

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Ewen / Birchfield) *that the apology from F. Tumahai be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Challenger) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 July 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he assisted with the opening of some tenders, one was in July and one was yesterday

Cr Ewen attended the Regional Land Transport committee workshop on the South Island Freight Plan last week.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGERS REPORT

M. Meehan advised that the submission for the Proposed NES for Planation Forestry was emailed to this committee last week and there were no comments received back that required any changes to the submission.

M. Meehan reported that there have been two appeals received on the Westland District Plan Change for Franz Josef Fault Avoidance Zone. He advised that this council has joined as a Section 274 party which means that council has an interest in the appeals with our role being to provide information, the science behind what was done and to assist with any required research.

M. Meehan reported that the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy expires in December this year. He advised that a review has been in place for the last couple years and a working group has been looking at putting together a template for the South Island. The template has now been drafted and North Island councils have since come on board. M. Meehan advised that there is a biosecurity working group that are working through the final throes of the template. National policy direction from the Ministry of Primary Industries has been awaited since 2013 and should be released in September this year. M. Meehan advised that he is requesting an extension of the current Regional Pest Plant Strategy to the 14 December 2016 to allow for more time to look at the policy direction and to undertake consultation.

Cr Archer asked if a resolution was required for Proposed NES for Plantation Forestry submission. It was agreed that this be included with the two other recommendations.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council's Submission on the NES for Forestry Plantation is approved.*
3. *That Council extends the current RPPMS expiry date to 14 December 2016, to allow time to undertake a full review, to include the National Policy Direction and collective approach.*

Carried

5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that at the time of writing this report there have been 12 exceedances of the NES for air quality in Reefton. He stated that in view of the recent cold weather it is likely that the number of exceedances will be similar to last winter, by the end of the month.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the report is received.*

Carried

5.1.3 VARIATION TO THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2015 - 2018

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that this report is seeking a variation to add road safety promotion for speeds and fatigue to be added into the regional land transport programme.

Moved (Birchfield / Robb)

1. *Consultation is not required for this variation as it is of small scale and does not trigger significance policy.*
2. *That Council approves the Variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2015 – 18 for the inclusion of the:*
 - a. *Road Safety Promotion 2015-18 Speeds, \$60,000 (three year total)*
 - b. *Road Safety Promotion 2015-18 Fatigue, \$40,000 (three year total); and*
3. *Submits the Variation to the West Coast Regional Land Transport Programme 2015 – 18 to the NZ Transport Agency.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report. He advised that 13 non notified resource consents were granted, six changes were made to consent conditions and three changes to limited notified consents were granted during the reporting period.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that the August 2015 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.1 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 31 site visits were made during the reporting period. 20 visits were compliant and 11 were non-compliant. He reported that 11 alluvial gold mine inspections were completed and enforcement action is pending for three of these. No dairy farm enforcement action was required during the reporting period.

J. Adams reported that as a result of a helicopter flight a number of mining discharges were discovered. He advised that two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

J. Adams reported that four work programmes were received during the reporting period and all have now been processed. One bond fore RC1121 was received during the reporting period.

Cr Archer asked J. Adams if there are dispensations for regulatory observations with regard to Civil Aviation regulations for unmanned aircraft (drone) regulations. J. Adams advised that if council does not have the consent of the land owner then a warrant needs to be obtained through the Court.

Cr Clementson asked if there has been any progress with the enquiry into the illegal work done at Ngakawau. J. Adams stated that this work is only piled up sand which will wash away when the next lot of King tides occur.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *That the August 2015 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen stated that he noticed some slumping of the floodwall between the Preston Road bridge and the cycleway. C. Ingle stated he would get staff to check this.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date