

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 MAY 2008, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.27 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** (Birchfield / Chinn) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 8 April 2008 be confirmed as correct.

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

S. Moran spoke to his report. He advised that since the letting of the contract for the repair of flood damage and stockpile replenishment in the Lower Waiho Rating District there has now been further flood damage. This is now a major project.

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

*Carried*

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

C. Pullen spoke to his report. He advised all contracts for control monitoring have been awarded. C. Pullen drew attention to monitoring failures at Whataroa; these are due to reinvasions of possums in this area. A rework has been done with monitoring currently being undertaken. C. Pullen advised that this area might need to be re-strategised with a longterm aerial operation over the next couple of years.

Cr Archer asked C. Pullen if the level of anxiety from residents in the northern area relates to lack of information or disbelief of the effectiveness or after effects of the imminent aerial operation in this area. Cr Archer asked what progress is being made towards resolving these concerns.

C. Pullen responded that consultation has been extensive and he is to meet with residents in a community forum to again discuss their concerns.

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

*Carried*

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

R. Mallinson spoke to this report noting that this is the nine month financial period for the end of March. He advised that there are no surprises and things are in line with what has been reported at earlier meetings. R. Mallinson stated that the investment income continues to be disappointing but there are positive budget variances for this period.

Cr Archer drew attention to a variation in expenditure relating to environmental monitoring and asked why wasn't this carried out. S. Moran advised that this relates to staff time as a staff member resigned and this position has only just been filled. Additional projects were budgeted for during this time but were not undertaken. Envirolink funding also paid for some projects that were carried out. The Chairman asked for background information regarding legal costs for Glenharrow Holding Ltd. R. Mallinson explained this claim relates to mining at the top of Mt Griffin. Council was liable for the first \$10,000 of this claim by our Insurers, Riskpool.

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

*Carried*

#### **4.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He attended the Regional Chief Executives Forum and the Chief Executives Environmental Forum in Wellington. The Acting CEO from MfE attended these meetings.

C. Ingle advised that work on the renewable energy assessment is underway. A report regarding this topic will be brought to a council workshop after the June Council meeting. C. Ingle advised Tony Kokshoorn would attend that workshop.

C. Ingle asked to present a short workshop after this meeting to update council on air quality matters. A meeting with the Reefton Community Board has been held. It is hoped that financial assistance from EECA will be achieved.

C. Ingle spoke of a visit from a representative from Kyoto Forest NZ. Opportunities for west coast landowners to benefit from carbon credits were discussed. A one page brochure will be circulated and WCRC will provide some support in this area.

C. Ingle advised that regional councils as a group are administering the Afforestation Grants Scheme, this is funded by MAF. He stated there is quite a lot of funding available but most will go to the east coast of the North Island where there is a large amount of eroded hill country land.

C. Ingle advised he has agreed WCRC could be a 'silent partner' in this scheme.

C. Ingle advised that Development West Coast is now commencing the consultation process for the Regional Economical Development Strategy.

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

*Carried*

#### **5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

The Chairman reported that he attended the Regional Affairs Committee meeting in Wellington. He advised that the agenda for these meetings is going to be pruned in order for major issues to be discussed. A Senior Analyst from the Ministry of Economic Development was in attendance to discuss renewable energy.

The Chairman attended the Mayors and Chairs forum on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May where he met with Brian Roche, the new chairman of Development West Coast. Tony Kokshoorn was elected Chair of Civil Defence at this meeting.

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

*Carried*

**6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.47 a.m

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