
REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 22 March, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, B A Tasker, K W P Lowe, M J Urquhart, D Glass and I J Burgess.

Also in attendance Crs P W Reveley, N A Brown and D N Nelson; Environmental Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

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

Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that Cr Nelson attended the meeting and recorded an apology for lateness.

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 8 February, 2007, as amended be taken as read and confirmed.”

Beavan/Burgess **Carried**

The Mayor attended the meeting at 1.32 pm.

Barrhill Heritage Village – Potential Plan Change

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the Plan Change will be progressed in conjunction with the Development Plan small villages consultation.

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That the Environmental Services Committee resolves to commence the preparation of a change to the District Plan in respect of the Barrhill Heritage Village that will result in a proposed Plan Change.”

Lowe/Urquhart **Carried**

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

“That the following roads be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 8.00 pm on Friday 11 May 2007, until 8.00 pm on Sunday 13 May 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Street Sprint meeting:

Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street

Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive to McNally Street

Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street

McNally Street, from Range Street to the end of the street.”

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Tasker/Burgess **Carried**

NE Ashburton Business Park

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the further submission period closes on 30 March 2007. Detailed submissions received from Transit and On-Track have identified concerns that they were not included in consultation prior to the Plan Change preparation.

Valetta Appeal

The appeal has been heard in the Environment Court this week and the Court's decision is awaited.

Hanham Consent

It was reported that the first call-over from the Environment Court will be held in Ashburton on 7 May 2007.

Building Consent Authority

The Environmental Services Manager reported that an application will be made for funding assistance from the Authority to assist with the certification process. Additional consultancy resources will also be required. Mr McKenzie said that local builders and surveyors have been advised of the process and made aware of recent staff changes which are likely to impact on the level of service in the near future.

Glassworks Building

The Committee requested further information on the intent of both the building owner and the Historic Places Trust and agreed that a report be prepared on the implications of listing this building as a heritage site. The matter will be considered by the Heritage Subcommittee prior to reporting back to the Environmental Services Committee.

BNZ Building – Rakaia

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the owner of the former BNZ building in Rakaia has publicly stated that he wishes to demolish the building which is listed as a heritage item, Category B, in the District Plan, however formal notification has not been received by Council. Mr McKenzie said that demolition will only be permitted if the notification process has been undertaken in accordance with the District Plan and that to remove the building from the Schedule would require a Plan Change which is also subject to public consultation.

Leaky Building

A claim has been lodged with Weathertight Resolutions Services following a complaint received from the owner of a building which has sub-standard monolithic cladding. Council's insurers have been notified.

Relocated House

The Environmental Services Manager has approved a consent application for a relocated house in Rakaia. The property was subjected to a stop-work notice and the owner was required to pay a conformance bond. No submissions have been received in opposition to the application and a hearing was not required.

Mr McKenzie reported that consents for a further four relocated houses in Rakaia have been issued. The limited notified consents were without submission.

Land Use Consents

The Committee heard that a 'Show Home' has been located in a residential area without a resource consent. The owner has been advised that if the building is being used solely as a show home then consent will be required.

Publicly Notified Consents

Consent applications for the Ashburton Christian School and the Ashburton Range Users Association will be heard by Commissioner. If possible, both hearings will be held in May.

The meeting concluded at 2.35 pm.