

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE GREYMOUTH JOINT FLOODWALL COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2011,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

A. Robb (Chairman), I. Cummings, A. Birchfield, P. Berry, A. Osborne, D. Truman (late), T. Kokshoorn (late)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (WCRC Chief Executive), W. Moen (WCRC River Engineer), M. Meehan (WCRC Planning and Environmental Manager) K. Beams (GDC Property Manager), K. Perrin-Smith (GDC Engineering Officer), M. Sutherland (GDC Assets Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:**

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*A. Birchfield / P. Berry - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

Cr Robb welcomed all present to the meeting and introductions were made.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved:** *That the minutes of the Joint Floodwall Committee meeting held 14 September 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as correct*

*A. Birchfield / A. Robb - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Action Points were updated. M. Sutherland advised that signage has been installed at the narrow section of road near the Blaketown Rugby Clubrooms. He advised that the seating is in hand for the floodwall. M. Sutherland stated that it was just as costly to replace the seating, as it was to repair this seating. M. Sutherland advised that the gates that are to be installed in strategic places to prevent four wheel drive vehicles and motorbikes using the floodwall are being designed. He is working with W. Moen to ensure that a suitable design is found, as these gates need to be removable.

M. Sutherland confirmed that the seating is to be installed on the second level of the floodwall. Cr Birchfield asked if the gates are going to be easily removed. W. Moen responded that consideration is being given to three heavy posts installed with removable bollards.

**PUBLIC FORUM TIME – SPEAKING RIGHTS**

There was no request for public speaking rights.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the financial period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 noting that the closing balance in the maintenance account as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of June is \$109,640.26. He advised that the closing balance in the loan account is \$16,741.69.

W. Moen advised that Cobden Island needs to be sprayed every year. He stated that the most effective method is by helicopter but he is aware that this method is controversial and therefore he has used a contractor to apply the spray by hand. Discussion took place on the benefits of keeping this area clear. C. Ingle stated that advice from a consultant used for the upgrade of the floodwall is to keep this area clear to let floodwater flow through, otherwise there is a risk of overtopping of the floodbanks. C. Ingle stated he agrees with W. Moen that we need to keep the weeds down and he is happy with the Regional Council's rating district paying for the spraying.

**Moved:**        ***"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted."***

*A. Birchfield / P. Berry - Carried*

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the 2010 / 2011 works report. He reported that \$18,986 was spent in total for works during the 2010 / 2011 year. W. Moen reported that projected works for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 amount to \$30,000 which includes \$10,000 for the spraying of Cobden Island, \$10,000 for rock for the stopbank and \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance. W. Moen expressed his concern with whitebaiters moving rock around the floodwall. M. Meehan explained to the meeting that there have been three whitebaiters who have jacked a rock into the river to improve their whitebaiting spot near the pump station. He advised that GDC have trespassed the whitebaiters from the floodwall and there is also potential to take out a wilful damage charge as well. M. Meehan advised that he and W. Moen would inspect this area this afternoon to ascertain how much damage has been done. C. Ingle advised that the same three people built a rock wall in the area last year. C. Ingle advised that the role of both councils to manage this asset for the community and as long as the whitebaiters are not damaging the capability of the floodwall to keep water out of the town then he does not mind how they whitebait.

W. Moen advised that Mr Bob Hall, River Engineer, is in the process of writing a report on containment of Cobden Lagoon to stop it from backing up into Cobden at Range Creek. W. Moen advised that once the draft report is to hand he would report back to the meeting as to where to from here.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.***

*A. Birchfield / P. Berry – Carried*

## **2012 / 2013 RATE STRIKE**

W. Moen reported that the recommended rate strike is \$50,000 which is the same as this financial year. He advised that at the beginning of the 2012 / 2013 financial year there is likely to be \$133,000 in the rating district account.

**Moved:**        ***That the recommended rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial year be \$50,000 (G.S.T. Excl).***

*A. Birchfield / P. Berry - Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

M. Meehan advised that an Engineer has assessed the damage to some of the panels on the floodwall. He stated that there is also some cracking around some of the joins and the advice is to get this damage patched up. M. Meehan advised that there are six areas of concern, at the end of the wall and they are not in areas where there is much pressure. He advised that the quote for this repair work is \$7,000. M. Meehan advised that some of the damage is caused by people who have been sitting on the floodwall and they have picked at the joins.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

**Action Point:**

- W. Moen to report back to meeting with Bob Hall's report relating to the Cobden Lagoon.

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Chairman

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Date