

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 12.05 P.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer) R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science & Innovation Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk, The Media).

#### **1. APOLOGIES:**

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

*Carried*

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

There was no public forum.

#### **3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 August 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

Cr Ewen drew attention to page 4 of the minutes and requested a copy of the Tonkin & Taylor report on Franz Josef. M. Meehan agreed to email the report, in confidence, to Councillors. He advised that the process will now be to go through the major findings of the report with the community, meet with the Franz Josef Working Group and then to hold a public meeting.

Cr Archer asked if the letter to the Ministry of Health regarding the proposed new Buller medical facilities has been sent. N. Costley confirmed that the draft letter is complete and she will circulate the response once it is received.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT**

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that the engineer is very happy with the standard of work which has been completed in the Kaniere rating district.

R. Beal reported that a working group meeting was held with the Carters Beach community with good progress being made. R. Beal advised that a funding application will be submitted this week for further advice on planting, fencing, signage and access tracks.

R. Beal displayed video footage of Cobden Lagoon / Range Creek during a 3.3m spring tide last week and stated that the river was not in flood at the time of filming. R. Beal advised that a significant amount of water enters this area and one of the main priorities is to get this under control as the lagoon fills up quite rapidly.

R. Beal reported that a community meeting for Granity, Ngakawau and Hector will be held on 26 September to discuss options for this area.

R. Beal reported that the mining licence for the Taramakau rating district has now been surrendered. This was costing the rating district around \$1,500 per year. It was noted that the licence has never been used.

R. Beal answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Archer / Clementson)

*That the report is received.*

*Carried*

## **4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT**

R. Mallinson tabled an updated version of the JB Were report. He advised that the Annual Report is now complete apart from some financial graphs. R. Mallinson reported that the amended operating surplus is \$694,000. R. Mallinson stated that investment portfolio has increased by just under \$200,000 during July and August. R. Mallinson stated that he would circulate an update on the operating surplus as he had referred to an operating surplus of \$668,242 in his report but should have referred to the \$668,242 as "Surplus after non-operating items" rather than "Operating Surplus". Discussion took place on what level of reporting Council would like to receive from JB Were in view of this being a new working relationship. It was agreed a simple report outlining the figure at the beginning and end of each month would be acceptable. R. Mallinson stated a report on agreed benchmark figures is most important along with a more in depth quarterly report.

**Moved** (Birchfield / McDonnell)

1. *That this report be received.*

2. *That Council receives the unaudited Annual Report for the 12 months to 30 June 2017.*

*Carried*

### **4.2.1 LTP 2018 / 28 PROJECT PLAN**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and explained what is required over the coming months.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Archer)

*That Councillors agree to the Project Plan and the associated workshop commitments.*

*Carried*

## **5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman spoke to his report. He spoke of his recent meeting with the Chief Executive of Westland Milk Products and stated that the fencing of waterways issue was discussed as this could have a big impact on the company.

The Chairman stated that he did not make the meeting with Air NZ on 6 September as he was unwell but he advised that opportunities to increase air services to the West Coast were discussed.

It was noted that a formal proposal on the One District Plan is being drafted and will be put to all Councils for ratification.

**Moved** (Robb / Birchfield) *that this report is received.*

*Carried*

## **6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to his report and advised that there was discussion on stock access to waterways at the recent Regional Sector Group meeting. M. Meehan stated at this stage there is limited benefit from what has been proposed and it is now a matter of seeing where this goes.

M. Meehan stated that it is unlikely that the report on the Civil Defence Technical Advisory Group Review will be looked at until after the election. He stated that every region in the South Island has gone to the same structure that this Council has moved to except for Canterbury.

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

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Birchfield asked what Council is planning to do regarding air quality in Reefton as the issue seems to have gone away and would Council continue to monitor this. M. Meehan responded that during 2013 a public meeting was held, a working group was formed, Iwi, Councils and MfE worked together and brought recommendations to Council. He stated that within days of the recommendations coming in the government announced that they were changing the NES for air quality. Work is ongoing and it is expected that an annual average over the year might be considered and instead of PM<sub>10</sub> it will be PM<sub>2.5</sub>. M. Meehan stated that this is the recommendation from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and is in line with the World Health guidelines. M. Meehan stated that this matter has been parked as an announcement is expected early in the New Year. Cr Archer stated that he asked Hon Nick Smith about this and he advised that it would be at least six months before an outcome is available. Cr Archer feels that the right approach has been taken and that Council continues to monitor this.

Cr Archer apologised to the meeting for his use of "colourful language" at last month's Council workshop. He accepts that a workshop is a meeting and is subject to the same standards and requirements set out in Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 12.43 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date