

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2014 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

P. Ewen (Chairman), A. Robb, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell, T. Archer, S. Challenger, J. Douglas,

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), J. Adams (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

**Moved** (Ewen / Robb) *that the apologies from N. Clementson and F. Tumahai be accepted.*

*Carried*

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

There was no public forum.

#### **3. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Birchfield / Archer) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 15 July 2014, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cr Ewen reported that he and Cr Archer attended the South Island Civil Defence Emergency Management conference held at Shantytown recently. He stated that this was a very informative conference, with good speakers and was well received with a lot of positive comments made by those in attendance. Cr Ewen stated that this was a good way of connecting with others in similar situations in the South Island. Cr Ewen passed on his congratulations to staff that organised the conference. Cr Archer agreed with Cr Ewen's comments.

**Moved** (Ewen / Challenger)

*Carried*

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

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M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the Reefton Airshed Committee met on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July to discuss the trial of the two Oeko Tubes that have been installed in Reefton. M. Meehan advised that one Oeko Tube has been installed on a house that burns both wood and coal and the other has been installed on a house that burns coal only. M. Meehan drew attention to the photographs in his report that illustrate how the Oeko Tube traps the particles inside the flue. He stated that the Oeko Tubes are doing what they are designed to do. M. Meehan advised that at the end of September all the information from the trial will be analysed but in the meantime educational material on how to manage your fire, collecting firewood early, cleaning your chimney and getting

the most efficiency out of your appliance will be prepared for both Reefton and the wider West Coast community.

M. Meehan reported that the draft Coastal Plan will be discussed at a workshop with the Resource Management Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Iwi representatives will also be invited to attend the workshop.

M. Meehan reported that staff have been working closely with DoC on the Land and Water Plan Change to correct the inaccuracies with the Schedule 2 wetland mapping. M. Meehan advised that about ten properties need to be visited with DoC.

Cr Archer asked if it is bituminous coal that is being burnt on the fires involved in the Oeko Tube trial. M. Meehan confirmed that it is but they are different types of coal. M. Meehan answered other questions from councillors relating to the Oeko Tube trial.

**Moved** (Robb / Archer) *that Council receives this report.*

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

M. Meehan spoke to this report and reported that there have been 17 exceedances of the NES for PM<sub>10</sub> in the Reefton Airshed. M. Meehan advised that in September he will be providing a summary of this winter's exceedances in comparison with previous winters.

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *That Council receives this Report.*

*Carried*

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that three consent site visits were made during the reporting period. He advised that resource science provided water quality assistance with these site visits. J. Adams reported that 20 non-notified resource consents were granted and four changes to consent conditions were granted during the reporting period. J. Adams advised that after completing this report he was advised that Solid Energy Ltd and Forest and Bird have now come to an agreement on Mt William North. He advised that this is now with the Environment Court and if they accept the conditions then the consent can be granted. Cr Birchfield asked for further information on the Mt William resource consent application. J. Adams said that Solid Energy Ltd has agreed to increase the non-mining area. Permission was sought from Crown Minerals for this and this permission has now been granted. Cr Birchfield stated that Forrest and Bird have forced Solid Energy Ltd to give up the mining of 2 million tonne of coal by decreasing the mining area.

Cr Birchfield drew attention to Oceana Gold Ltd's resource consent applications. J. Adams advised that one consent application is in relation to the Globe Mine to increase their tailings to allow mining to continue. The other consent application from Oceana Gold Ltd relates to mining at Waiuta. Cr Ewen stated that he is pleased to see this resource consent application come through as he dealt with the original consents ten years ago.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *that the August 2014 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

### **5.2.1 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 44 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. He advised that six site visits were as a result of complaints. J. Adams reported that 28 site visits were compliant and 16 were non-compliant. J. Adams advised that a considerable amount of the non-compliant visits were the result of heavy rainfall events.

J. Adams reported that most of the complaints have been substantiated. He advised that one formal warning was issued during the reporting period. This was in relation to riparian margin damage caused by stock.

Cr Challenger asked for more information regarding the complaints about the mining operation at Blue Spur. J. Adams advised that some of the issues around these complaints related to noise and the hours the mining is working. These matters are District Council consent conditions. J. Adams advised that this mining operation is under an abatement notice, but is still mining.

J. Adams advised this company does not have a bond in place and the resource consent states that they must have a bond in place. They are also mining outside of their consented area. J. Adams

advised that he is applying for an Enforcement Order through the court at the moment. J. Adams confirmed that if the company does the restoration and puts a bond in place they can continue mining. It was noted that this company owes council money at the moment.

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell)

*That the August 2014 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

*Carried*

## **6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Ewen advised that he would attend the public meeting in Reefton regarding the Reefton air shed.

The meeting closed at 10.51 a.m.

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Chairman

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