

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 26 July, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; 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, D N Nelson and K L Holmes; Environmental Services Manager, Senior District Environmental Health Officer and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr N A Brown

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 14 June, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Burgess/Urquhart

Carried

Matters Arising

Small village development project

In response to concern that the ratepayer associations had not been formally contacted, the Environmental Services Manager explained that they had been advised at recent meetings that the next stage in the process will be to consult with individual ratepayers.

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Beavan

Carried

Building consents

Clarification was sought on whether the reported number of consents issued for domestic fireplaces related only to new buildings. The Environmental Services Manager confirmed this and explained that a number fire installations are consented as part of other building work being applied for. He said that this matter was addressed at a meeting of the Air Quality Working Party and a change will now be made to the way the information is collated to report all fire installations.

Small village development project

The Environmental Services Manager reported that draft plans have been distributed to the respective communities and their comments are required by 31 July.

In discussion reference was made to the draft development plan for the Hinds community which, based on some feedback, appears not to reflect what the community requested. Mr McKenzie acknowledged that some uncertainty may have arisen with the timeframe for the consultation process; he reiterated that the document is still a draft for consultation and Council's position won't be formulated until comment forms have been assessed.

Valetta appeal

The Environmental Services Manager reported that Council is seeking recovery of the legal and consultancy costs incurred during the consent appeal process, totalling \$34,833,

Illegal dumping

The District Environmental Health Officer acknowledged the reported concerns relating to litter being thrown from vehicles, particularly in the rural area. Mr Humphries advised that he met last week with management from McDonalds restaurant who are working towards alleviating this problem by carrying out 'litter sweeps' in the vicinity of their property. This concept will be taken up with other fast food outlets and environmental health staff will look at monitoring options.

Air Quality

A meeting of the ADC/ ECan Air Quality Working Party was held on 30 July. The monitoring sites placed around town have shown there is a town-wide problem with air pollution and these will now be removed. The site at Cambridge Street will remain.

Cr Beavan reported that a further meeting of the Healthy Homes Steering Committee was held this morning and workshops are planned for 16 and 17 August for stakeholder sponsors.

Complaints – bird poisoning

The District Environmental Health Officer reported that DOC was involved in the bird poisoning events to determine whether any endangered species were affected.

District Licensing Agency – 26/7/07

Recommendations from the District Licensing Agency meeting held this morning were tabled.

Liquor Licensing Policy

The draft document prepared by the Working Party was considered and one further amendment was made –

- 14.2 additional sentence to read *The Ashburton District Licensing Agency will promote training opportunities for licensees, industry workers and stakeholders as considered appropriate.*

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

“That Council adopts the Ashburton District Liquor Licensing Policy (2007), as amended be adopted.”

Glass/Urquhart

Carried

Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw

The Agency supported a request from the Ashburton Police and ACADS that the CBD liquor ban Bylaw be extended on 24 August, to cover the whole day of the “Undy 500” event which will stop in Ashburton. The change will be publicly notified prior to 24 August.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

“That the hours of the Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2005 be extended on 24 August 2007, to include the period from 7.00am to 9.00pm so that the prohibited acts set out in clause 4 of the Bylaw relating to possession and consumption of liquor will be controlled by that Bylaw during these day time hours.

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.23 pm.