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Environmental Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 17 September 2019

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Environmental Services Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 at 9am**

Present: Clr Kerry Stevens (Chairperson), Clr Sally Parker (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Damon Odey, Clr Peter Burt, Clr Andrea Leslie, Clr Steve Wills, Clr David Jack, Clr Paddy O'Reilly, Clr Nigel Bowen, Clr Richard Lyon

In Attendance: Judith Earl-Goulet Operations Manager, and Mark Bourassa Environment Canterbury (for item 7.1)

Stephanie McCullough - Temuka Community Board

Group Manager Environmental Services (Tracy Tierney), Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Environmental Compliance Manager (Debbie Fortuin), Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

1 Apologies

Committee Resolution 2019/13

Moved: Clr Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Clr Paddy O'Reilly

That apologies from Tewera King (Mana Whenua), Jarrod Marsden – Geraldine Community Board and Karalyn Reid – Pleasant Point Community Board be accepted.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no urgent business items.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no minor nature items.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Clr Nigel Bowen noted an interest in the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

5 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to what is the last Environmental Services Committee meeting of the triennium. He thanked councillors and staff for their work over the last three years and wished those seeking re-election well for the election.

The Chairperon then reported meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out since the last meeting including the ECan Plan Change 7 workshop, Productivity Commission workshop regarding local government funding, Council meeting, District Plan workshop, Tenders Committee meeting, Agrecovery recycling event, and chairing the Heritage Steering Group meeting. He also met with the Group Manager Environmental Services as well as discussing a range of issues with various Council officers.

Committee Resolution 2019/14

Moved: Clr Kerry Stevens

Seconded: Clr Steve Wills

That the Chairperson's report be received and noted.

Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2019

Committee Resolution 2019/15

Moved: Mayor Damon Odey

Seconded: Clr Peter Burt

That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Reports

7.1 Air Quality Update

Judith Earl-Goulet, Operations Manager and Mark Bourassa of Environment Canterbury gave a presentation on this years winter air quality programme, as a follow-up to the pre-winter presentation earlier in the year.

The briefing included an update and recap on the spatial monitoring of PM 2.5 carried out in 2018, an air quality overview for 2019, work undertaken in the Washdyke airshed and the implementation activities in regards to home heating.

Anzac square – investigative work was undertaken in response to queries as to how representative Anzac Square is of Timaru's air quality. A large amount of data was collected with over 5 million measurements to analyse, and the results of the analysis will be presented to Council in due course. However it has been decided to keep Anzac square as a monitoring site as it is considered to be duly representative and if an alternative monitoring location was selected, the value of the historical data collected at Anzac Square would be lost.

The meeting was advised that there has been a notable decreasing trend in high pollution nights and as well as a decrease in the number of exceedances, there has been a decrease in the PM10 concentrations.

Washdyke - this appears to be a complex issue with an increase in concentrations in a number of varying circumstances – such as in light or very little wind conditions as well as strong and persistent wind conditions. One proven pattern is that there are no exceedances in the weekends, indicating that there is something about the industrial activity in Washdyke that is increasing concentrations during week days. ECan is now looking at doing some ground truthing to find out more about the air quality in this area.

The Committee encouraged ECan to continue studying the Washdyke air quality issues including ongoing analysis of the material and the sources, as ultimately the matter ends up in our waterways through the stormwater system.

Air implementation activities – ECan officers have been out in the community, looking at where excessive smoking occurs, engaging with households that are contributing most to the pollution and helping those households to use their woodburners more effectively. This activity happens throughout the year. The education is based around three dimensions – better devices, better wood and better technique. The Healthy Homes subsidy is available to support people to upgrade their home heating system.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding meeting the objective of reducing health risks through measures taken to improving air quality, Judith advised that ECan has recently met with the SC District Health Board to discuss evidence of health benefits from the improved air quality and she will find out when the results will be available.

The regulations around rural burn-offs were explained to the Committee – burn offs are a permitted activity for such things as crop residue burning, however the fire still cannot have a nuisance effect (other than visual). There are buffer zones around Timaru in order to be able to manage the effects of such burning into the township and farmers still have to meet the FENZ criteria for outdoor burns. ECan does not presently get notice of planned outdoor burns, but is looking at working with FENZ to have that information shared. There is infringement action that can be taken.

The ECan representatives were thanked for the detailed report and retired from the meeting..

Committee Resolution 2019/16

Moved: Clr Steve Wills

Seconded: Clr David Jack

That the update be received and noted.

Carried

7.2 Dog Control Annual Report 2018 / 2019

The Committee considered the annual dog control activities report for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. The Animal Control Team was thanked for what is sometimes difficult work which is carried out well by the team.

Committee Resolution 2019/17

Moved: Clr Peter Burt

Seconded: Clr Andrea Leslie

That the Dog Control Report 2018/2019 be adopted and that, as required by the Act, the report be publicly notified and forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.

Carried

7.3 Annual Report to Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority for 2018/19

The Committee considered a report on liquor licensing matters and the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA). The Group Manager Environmental Services advised that the District Licensing Committee works very effectively and the year has been successful.

Committee Resolution 2019/18

Moved: Clr David Jack

Seconded: Clr Sally Parker

That the report be received and adopted.

Carried

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no urgent business items.

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no minor nature matters.

The Meeting closed at 9.55am.

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Chairperson

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Chief Executive