

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13 JUNE 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.09 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), J. Butcher (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

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

**Moved** (Shannahan/Davidson) That the apology from Cr. Ewen be accepted.

*Carried*

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

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

**Moved** (Davidson/Shannahan) That the minutes of the Council Meeting 9 May 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, with special mention of the Westport flood protection meeting outcomes, which included an investigation of the costs to gather sufficient information to put this forward for public consultation. The estimates for the survey are being prepared, along with the costs of any potential Geotech work that would be required.

A brief discussion ensued about the potential Westport flood protection scheme, including the impact or use of the railway embankment. S. Moran indicated that Ontrack was to be contacted regarding the rail services.

S. Moran also spoke briefly on the amendment to the Quarry Report format, which included the recording of the rock in the quarry at the end of the preceding month (end of April 2006), tying in with the Corporate Service Managers financials and a list of the work permitted since the end of the month.

Cr. Shannahan asked how the decision was made in regards to the Redjacks tender, in which both tenders were exactly the same. S. Moran said that the final selection was based on the immediate availability of the successful tenderer, due to the priority of the tender.

Cr. Shannahan also pointed out that the date on the quarry report (Rock in Quarry @) was incorrect and should read 30.04.06.

Cr. Scarlett requested further information on the aerial spraying tenders, including the number of tenderer's and reasoning for the high tenders accepted. S. Moran answered these questions.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Davidson) That Council receive this report.

*Carried*

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

In A. Macalister's absence, C. Ingle presented this report, with special mention of the increased number of tenderer's over this contract round, which is believed to be partially due to the pre-qualification process that A. Macalister has been organising.

Cr. Chinn gave his appreciation and spoke highly of A. Macalister's handling of a public meeting, held in Ross. Cr. Chinn indicated that A. Macalister spoke very well and was very informative regarding the Regional Council functions and direction. This also included the positive factors associated with the reduction of Tb on the West Coast. Cr. Clayton concurred with this sentiment and spoke briefly on the Ikamatua equivalent of the Ross meeting.

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

*Carried*

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

R. Mallinson presented this report.

No comment was made on this report.

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

*Carried*

#### **4.3.1 PRE-CIRCULATED LATE ITEM: CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

R. Mallinson presented this pre-circulated late report, with special mention of the ongoing budget variance attributed to the ongoing legal costs.

Cr. Scarlett asked how the budget variance would be "made-up" without using the investment. Councillors embarked on a prolonged discussion about this, with the discussion points including the possibility of holding projects over until the next financial year, future budgeting, other Regional Council contribution's to legal fees, government notification of issues being faced, current plan interpretation and the possible future impact on rates. Cr. Davidson indicated that although this is disappointing, that this was a one-off budget variance based on unforeseen legal fees and he did not want core Council functions affected by cost cutting in an effort to reduce this variance.

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

*Carried*

#### **4.4 LATE ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT LTCCP SUBMISSIONS**

C. Ingle introduced this report, summarising the submissions. R. Mallinson indicated that each submission and recommendation would be considered individually.

**Moved** (Chinn/Davidson)

1. That the minutes of the Special Meeting to hear the Draft LTCCP submissions, held on 9 June 2006, be confirmed as correct.
2. That the officer reports be received.

3. That Councillor's confirm or otherwise the recommendations in the officer's reports.

*Carried*

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Special Meeting 9 June 2006 minutes.

#### **Submission No. 1 – (Mr. Douglas & Christine Banks)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Davidson) That the submission be received.

*Carried*

#### **Submission No. 2 – (Meridian Energy Ltd)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

Cr. Clayton briefly covered the presentation by Meridian Energy Ltd representative, Hamish Cuthbert.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Shannahan) That the submitter be advised that Council does not intend to implement a differential for hydroelectric generators in this LTCCP.

*Carried*

#### **Submission No. 3 – (Community and Public Health)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Davidson/Scarlett)

1. That Council notes the points made and notes that Council is also keen to work more closely with CPH in ensuring the correct weight is placed on community health issues through all our planning processes. Council managers are keen to meet with CPH at a convenient time to work through these matters in more detail.
2. That Council adds the Healthy Communities outcome to the list of outcomes to which the group of activities primarily contributes on p30 and p35.
3. That Council notes the concerns regarding monitoring of onsite sewage treatment systems and considers our prioritised monitoring system as being appropriate at this time.
4. That Council notes the support offered in points 9-11 above, and will retain those parts of the Plan.

