

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2008, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.23 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Pullen (Vector Programme Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk),  
The Media

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

There were no apologies.

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

There was no presentation.

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

**Moved** (Archer / Robb) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 12 August 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 this report and took it as read. He tabled a list of the dates and times for the Rating District Annual General Meetings and asked Councillors to indicate which meetings they will be attending. At Cr Archer's request S. Moran provided a briefing as to the expectation of Councillors at the Rating District Meetings. Cr Ewen advised that the usual practice is for Councillors to attend the meetings in their "patch" although they are not obliged to. C. Ingle advised that the Councillor usually chairs the meeting.

**Moved** (Davidson / Archer) *that the report be received.*

*Carried*

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

C. Pullen spoke to his report. He stated that the programme is going along nicely with 13 ground control operations underway. Those that have been completed have all passed. There has been good cooperation from landowners with a lot more interest in the programme. C. Pullen reported that all aerials operations are now complete and indications are that they have been successful. C. Pullen reported that AHB have carried out a project in the Turiwhate area in conjunction with DoC to gauge the effect of carrot bait on weka. 31 birds were radio tagged and monitored during

and after the operation. To date 30 out of 31 birds have been located, the unaccounted weka will be sent off for analysis once the signal has been picked up and the weka recovered.

C. Pullen reported that the second round of tenders are now being put together and will be advertised in late September. 72 blocks are involved.

C. Pullen reported that some staff attended the National Possum Control Association conference held at Lincoln, this showed good information and results and was based on matters that have been happening here on the West Coast.

C. Pullen reported that a responsive control project has been initiated in the Shooting Creek area. A new dairy development revealed a significant number of possums in this area.

Cr Ewen stated that this is the first time he can recall all operations having been successful with achieved and passes in all areas. C. Pullen responded that this is a direct result of experienced local contractors now being in their third year and also the high level of competition between contractors outside of the region for this work.

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

*Carried*

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

C. Ingle spoke to this report on behalf of R. Mallinson who is currently attending a Manager Exchange in the USA. The USA Manager Exchange, Mr Andy McCown from St Louis, Missouri was hosted by WCRC last week.

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

*Carried*

##### **4.3.1 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2008 FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL**

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He drew Councillors attention to the options available to adopt the Audited Annual Report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved** (Robb / Davidson)

- 1. That Council receive the unaudited 2008 Annual Report.*
- 2. That Council miss the statutory deadline date of 31 October 2008 for adoption of the Audited Annual Report and instead adopt the Audited Annual Report at the November Council Meeting.*

*Carried*

#### **5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He spoke of meetings he attended including the Development West Coast Industry Advisory Committee. C. Ingle reported that he has met with senior staff from Ocean Gold to discuss options regarding sediment control. He attended a meeting at Grey Base Hospital relating to their building upgrade.

C. Ingle reported that has been approached by Development West Coast regarding their Education for Enterprise Project. He advised that our Scientist, Jonny Horrox is already involved with the one of their projects.

C. Ingle attended the new Transport Committee meeting with Crs Scarlett and Ewen.

The Carters Beach erosion meeting was attended by Simon Moran. Doug Ramsay from NIWA addressed this meeting and also inspected other beaches while he was on the coast. C. Ingle reported that he applied for an Envirolink Grant to fund this.

C. Ingle reported that the LTCCP work is now underway with some policies already being reviewed.

Cr Davidson voiced his concern regarding the crisis of the timber industry. He stated that he feels a solution is required and he is hopeful that council will support the local mayors regarding this matter.

Cr Ewen asked how much was the grant from Envirolink. C. Ingle confirmed it was for \$5,000, which was used to fund the Carters Beach meeting.

**Moved** (Ewen / Archer)

*That the Chief Executive's Report is received.*

*Carried*

#### **5.1.1 REPORT ON ASSESSMENT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

C. Ingle spoke to this report noting that this is the report that was workshopped at the June meeting. The report now contains detailed maps and is available on the Council website.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved** (Robb / Archer)

3. *That the report "Renewable Energy Assessment" dated 4 August be received.*

4. *That Council make the report available for public use.*

*Carried*

#### **4.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

The Chairman reported that he attended the RAC meeting in Wellington on 22 August. He chaired the inaugural Land Transport Committee meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Chairman chaired the public meeting at Carters Beach to discuss the coastal erosion in this area; approximately 100 people attended this meeting.

Cr Davidson asked if there be any protection work done at Carters Beach. The Chairman confirmed that some work was being considered by the Domain Board and advice will be sought from WCRC regarding this. He stated that Doug Ramsay from NIWA was very helpful and provided sensible advice on what ought to be done. The Chairman spoke of aerial photographs from 1938 where the sea had been cutting in then and also the effects on the road at the back of Westport Airport.

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

*Carried*

#### **5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.44 a.m

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