

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 12. 55 P.M.

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, T. Archer, A. Birchfield, N. Clementson

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

(Birchfield / McDonnell) *That the apology from Cr Challenger be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (McDonnell / Ewen) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 20 October 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Archer asked M. Meehan for when public consultation is likely to take place for the Buller Flood Committee. M. Meehan advised that he has not yet firmed up a date for this.

Cr McDonnell asked for an update on the Hokitika River mouth and the public meeting held at Neils Beach. M. Meehan advised that Murray Hicks from NIWA, three NIWA colleagues and one colleague from Italy inspected the Hokitika River mouth, coastal hazards areas along the Westland area and then visited Neils Beach. This was visit timed in with their annual inspections in these areas. M. Meehan stated that regarding Hokitika River mouth it was felt that there is no immediate risk from flooding and if there was a medium scale flood event it wouldn't be enough to cause back up. M. Meehan stated that he is awaiting NIWA's reports from these visits. He stated that NIWA are looking at whether sediment transfer and what is impacting on the area around Sunset Point. M. Meehan asked NIWA to look at whether a cut would help with the sediment transfer and help build up the Sunset Point beach area. NIWA advised that a cut might help and this could be done after the whitebait season.

M. Meehan advised that he met with the Neils Beach community at Labour weekend; around 30 people attended this meeting. He stated that there is a high interest in what is happening in this area with property owners understanding the issues and having a good grasp on what could be done. They are also aware of the costs involved, what has been done so far and what should be done in the future. They were receptive to NIWA looking into this area for them and were receptive to relocation options as well. M. Meehan advised the NIWA reports are expected at the end of this month, a further meeting with the Neils Beach community will then be arranged. He stated he is expecting a good report with options that the community will be receptive to.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting dated 2 November 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

REPORTS:

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this is the quarterly financial report up to the 30th of September. He advised that total revenue was \$2.4M and total expenditure was just under \$2.8M which resulted in a deficit of \$371,000. R. Mallinson reported that the Investment Portfolio declined in value by \$120,000 during September but it has increased by \$195,000 during October.

R. Mallinson reported that annual consent fee of \$55 which was established in the 2015 / 2025 Long Term Plan will bring in around \$100,000 which was budgeted. He stated that billing will commence in January.

R. Mallinson answered various questions from Councillors. R. Mallinson advised that traditionally this council has used the Grey District Council Electoral Officer as its Electoral Officer. He stated that this is a shared service which has worked well over a long period of time. R. Mallinson advised that Mr O'Connell's successor is Kathryn Ruddle, a staff member from Grey District.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Kathryn Ruddle is appointed as the West Coast Regional Council Electoral Officer.*

Carried

4.2.1 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2016

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and took it as read.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *That Council adopts the 2015 Schedule of Meeting Dates.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He attended the three rating district meetings in his constituency along with the Ospri Annual General meeting.

Moved (Robb / Ewen) *That this report is received.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report. He stated that attended some of the annual rating district meetings and noted the Greymouth Joint Floodwall meeting will follow today's Council meeting at 3 pm.

C. Ingle met with Sandra Preston, Chief Executive of the Local Government Commission to discuss the unitary council matter. S. Preston has now met with the two proponents of this and she will attend the next Mayors and Chairs forum to discuss this further.

C. Ingle reported that he will be attending training to become a Civil Defence Controller. He will also attend the SOLGM Summit.

He answered questions from Councillors. Discussion took place on rating classifications for the Hokitika Seawall.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

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