

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRANITY, HECTOR, NGAKAWAU COMMUNITY HELD AT THE NGAKAWAU COMMUNITY HALL ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM.

#### PRESENT

R. Ladyman, M. Jury, A. Crawford, J. Davies, J. Webb, N. Hill, M. Hill, P. Perrott, T. Steiner, A. Merrott, P. Thorn, B. Larsen, P. Madden, L. McDonald, R. Ratahi, W. Stuart, R. Golding, S. Brooker, T. O'Keefe, I. Paulin, R. Wishnowsky, A. Schothorst, P. Avery, H. Tyler, B. Dawber, R. King-Turner, G. Pearson, G. & T. Sykes, J. & D. Orchard, S. Rooke, R. Belcher, C. Hemmings, F. & K. Fastier, J. Mathers, K. McDonald, T. Barry, L. Barry, P. Neilson, R. Fern, J. Pottinger (for H. Parsons and S. Hall), R. & S. Bonney, D. Marsh, M. Watson, G. Smith, S. Chorley, G. & L. Sutherland, D. Wright, M. Hooper, J. Willetts, N. Gear, D. Scadden, E. Ginley, J. Holland, A. Lewer, B. Lewer, Hooper family, J. Reardon, R. Young, C. North. M. Nixon

#### IN ATTENDANCE

T. Archer (WCRC Councillor), N. Clementson (WCRC Councillor), Mayor Howard & Cr P. Rutherford, Cr J. Cleine, Cr E. Miazga, Cr G. Hart, Cr S. Barry (Buller District Council), R. Beal, P. Birchfield (WCRC staff),

#### BUSINESS

Cr Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced staff and Councillors from both Buller District Council (BDC) and the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) to the meeting. Cr Archer drew attention to the agenda displayed on the whiteboard and advised that questions will be recorded and covered off once the meeting reaches that part of the agenda. He invited those present to place their names on the attendance register so that Council can make contact following tonight's meeting.

Cr Archer spoke of the various options available including do nothing, develop sacrificial protection, to develop engineered solutions, and relocation. Cr Archer noted that some residents have already undertaken their own protection work, some of which is consented and some is not. Cr Archer advised that nobody can be forced to relocate as that is the property owner's call to make. He stated that currently there are no community relocation examples in New Zealand that can be followed and as far as Council is aware there would be no funding from central government for relocation. Cr Archer spoke of the costs of relocation. He stated that long term solutions based on the NIWA report is to relocate.

Cr Archer explained to the meeting how Council administered rating districts operated. He stated that generally they are set up at the wish of the community who decide they want to protect the assets in the rating district. Cr Archer advised that if the wish of the meeting is to set up a rating district then each property owner is written to by Council to ascertain that there is community support for a potential rating district. He explained in detail the function of a rating district; cost implications, works options, setting up of the rating district committee and appointment of a spokesperson, loans and liaison between the rating district and Council.

P. Birchfield addressed the meeting. She spoke of Council costed protection works, designs of recommended rock wall, costs, localised private works along with the advice that has been provided by NIWA. Extensive decision took place with speakers including Crs Clementson and Archer along with input from Council engineering staff providing advice. Members of the community asked questions in relation to **what happens to surrendered land and what is the process to surrender land, advice on the process to close access on legal roads, rates and why rates are going up, and if Council would consider waiving the annual fees on a resource consent.**

The following action points were agreed by the meeting.

That:

- A letter is drafted to other agencies and stakeholders requesting financial assistance with protection works
- Circulate contact details from the meeting so 2-3 people from each zone can be nominated to form a community committee

Once the committee is formed it was suggest Emily, Paulette and Cr Archer meet with them regularly and offer continued assistance where possible.

It was agreed that P. Birchfield would continue to talk with and help individuals in the community where she can. Through the committee Council can offer help by looking at the following:

- Global resource consent (one consent for the entire community)
- Sourcing rock
- Protection work design - It was agreed that P. Birchfield's input into this is important to ensure the best value for money is achieved for the community.
- Forming a special rating district for maintenance only of protection works that are of acceptable standard and if a rating district is formed this can be used to help the community if relocation becomes an acceptable and viable option in the future.
- Consider if Council would waive or absorb the resource consent fee to construct a seawall.
- Have the community representatives consider in more detail if they wish to proceed with constructing a 'Groyne' and possibly utilise the existing consent of Hugh Tyler if he agrees.

It was also agreed that R. Beal would work with Mike Duff to coordinate the responses.

Cr Archer everyone present for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.