

Environmental Services Committee

Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 25 August, 2011, commencing at 1.30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Angus McKay; Councillors John Leadley (Chair), Jim Burgess, Don McLeod, Peter Reveley, Jac Sparks, Alan Totty and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Councillors Neil Brown, Donna Favel, Darryl Nelson and Martin Nordqvist; Environmental Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

Staff in attendance for the duration of their reports – Building Services Manager and Regulatory Manager.

1 Apologies

Cr R Kilworth Carried

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 7 July, 2011, be taken as read and confirmed.

Reveley/Burgess Carried

Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McLeod/Mayor Carried

• Consent Processing times

The Building Services Manager reported that for the first time in six months, the processing of applications has been below 100%. To address this, a contract has been signed with a private building consent authority to provide processing services. Mr Fields referred to comments being received on the length of time being taken to process solid fuel heater consents but said that there are no issues and the average time is 4.6 days

The Mayor left the meeting at 2.19pm.

• Dangerous, insanitary and earthquake prone buildings

The Building Services Manager has prepared an updated dangerous, earthquake prone and insanitary buildings policy. The draft document will be addressed by Council in a workshop, a date for this to be advised.

• Resource consent

Clarification was sought on why an area of land at Hinds, currently zoned commercial and now identified in the Proposed District Plan as residential, has a commercial building being constructed.

The Environmental Services Manager explained that the building is a permitted activity under the current Plan and consent was granted on that basis. He confirmed that a strip of land has been provided for commercial activity along SH1 in the Proposed Plan at the community's request. Mr McKenzie will provide the Committee with a written explanation.

• Methven dog park

The consent application is currently being notified to affected persons. Submissions close in early September.

- **Railway Station Working Party**

As requested by the Environment Court on 8 August, the Working Party reconvened to consider a potential tenant for the station building and the possibility of investigating practical and financial support for the building's retention from the wider region. The Working Party is required to respond to the Court by 2 September.

- **Baring Sq East - Town Centre Reference Group**

The Chief Executive met with relevant staff to establish what work can be carried out immediately, within existing funding, as well as in the long term work programmes in the CBD. A further meeting is to be held in a fortnight and any concepts will be referred to Town Centre Subcommittee and will be further discussed during the LTP process.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 2.38 pm.

- **Senior Planner**

Applications for the position are being reviewed.

- **Air Quality**

The Regulatory Manager reported that the Clean Heat project launch will be held on Friday 2 September. Mr Wade said the information has been branded for Ashburton with less reference to the regional council. He confirmed that funding will be a key message and the community will be reminded that funding is only likely to be available until June 2013.

- **Environmental Health**

The CDHB monthly surveillance table was circulated.

The Regulatory Manager reported that with some confusion arising in respect to the new food legislation, an article was included in the District Diary and food safety seminars are being organised to raise awareness.

- **Liquor licensing**

The District Licensing Agency will meet on 13 September. Public information on licensing will be increased with quarterly liquor licensing newsletters in the District Diary. Information will also be provided on the CBD liquor ban area and the consequences of breaching the ban.

- **Bore hole testing**

Clarification was sought on the number of years that the closed landfills have been required to be monitored. The matter will be referred to the Operations department.

- **Animal control**

The Regulatory Manager reported that a 'zero tolerance' policy is to be applied to owners of unregistered dogs. It was noted that around 700 dogs are known to be unregistered in the district currently.

Staff were asked to increase publicity on the consequences of allowing dogs to foul on footpaths.

- **Carry over of funds – Training budget**

That funds from the training budget 2010-11 be carried over to the current financial year as follows:

- Cost Centre 218 - Liquor - \$3,000
- Cost centre 216 - Health - \$6,000
- Cost centre 219 - Water Monitoring and Bylaw Enforcement - \$3,000
- Cost Centre 222 – Animal Control - \$2,000

McLeod/Totty

Carried

7 Town Centre Subcommittee

The minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on 28 July 2011, were received.

• Alfresco Dining Policy

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the draft policy is to be progressed with the Roading department, Business Association and DLA. The policy will incorporate feedback and be referred back to the Town Centre Subcommittee.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.08 pm and resumed at 3.22 pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded (3.22pm)

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:

Item no	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
9	Confirmation of minutes 7/07/11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future dog pound	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
10	New Dog Pound Facility	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Reveley/Burgess

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.36pm.