conservation land are included automatically as Group 1 sites. Consultation in respect to areas of Significant Conservation Value will continue with the stakeholders and Appellants who were parties to the Consent Order in 1998, ie Federated Farmers, Forest & Bird, ECan and Iwi, with a view to a Plan Change for only those Group 2 areas being prepared.

- "1 That the report be received.
2. That the Council commences consultation with other parties in respect to those Group 2 Areas of Significant Conservation Value which have been reassessed with a view to progressing a Plan Change.
3. That the proposed Plan Change No 3 (Geo-conservation sites) be withdrawn and that this matter be progressed within the District Plan Review, and that submitters, affected persons and landowners be notified accordingly."

Tasker/Beavan **Carried**

The Consultant Planner left the meeting at 1.45 pm.

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Beavan/Burgess **Carried**

On Farm Reservoirs

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the Department of Building and Housing was unable to provide an interpretation. A legal opinion has now been sought from Simpson Grierson. Their interpretation, when it is received, will assist in developing a policy for Council.

Arowhenua Visit

It was reported that a successful visit was made to the Arowhenua Marae on 26 November.

Proposed Plan Change 6

The Committee heard that the hearing of submissions will be on 2 December. Seven initial submissions and seven further submissions were received.

Bylaws

Following recent reports of electrical goods being sold door to door, clarification was sought on Council's bylaw and licensing requirement. The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that the person carrying out these sales would be deemed a Hawker and as such would require a Hawker's licence.

The dog control signs required for Lakes Camp and Clearwater have been designed and are awaiting manufacture. The Committee agreed that funding for the signs will be from the dog reserve account. The Environmental Services Manager was requested to have the signs installed at the lakes before Christmas.

Liquor Licensing

The Environmental Services Manager reported on the Combined Rural Trader's appeal against the decision of the Liquor Licensing Authority. The appeal was jointly opposed by Council's Licensing Inspector and the Police and the estimated \$7,000 legal costs will be shared equally. Mr McKenzie sought the Committee's direction on how Council's share should be funded and whether wider community benefit should be taken into account. The Committee agreed that the funding source should be at staff discretion, however further consideration could be given to this through the Funding Policy review.

The meeting concluded at 2.10 pm.