

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JULY 2016, 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, T. Archer, S. Challenger, P. McDonnell, N. Clementson, J. Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), N. Costley (Communications Manager), S. Jones (Planning Team Leader), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 7 June 2016, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Challenger asked for further information regarding the stopbank in the Karamea rating district which has become redundant. M. Meehan advised that a new stopbank has now been constructed in this area which makes the old one redundant.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen welcomed M. Meehan to his new position as Chief Executive. Cr Ewen reported that on 24 June he, Cr Clementson and M. Meehan attended a meeting with four visiting National Party Members of Parliament to discuss economic development opportunities for the West Coast.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

Cr Ewen welcomed S. Jones to her first Council meeting. S. Jones spoke to this report and advised that she and L. Sadler presented a submission at the hearing for the Buller District Council Plan

Changes last week. She advised that decisions from the hearing panel are expected within the next few weeks.

S. Jones reported that details are being finalised for the Land and Water Plan – Proposed Plan Change 1. She advised that approval to notify the Plan will be on next month's agenda.

S. Jones reported that the summary of submissions for the Coastal Plan was published yesterday and further submissions have been requested.

Cr Birchfield asked for an update on matters relating to wetlands. M. Meehan advised that there are approximately 80 boundary adjustments to be considered through the plan change. He advised that these plan changes will be notified at next month's meeting. Cr Birchfield stated that he has been getting feedback from affected landowners. M. Meehan responded that he is keen for these landowners to get the right message and he will follow up with Cr Birchfield following today's meeting.

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

Carried

5.1.2 PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PAPAROA NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

S. Jones reported that DoC has now notified the draft Paparoa National Park Management Plan. She advised that staff are in the process of reviewing the Plan and putting together a submission. S. Jones advised that a meeting will be held with DoC next week, and any comments or concerns Councillors have can be brought to this meeting and can be incorporated into Council's submission.

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

Carried

5.1.3 PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT – URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY (NPS – UDC)

S. Jones spoke to this report and advised that MfE are consulting on a proposed National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity. She advised that this is primarily in response to larger regions such as Auckland and Canterbury who are experiencing growth and demand for residential growth. S. Jones advised that staff have reviewed the draft and are generally supportive of the proposals. She stated that a proposed draft joint submission has been circulated, submissions close on Friday; she would like comments by Thursday. S. Jones answered various questions from Councillors. Discussion ensued. M. Meehan advised that there is a high level target in the economic development strategy for the region around plan alignment, across the region. Plan alignment across the region would be beneficial for resource users and would enable councils to pool their resources. M. Meehan stated that the work the Local Government Commission is doing in this area will address this.

Moved (Clementson / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.1.4 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that there have been two exceedances of NES for air quality in Reefton this winter. M. Meehan advised that MfE are yet to advise on what changes are likely to be made to the NES.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to this report and advised that 17 non-notified consents have granted during the past month and 12 changes to existing consents were granted.

Cr Robb declared an interest in RC-2016-0067, Sewell Peak Farm Ltd, as he is a major shareholder in this company. G. McCormack answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *That the July 2016 reports of the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to this report. He drew attention to a slight error in the number of site visits carried out during the reporting period. He advised that 12 site visits were related to complaints, not 14, in total 48 site visits were carried out, 41 were compliant and seven were non-compliant. G. McCormack reported that aerial inspections of mining and farm areas will be carried out over the next three days. He advised that initial reports are that staff are pleased with farms in the northern part of the region. There has been quite a lot of planting of riparian margins; stand-off pads are also looking good. G. McCormack stated that he will provide an overview of the findings of the aerial inspections for next month's meeting.

Cr Challenger asked G. McCormack for an update on the Birchfield Mining complaint regarding the discharge of sediment laden water to the beach at Ross. G. McCormack responded that this was a minor incident. He stated that Council's attitude to compliance is to be firm but fair, and in this instance it would not fair to prosecute or issue an infringement notice on a minor issue such as this. G. McCormack advised that this discharge was corrected within hours of Council becoming aware of it. It was noted that there was no impact on the mussel beds or the lagoon in this area.

G. McCormack answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Robb) *that the July 2016 reports of the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen spoke of some minor erosion near Sawyers Creek / Dixon Park. M. Meehan offered to follow this up with Grey District Council.

The meeting closed at 10.58 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date