

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 APRIL 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

1. APOLOGY:

There were no apologies.

Peter Dennehy and _____ members of the Lower Waiho rating district attended this section of the meeting.

LATE ITEM

WAIHO RIVER SOUTHSIDE FLOOD RESPONSE OPTIONS

The Chairman asked the meeting if they were prepared to accept a late item regarding the above matter. The Chairman stated that once this matter has been dealt with the Council meeting will then be adjourned and the Resource Management Committee meeting will commence.

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

Carried

M. Meehan spoke to the late item. He explained that the late item relates to the recent flood event which led to the partial destruction of the Milton & Others stopbank (MOS). M. Meehan advised that Council's Engineer was on site prior and during the event and initiated some short term de-watering work by putting in a gravel stopbank with a bulldozer and some river channelling work as well as some early rock recovery work. M. Meehan displayed a detailed map of the exact location of the affected area on the TV screen. He advised that affected areas include large dairy farms, lifestyle blocks, other private properties, the Lower Waiho Road, with water going through old river channels including the 68 channel. Two additional river engineers were also on site during the event and advice was sought from Matt Gardner during this time. M. Meehan advised that following feedback from the community costs for a cut through the Waiho Loop are being investigated along with what benefit this work would bring. M. Meehan spoke of a meeting held in Franz Josef last week with attendees from WDC, WCRC, elected members, NZTA and civil defence staff. M. Meehan advised that Mr Peter Dennehy has taken on the role as spokesperson for the south side community and he also was present at the meeting. Following the meeting it was agreed that options would be investigated these include, reinstatement of the bank, slight alteration on the bank, or compensation options to the community. M. Meehan stated that now there is really only one option which is reinstatement of the MOS as the government does not have an appetite for compensation. He advised that a meeting will be held in Wellington tomorrow but it is unlikely there will be anything of assistance offered.

M. Meehan advised that Council has insurance in place for rating district assets via the catastrophe fund which has just over \$1M in it. R. Mallinson is working with Council's insurer, Aon, to work through a potential claim. M. Meehan advised that MCDEM will also be approached as it was

following the 2010 region wide flood event. M. Meehan advised that the Lower Waiho Rating District currently has just over \$100,000 in its account.

M. Meehan advised that costs of reinstatement of the stopbank is likely to be just over \$2.5M and would take around 13 weeks to complete. M. Meehan explained various other options to the meeting and spoke to the rest of his report. He answered questions relating to the RMA, emergency works and rock supply for this work.

Moved (/)

That Council staff finalise the design and cost estimates for both reinstatement options with the Lower Waiho Rating District Committee.

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Kotahitanga mō Te Taiao Alliance Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report.

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

Carried

4.2 WESTPORT 2100 – EXTENSION OF PROJECT BOUNDARY

N. Costley spoke to this report.

Moved (/)

That the West Coast Regional Council endorses the extension to the boundary of the Westport 2100 project.

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report.

Moved (/)

1. *That the report is received.*

2. *That the Council combined Treasury Policy (containing Investment and Borrowing Policies) be amended to provide for:*

a). *That Council can invest in managed fund portfolios with a Fund Manager approved by Council. These managed fund investments include a portfolio of > \$10,000 (main fund) and \$1,000,000 (Catastrophe Fund). The main fund is a "balanced" portfolio and the Catastrophe Fund is a "conservative" portfolio. These funds are invested in accordance with*

a "Statement of Investment Policy Objectives" which is agreed to by the Fund Manager and West Coast Regional Council.

b). That Council may make other specific investments by specific Council resolution.

Carried

4.4 AUDIT NZ FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2018

R. Mallinson spoke to his report.

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

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date