

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 JULY E 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), J. Adams (Consents and Compliance Manager), A. Mahuika (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

(McDonnell / Challenger) *That the apology from Cr Clementson be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (McDonnell / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 9 June 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Birchfield asked if everything has gone through regarding the purchase of the Glacier Gateway motel in Franz Josef. M. Meehan stated that an auction to sell chattels is scheduled for next week. There have not been any bookings since mid June and the owners are due to vacate in mid August. Cr Ewen asked if there has been any progress with the money Grey District Council is to pay into the Red Jacks rating district's account. M. Meehan stated that a meeting has been held with Grey District Council and they made a council resolution regarding this money. There are a number of conditions placed on this matter with one condition being that the rating district was to be expanded out. M. Meehan advised that a MOU is being considered and some changes to the asset management plan to accommodate some of the issues.

3.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 23 JUNE 2015

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Special Meeting dated 23 June 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

PRESENTATION – OSPRI

Michelle Edge, Chief Executive and Dr Stu Hutchings, Operations Manager for the Tb Programme, addressed the meeting. They provided an update to Councillors on what the Tb Programme review will involve for the next ten years. Dr Hutchings provided an update on the progress both nationally and on the West Coast. He spoke to his PowerPoint presentation and answered various questions from

Councillors. Cr Robb stated that Council would be submitting on the strategy. He thanked Dr Hutchings and Ms Edge for their presentation.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 12.52 p.m.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that works have been done in the Punakaiki, Wanganui, Vine Creek, Kowhitirangi and Whataroa rating districts. M. Meehan reported that following the heavy rainfall event in June flood damage repair work has been done in the Taramakau, Nelson Creek and Red Jacks rating districts. He stated that the Taramakau rating district suffered the most damage out of all rating districts. M. Meehan advised that this rating district needs to replenish rock supplies which will cost money but the rating district is aware of this.

M. Meehan advised that a public meeting was held with the people from Granity, Ngakawau and Hector. Councillors Clementson and Archer attended this meeting along with staff from Buller District Council and the Buller Mayor. M. Meehan reported that work that was done in 2006 and 2007 was discussed and the issue of sea erosion was discussed. M. Meehan advised that P. Birchfield (Council's River Engineer), has done a survey of the entire beach line, looking at where erosion has come in and remediation that has been done in these areas. M. Meehan stated that some property owners had done work on the advice of NIWA at this time. M. Meehan advised that as a result of the public meeting it was clear that those affected what options to consider and include groynes, planting options etc. NIWA and Envirolink are going to assist with options and another public meeting will be held in October to discuss where to from here. Cr Archer stated that residents left the meeting with a clear understanding that if they want work done they are expected to pay for it. He felt it was a very good well run meeting.

M. Meehan reported that a further meeting of the working group for the Buller flood modelling work has been held. M. Meehan advised that Council's Hydrologist has put together some flood warning sites that need consideration for funding. These include both rainfall sites and flow sites. M. Meehan advised that Civil Defence West Coast have done a lot of work with potential evacuations plans for Westport. A further meeting is scheduled for 18 July and approval for work will be made at this meeting. M. Meehan advised that a report will be presented to the next council meeting which will outline potential improvements to the flood warning network for the next 5 – 10 years.

Moved (Archer / Ewen) *That this report be received.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this report covers the eleven month results to the end of May. R. Mallinson stated that the surplus is quite low compared to budget. He advised that the investment income during May was \$161,000 and the total income from the Westpac Investment Portfolio for the eleven months was \$1.1M. R. Mallinson stated that it has been a fairly tough financial year with legal costs and various court costs and actions that have been beyond council's control. He offered to answer questions from councillors.

Moved (Birchfield / Challenger)

- 1. That this report be received.*
- 2. That Council declares that the 3879 m² contained in Lot 2, DP 2715, Certificate of Title WS5C/1193 and RX 4079, Certificate of Title WS1B/1350, is held for soil conservation and river control purposes (for which no revenue was received).*
- 3. That Council note the renewal of risk covers for 2015 / 16 pursuant to the Risk Management Policy.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and provided details on the various meetings he attended during the reporting period. He stated that work is progressing well with Westland District Council and the future planning for Franz Josef.

The Chairman advised that Fran Wilde has now stepped down as Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council; she was also chair of the Regional Sector Group. He stated that Stephen Woodhead is now the Chair of both groups.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He advised that he was day shift group controller for Civil Defence with regard to the flood event that occurred on 18 and 19 of June. He stated that by the end of the day on the 19th of June, the focus was solely on Hokitika as there was a considerable amount of surface flooding in this area.

C. Ingle advised that he chaired the debrief for this flood event on the 3rd of July.

C. Ingle reported that he has sent letters to those who spoke to their submissions at the hearing for the Long Term Plan.

Moved (Archer / Ewen) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

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