

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11 APRIL 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.05 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

J. Clayton (Chairman), B. Chinn, D. Shannahan, D. Davidson, P. Ewen, R. Scarlett.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), A. Macalister – (Arrived at 11.12am and departed at 11.35am) (Vector Programme Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), J. Butcher (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

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

There were no apologies.

#### **2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)**

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Davidson/Ewen) That the minutes of the Council Meeting 14 March 2006 be confirmed as correct.

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. REPORTS:**

##### **4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran presented this report, and also included an overview of the NIWA Westport Flooding Report and the Buller District Council request regarding community consultation to create a new rating district.

Councillors embarked on a lengthy discussion regarding the potential Buller separate rating district. This included the community wishes, consultation and normal rating district formation procedures, Regional Council responsibilities and involvement and comparisons to the Greymouth Floodwall. A copy of the Buller District/NIWA Flood Potential report is to be made available to the Councillors. Councillors agreed that the Buller District Council should do the initial community consultation to assess community support and the Rating District requirements.

Cr. Davidson questioned whether rock has been removed from the Wanganui Quarry. S. Moran answered that rock had been removed from the Quarry floor, and also that J. Ellis had visited this quarry and options were currently being worked through as to the rock prices for individual quarries and best practices for removing rock from these areas.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Scarlett) That this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Macalister briefly overviewed this report, including an update on the ground control programme summary. Since this report was written, there has been a spate of control failures (8 performance failures to date). A. Macalister indicated that although this was an unprecedented failure rate, it was his thought that this reflected the increased monitoring quality and quantity.

Cr. Scarlett asked for the reasoning behind the exclusion of tender prices. A. Macalister indicated that in the situation where only one tender was received and accepted, there were commercial ramifications with competitive market tendering.

A brief discussion took place about the failed ground control monitors. The possible reasons associated were discussed, including pockets of possums, increased line numbers, contractor competency, monitor auditing, more comprehensive geographic monitoring and future contract tender prices.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Chinn) That this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

R. Mallinson overviewed the Financial Report, which was pre-circulated and tabled in the Council meeting today as an addition to the Corporate Services Manager's monthly report. The main issues dealt with in this report included the net negative budget variance and the ongoing financial impact in relation to enforcement appeals.

R. Mallinson presented his main manager's report and indicated that the LTCCP process was ongoing with a recent "hot review" process with the Office of the Auditor General, which resulted in no major deficiencies being noted.

R. Mallinson briefly overviewed a meeting, which took place, involving Office of the Auditor General representatives Devan Menon and Tony Uttley, regarding the Audit costs for the LTCCP process. Cr. Clayton indicated that Council had taken a firm line regarding this issue and C. Ingle will follow this up in the near future.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Shannahan) That this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.4 ANNUAL REVIEW – EIGHT MONTH REVIEW 1 JULY 2005 – 28 FEBRUARY 2006**

R. Mallinson presented this report, which he requested be "taken as read".

Councillor's made no comment on this paper.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Davidson) That this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.5 MINUTES OF RATING DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS**

C. Ingle overviewed this report, including error's noted in relation to Cr. Ewen's attendance at three of the Rating District meetings. Cr. Ewen attended the Coal Creek (Chair of this meeting), Redjacks and Ngahere Rating District meetings.

Cr. Scarlett requested that future Rating District minutes should include the person who chaired the meeting.

Cr. Chinn indicated that he was present at the Raft Creek, Wanganui and Waitangitona Rating District meetings.

A brief discussion took place about the need for administrative support at these meetings. C. Ingle indicated that plans were already in place to do this for future Rating District meetings. The associated costs and potential efficiencies were overviewed.

**Moved** (Ewen/Davidson) That Council receive the minutes of the Rating District Annual Meetings, with amendments as stated.

*Carried*

#### **4.6 RESPONSE TO AUDIT NEW ZEALAND 2005 MANAGEMENT REPORT – INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

R. Mallinson overviewed this report.

Councillor's made no comment on this report.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Ewen) That Council note the responses of the IT Manager and Corporate Services Manager to the matters relating to Information Systems raised in the 2005 Audit Management Report.

*Carried*

#### **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman gave a verbal report of meetings attended for the previous month. These included the broadband conference at Shantytown (with associated West Coast Development Trust involvement and broadband issues), the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting, the Sharemilker of the Year presentation (presenting West Coast Regional Council environmental award), meeting with Office of the Auditor General representatives (commencing negotiations for audit fee) and a Mayors and Chair meeting (an overview of this will be given in committee).

**Moved** (Clayton/Scarlett) That the Chairman's verbal report be received.

*Carried*

#### **6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle presented this report, including the Council workshop on 18 April 2006, the BERL report (produced in conjunction with the West Coast Development Trust), associated media release and the Sustainable Water Programme of Action media release (circulated for Councillor information).

Special mention was made of an overlooked matter (Page 16) in the Consents Group Report of the Resource Management Committee meeting. The bond releases for G Hill (ML323262), Wellman Coal (CML 37040) and Wishart & Trebillcock (ML323041) would require Council approval to be released.

**Moved** (Clayton/Ewen) That Council notify Crown Minerals that the bonds for G Hill (ML323262), Wellman Coal (CML37040) and Wishart & Trebillcock (ML323041) be released.

*Carried*

**Moved** (Davidson/Shannahan) That this report be received.

*Carried*

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.56 a.m.

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