

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MARCH 2008, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.23 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, B. Chinn, D. Davidson, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Pullen (Vector Programme Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media

#### **1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies

#### **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no presentation.

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Robb) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 11 March 2008 be confirmed as correct with the appropriate amendments below made.

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

Cr Archer drew attention to resolution number two in item 4.3.1 of the February minutes. The resolution currently reads: *"Upon notification of a suspected fraudulent act the Investigation Leader shall notify the Chief Executive immediately, except where the fraud may involve the Chief Executive; and who in turn will notify the Chairman or Deputy Chairman"*. It was agreed that *"except where the fraud may involve the Chief Executive and"* would be deleted.

Resolution number 3;

*"Should a fraudulent act involve the Chief Executive, the Investigation Leader will immediately notify the Chairman and Deputy Chairman"*.

**Moved** (Archer / Scarlett)

*Carried*

R. Mallinson reported that a reply is still awaited from the Remuneration Authority regarding item 4.3.2.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran took his report as read and offered to answer any questions.

**Moved** (Robb / Ewen) that this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

C. Pullen spoke to his report advising that there were no issues during the reporting period. No failures were noted during the reporting period. He advised that two successful contractor meetings have been held with good feedback received from contractors.

C. Ingle reported on the new approach from the Animal Board for aerial operations will be for longer term contracts. C. Pullen confirmed that a three year contract for aerial contractors is in the pipeline. The Chairman asked if yearly reviews would still take place. C. Pullen confirmed that price and performance reviews would be carried out on a yearly basis with Animal Health Board approval.

**Moved** (Davidson / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

*Carried*

#### **4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORTS**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that the seven month results are a mixture of good and bad news. The bad news is the severe impact on Council's investment portfolio due to the state of world markets. The net loss on the portfolio for the seven month period is \$217,000. R. Mallinson reported that expenditure is under tight control and that some of the budget variances are expected to reverse by June 2008. He reported that programmed monthly withdrawals from the portfolio have been suspended in accordance with the Annual Plan. R. Mallinson reported that the cash position is still positive. The Chairman stated that we have had seven good years and it is a question of getting the balance and portfolio right.

R. Mallinson reminded Councillors that Forsyth Barr would be making their annual presentation after lunch today.

R. Mallinson spoke of the annual plan and budget process. He advised that this is well advanced and it would now be timely to set a date for a workshop with Councillors. The workshop was set for Monday 7 April at 10.30.

**Moved** (Robb / Davidson) *that this report be received.*

*Carried*

#### **4. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He attended the Chief Executive's Environmental Forum in Wellington. C. Ingle also attended the Development West Coast Industry Advisory Committee meeting where the Economic Development Strategy for the West Coast was discussed.

C. Ingle spoke at the Conservation Management Strategy hearing on the 18 February. He attended the Local Government Broadband Forum with the Chairman held in Wellington.

A meeting was held with Meridan Energy to discuss the lodging of resource consents for the Mokinui project.

C. Ingle attended the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting with the Chairman, N. Costley and S. Moran.

C. Ingle reported that the February meeting and tour for the Regional Affairs Committee, hosted by West Coast Regional Council was well received.

**Moved** (Archer / Davidson) *that this report be received.*

*Carried*

#### **5. CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

Cr Scarlett reported that the CEO from Telecom gave an address at the Broadband Forum in Wellington. He advised that Broadband is an important matter and that the Government needs to be doing its part in providing funding for this and needs to be developed. He stated that unless progress is made then Broadband will be a long time coming for remote areas.

Cr Scarlett attended the Zone 5 meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March; he advised that freedom camping was very topical at this meeting. The idea of colour coding of camper vans to

denote whether or not they were self-contained was mooted. Cr Scarlett advised that he feels confident that something will come out of this in the near future.

Cr Scarlett met with Hon. John Carter yesterday. He advised that this was a very informative meeting with issues facing regional councils being discussed.

**Moved** (Scarlett / Robb) *that this report be received.*

*Carried*

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m

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