

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JUNE 2008, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.35 A.M.

PRESENT:

P. Ewen (Chairman), B. Chinn, D. Davidson, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Ewen / Archer) *that the apology from R. Scarlett be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no presentation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Chinn) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 13 May 2008 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

S. Moran spoke to his report and took it as read. Cross section surveys for Waiho River, Waitangitaona River, Inchbonnie, Punakaiki and Nelson Creek have now been organised. River analysis requirements for Waiho River, Waitangitaona River, Kowhitirangi, Taramakau and Nelson Creek will be completed by the end of this month. The asset management plans will be updated. S. Moran advised that the committees from the rating districts were asked if they wanted to have this work done at the last round of AGM's and a number of these committees have been keen to progress this work. Cr Birchfield asked if the rock from the Camelback quarry is for the Arahura Bridge replacement. S. Moran confirmed that this rock is for the guide banks for the river training route.

Moved (Archer / Robb) that the report be received.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report on behalf of C. Pullen who is currently attending tender evaluations for next year's programme. There were no questions relating to the report. C. Ingle updated Councillors on the community meeting held in Karamea recently. This meeting was well

attended. A local RHAC member chaired the meeting. The concerns of local residents were heard. They were advised that the aerial drop would proceed.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. It is the ten month report to April and is consistent with reports from previous months. R. Mallinson reported that there has been a turnaround in our investment portfolio's fortunes during May and most of the losses at the end of April have been recouped. R. Mallinson advised that there are still quite positive budget variances in a number of areas and this is expected to continue towards the end of the financial year.

Cr Ewen stated it is good to see that the turnaround has come for the investment portfolio and is hopeful of this continuing.

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

Carried

4.3.1 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2009

R. Mallinson spoke to this report noting that once every three years all councils are required to prepare a ten year LTCCP. This process is due again and is subject to audit in draft and final stage. R. Mallinson stated that this project takes substantial effort by the management team and senior staff and councillors also to complete this project.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *that Councillors note and adopt the LTCCP Project Plan.*

Carried

4.3.2 RISK MANAGEMENT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He stated that the Office of the Auditor General put out a report in March 2008 advising that if councils do not have an audit committee then it is expected that processes are in place for risks to properly identified and managed. R. Mallinson outlined current risk management strategies that are currently in place and various enhancements that would be put in place.

Moved (Ewen / Birchfield) *that Council accept that the above points are appropriate systems and processes to satisfy governance responsibilities for risk management.*

Carried

4.3.3 CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS CONFIRMATION OF 2008 / 09 ANNUAL PLAN

R. Mallinson spoke to this report.

Moved (Ewen / Robb)

- 1. That the minutes of the Special Meeting to hear the Draft Annual Plan submissions for 2008 / 09 held on 23 May 2008 be confirmed as correct.*
- 2. That the officer's reports be received.*
- 3. That Councillor's confirm the recommendations in the officer's reports.*
- 4. That Council confirm the 2008 /09 Annual Plan.*

Carried

Cr Ewen thanked staff for the process of the annual plan given the limited resources available. He stated that over the years council has been frugal with spending and have kept rates to no more than the valuation increases.

R. Mallinson confirmed that responses to the annual plan submitters would now be sent following ratification of them at this meeting.

4.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He spoke of a meeting with DoC staff to work through their submissions on the wetlands variation and the coastal plan change issues, he is hopeful of avoiding an environment court appeal situation.

C. Ingle attended a meeting with the Envirolink Governance Committee. He reported that this committee is overseeing the development of a regional council sector science strategy. It is hoped that this group will lobby government to spend money on issues important to regional councils.

C. Ingle reported that he attended a meeting in Christchurch yesterday regarding the latest National Environmental Standard being put out for river flows and groundwater takes. Management will draft a strong submission as this does not benefit the west coast at all.

C. Ingle reported that he has formed a new strategic team to deal with Lake Brunner water quality. He stated that this is a key priority for this council and staff have been involved with Grey District Council's Wider Moana Development Strategy in order to progress this matter.

C. Ingle drew council's attention to a recent example of a farmer putting in a new stock crossing in on a new farm. It was not intended for this policy to be used in this way, therefore C. Ingle has suggested a change to the policy to clarify that it only applies to the pre-existing stock crossings rather than forming any new ones on dairy farm raceways.

For the benefit of new councillors C. Ingle outlined the current policy. He advised that input from both Federated Farmers and Westland Milk Products took place prior to the implementation of the current policy. Cr Archer asked for clarification of the suggested amendment, C. Ingle provided clarification. Cr Archer asked if that if council adopts this change would it be the intent to circulate this policy to the farming community. C. Ingle confirmed this would be the case and that he would ask Westland Milk Products if a notice could be put in their supplier newsletter informing farmers of this policy change.

Moved (Chinn / Birchfield) *that the decision on the amendment to the Enforcement Policy for Stock Crossings be delayed for a month to give council time to think about it further.*

Carried

Moved (Robb / Ewen) *That the Chief Executive's Report be received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

There was no Chairman's report.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.14 p.m

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