*Carried*

#### **Submission No. 4 – (Transit New Zealand)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Chinn) That the submission is noted and the submitter be advised of the arrangements as we understand them.

*Carried*

#### **Submission No. 5 – (West Coast District Health Board)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Davidson/Shannahan)

1. That the Council notes the concerns raised by the submission.
2. That Council notes that the transport of sick people to health facilities is not seen by Council as a transport issue, but as a health issue.
3. That Council notes the air monitoring in Reefton has been strengthened and depending on the results promotional material may be distributed in the future.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 6 – (Physicians and Scientists for Responsible Genetics – New Zealand)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Davidson) That Council considers the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), and the Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) are the appropriate decision making organisations to assess the potential risks on this issue.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 7 – (Animal Health Board)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Davidson/Scarlett) That funding be met from Tb Pest Management credit balance as at 30 June 2006. If necessary the Tb Pest Management Rate for 2007/08 can be adjusted to fund any shortfall.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 8 – (Educating New Zealand)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Davidson) That the submission be noted.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 9 – (Mr. Murray Fleming)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Chinn) That no change be made to the minimum size property land area, which is included in the Tb Pest Management Rate.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 10 – (Ministry of Economic Development)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Davidson) That the submission be noted.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 11 – (Mr. P Elwell-Sutton)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Clayton/Davidson)

1. That the submission is noted and the submitter is advised of the staff report points in relations to points 1-4.
2. That regarding points 5-7, Council prefers to reserve commitment on PPP's at this time; it considers itself to be a responsible investor whose Fund Managers are aware of our wish to avoid our Funds being placed in ethically questionable investments; and it does not see any ethical issues with borrowing from NZ banks.
3. That the Council decline to include a statement in the LTCCP that prohibits seabed mining and exploration, regarding point 8.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 12 – (NZ Bio)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Clayton) That the submission be noted.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 13 – (Heritage West Coast)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Scarlett/Clayton) That Council supports in principle Heritage West Coast but does not become involved, as we prefer to stay focused on our core functions.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 14 – (Mr. John Farnham)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Davidson/Chinn)

1. That the submitter be encouraged to take part in the ERMA submission process, if he has concerns about the continued use of 1080 toxin for possum control.
2. That Council does not accept that due process has not been properly followed.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 15 – (Lake Brunner Sustainable Dairy Farming Group)**

Cr. Scarlett declared an interest in this submission as Chairman of Westland Milk Products, and refrained from taking part in either comment or vote.

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

Cr. Chinn expressed his concern that while previously discussing budgetary issues and the need for spend reductions, that Council would consider this type of contribution. Cr.'s Clayton and Davidson spoke in support of this contribution.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Davidson) That Council financially contribute \$5,000 to this project.

*Carried*

**Submission No. 16 – (Housing New Zealand)**

R. Mallinson overviewed this submission and the associated staff report.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Scarlett) That Council thank HNZC for their supportive submission.

*Carried*

R. Mallinson briefly commented on the future requirements of the LTCCP process. Minor amendments would be made to the document following the consideration of submissions, most specifically in the Animal Health Board regional share area. The final copy of the LTCCP would then be sent to Audit New Zealand and with due consideration, a final audit report would be issued. The LTCCP document will then be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on 27 June 2006.

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

J. Clayton gave a verbal Chairman's report, including an overview of the following meetings: The RAHC meeting on 7 June 2006 (reports back from the regional meetings and the new RAHC Chairperson, Helen Lash), a meeting with Damian O'Connor regarding the audit fees, attended with Cr's. Davidson and Ewen, and the Water Programme of Action meeting in Christchurch.

Cr. Davidson spoke briefly on the Damian O'Connor meeting, compliant versus non-compliant councils and associated audit fees.

Cr. Shannahan asked that as Damian O'Connor had been invited to meet with Council as a government representative, that Chris Auchinvole should also be given the opportunity to speak with Councillors.

**Moved** (Shannahan/Davidson) That Council invite C. Auchinvole to attend an informal gathering, for further discussion on relevant issues.

*Carried*

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

*Carried*

**6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle presented this report, with special mention of the outcomes and discussions involved in each of the meetings attended. Further mention was made on the heavy rainfall event yesterday, in which C. Ingle indicated that the procedures and processes in place worked very well, with the Council's predictive capability being extremely useful for the town of Greymouth.

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

*Carried*

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

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