

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JULY 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.52 A.M.

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer) R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), R. Beal (Operations Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman & C. Rae (Minutes Clerks)

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

There were no apologies.

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

There was no public forum.

#### **3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (McDonnell / Clementson) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 13 June 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3.1.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2017**

**Moved** (Archer / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 27 June 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JUNE 2017**

**Moved** (McDonnell / Archer) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 30 June 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## REPORTS:

### 4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report. He advised that the proposed works in the Kaniere rating district are going ahead.

Discussion took place on the sacrificial bund at Carters Beach and whether or not it is the responsibility of the Regional Council. It was agreed that if the community wants the sacrificial bund maintained by the Regional Council, then the community would need to be rated for this.

R. Beal advised that 27 July is the tentative date for a meeting of the Punakaiki rating district. He advised that the tender price including current accumulated costs for the norther extension is \$418,570.

R. Beal provided a breakdown of the annual costs, including maintenance and capital for a property in the Granity, Hector, Ngakawau area is just under \$30,000. This is for a rock wall to the standard of the Punakaiki seawall. R. Beal stated that the costs reveal the unaffordability of this option which was raised at last month's meeting. R. Beal reported that Council's Engineer has now met with the community and advised that they should be considering a sacrificial bund in order to buy some time in view of the rock wall being unaffordable. R. Beal stated that the community were not interested in paying for something that is not a rock wall and is not permanent. Extensive discussion took place on long term costs, viability, potential relocation of properties and sacrificial bunds in other areas on the West Coast. It was agreed that the building of a seawall is cost prohibitive. Cr Archer stated that further community engagement will be difficult as people have different opinions and differing financial situations. Cr Archer asked if Council has the ability to purchase a block of land, subdivide it and then sell parcels of land to individual properties to relocate a community out of a hazard prone area. R. Mallinson advised that Council has the Power of General Competence for this purpose. The Chairman advised that if this is a workable solution then it should be offered to the community. Further discussion took place on options and costings for relocation.

R. Beal advised that a visit to Edgecumbe is being considered and learnings from this visit will assist with work on the Buller River Flood Consultation project. He advised that advertorials will be run in September and the working group may be reformed in October and it is hoped that a decision on the next stage will be made by the end of October. R. Beal advised that a community is being relocated in Edgecumbe and this would be worth a visit.

R. Beal advised that a further survey has been sent out to Neils Beach with the outcome awaited.

**Moved** (McDonnell / Clementson) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

### 4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report and advised that this is the 11 month financial report to the end of May. He reported that the surplus is healthy at \$1.211M. R. Mallinson reported that the Investment Portfolio income has slowed down during May and has only increased by \$10,000 during June.

R. Mallinson stated that he would like the second recommendation in his report expanded to say that \$80,000 be added to the Catastrophe Fund.

R. Mallinson advised that the amount from the main portfolio which has been transferred to J B Were is \$10.805M and the amount in the Catastrophe Fund being transferred to J B Were is \$1.024M. R. Mallinson advised that these funds will reach J B Were within the next four to five days. R. Mallinson answered questions relating to revenue for economic development. It was agreed that this is a good financial result.

**Moved** (Ewen / Challenger)

1. *That this report be received.*

2. *That \$90,000 be repaid to the Investment Portfolio when liquidity permits and after the transaction of the portfolio from Westpac to J B Were is complete, and \$80,000 be paid to the Catastrophe Fund.*

*Carried*

### 5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and advised that announcement of the West Coast Action Plan will be announced on Thursday. He stated that this will be good news for the West Coast and will be a start on new directions for the West Coast.

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

*Carried*

## 6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report and advised that he has met with the reference group who are working through the review of Civil Defence and good progress is being made. M. Meehan stated that the two main issues with the LGNZ Policy Advisory Group work are water and natural hazards.

M. Meehan spoke of his recent visit to Otago Regional Council. He stated that they are putting a lot of resourcing into natural hazard work and there is potential for this council to tap into this resource.

M. Meehan stated that he meet with Otago's Civil Defence Director. He advised that last year Otago moved to the same Civil Defence structure that this council is moving to, and they were able to discuss what has gone well in this area.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Challenger) *that this report is received.*

*Carried*

### LATE ITEM – SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS

**Moved** (Robb / Clementson) *That the late item be accepted.*

*Carried*

The Chairman spoke to this late item and advised that Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington, has asked all Local Government Mayors and Chairs to support a letter putting a levy on single use plastic bags. The Chairman advised that there has been huge support for this initiative. Cr Clementson stated this levy has been designed to reduce the use of plastic bags. Cr Birchfield stated that he will be voting against the recommendation as he feels there is nothing wrong with plastic bags.

**Moved** (Archer / Ewen)

1. *That this report is received.*

2. *That Council supports the initiative and the Chairman signs on behalf of Council.*

*Against Cr Birchfield  
Carried*

## 6.1 APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL ON SCENE COMMANDERS

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that all work associated with this is funded by Maritime NZ and part of the role is to have two on site regional on scene commanders. M. Meehan advised that it is his intention to find someone else to fulfill this role on his behalf over the coming year.

**Moved** (Archer / Ewen)

1. *That this report is received.*

2. *That under S318 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994, Council appoints Michael Meehan and Chris Barnes to the position of Regional On Scene Commander for the West Coast Region.*

*Carried*

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen advised that Grey District Council (GDC) have a scheme in place to paint the panels on the Greymouth Floodwall all different colours. Cr Ewen asked if the joints in the floodwall have been repaired yet. M. Meehan advised that GDC are aware of the repair work. R. Beal advised that trial repairs have been carried out and it is likely that specialist contractors will be brought in to this work which is targeted to take place over the summer months.

The meeting closed at 12.38 p.m.

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