

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

P. Ewen (Chairman), R. Scarlett, D. Davidson, B. Chinn, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield, R. Barber (arrived 10.38)

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning & Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), A Mahuika (Minutes Clerk),
The Media

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that the apology from T. Scott be accepted.*

Carried

2. MINUTES

Moved (Chinn / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 February 2009, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he attended tender openings for stopbank repairs. He also attended the Ivan Talley Rescue launch and various other public functions.

Cr Ewen and Cr Scarlett attended the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting earlier in the month.

Cr Ewen reported that he assisted with negotiating a reduction in the audit fees from Audit New Zealand.

Moved (Ewen / Archer) *that the Council receive this report.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

S. Moran spoke to his report. He advised that Variation 1 (Wetlands) – Proposed Land & Riverbed Management Plan appeal closed on 17 February. Four parties have lodged appeals. A pre hearing conference is scheduled for the 6th of April.

S. Moran reported submissions close on the 27th of March for the Proposed Coastal Plan Change 2. Proposed Resource Management Act Amendments: S. Moran reported that he has received information from Local Government New Zealand regarding this matter and has have provided preliminary comments to LGNZ. S. Moran advised that the Hon. Chris Auchinvole chairs the Select Committee that considers the submissions on this matter.

S. Moran attended the Civil Defence Officers and Managers meeting on 11 February with representatives from the four councils. He stated this was a very useful meeting. A civil defence exercise is scheduled for the 18th of September.

S. Moran reported that Tai Poutini Polytechnic is now the new service provider for the Road Safety Coordinating Committee.

S. Moran drew attention to the results for contact recreation sampling. Seven Mile and the Orowaiti Lagoon Picnic area were the only areas that registered a low risk during the reporting period.

Cr Archer asked if there are public awareness campaigns or signage in place in areas where water in rivers have been found to be unsafe for recreation. C. Ingle clarified the protocol currently in place whereby the Regional Council takes responsibility for sampling and any further action after the results are to hand is then taken by the District Council and Community Public Health.

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

Carried

5.1.2 DRAFT WEST COAST REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2009-12

S. Moran spoke to this report. He advised submissions will be open for one month.

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that Council approve the draft Regional Land Transport Programme for consultation.*

Carried

5.2 CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE GROUP

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall spoke to this report. He advised that the hearing for Meridian Energy Limited's proposed Mokihinui River Hydro Power Scheme will reconvene on 15 April.

C. Dall reported that the submission period for applications lodged by Hydro Development Limited for a proposed hydro power scheme on the Stockton Plateau at Granity has closed. 49 submissions were received with the majority being in support of the proposal.

C. Dall reported that the hearing for the consent application for the boiler discharge at the Greymouth Aquatic Centre was not required as the three submitters whom wished to be heard withdrew their submissions.

C. Dall reported that Mr Phillip Paterson has withdrawn his application for an Enforcement Order against Council.

Moved (Archer / Davidson) *that the March 2009 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Dall reported that it has been a relatively quiet month. He stated that approximately 80% of dairy sheds inspected were found to be compliant.

C. Dall advised that OceanaGold were fully compliant during the reporting period. Pike River Coal advised that there have been three non-compliant discharges from Pond 1, relating to their discharge limit but in terms of receiving water quality compliance limit there were no environmental effects.

C. Dall advised that there has been no formal enforcement action taken during the reporting period.

Moved (Archer/Scarlett)

- 1. That the March 2009 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the Council recommends to Crown Minerals that the bond for ML 323280 can be released.*

Carried

5.2. GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date