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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.52 AM

PRESENT:

A. Birchfield (Chairman), S. Challenger, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLaughlin

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. Mallinson (Acting Chief Executive), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Support), The Media

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no changes requested.

Moved (Challenger / Magner) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 8 September 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to his report. He advised work carried out at Neil's Beach was done in conjunction with Westland District Council (WDC).

He reported that WDC purchased 11,000 tonne of rubble from the Okuru quarry to strengthen erosion which was threatening the road at Okuru.

R. Beal advised that stockpiles of rock are being built up in the Inchbonnie, Camelback and Whataroa quarries in anticipation of future work.

R. Beal updated Council on the recent community consultation drop in sessions. He advised that the sessions for Hokitika and Westport are now complete with interim results revealing that over 60% in support. A report will be prepared and written responses will be collated and provided to Council with recommended changes presented to a Council workshop next week. R. Beal advised that the signed funding agreement will be returned to the Provincial Development Unit by the end of the month. R. Beal advised that he has circulated a petition from Hokitika residents to Councillors this morning. He stated that not all signatories are ratepayers, and the consultation is not a poll.

Cr Cummings asked R. Beal if the drop in session in Franz Josef was well received. R. Beal responded that in general this was positive, but there is a consistent theme of wanting a differential placed on the proposed extension in the Lake Mapourika area as it is felt that this area does not benefit from future works as much as

the town and the south side of the town. He stated that the community is very keen to have a representative on the committee.

Cr Ewen spoke of the slip material on the road at Neil’s Beach. R. Beal confirmed that WDC contributed \$10,000 to this work. R. Beal commented that ratepayers were appreciative of this work.

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

Carried

4.2. CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report and stated that due to his commitments with the end of year audit and responsibilities with the Acting CE role, he has not had time to finalise the two monthly financials to 31 August. He advised that he will be preparing a full quarterly report for the three months to 30 September and will bring this to the November meeting.

R. Mallinson advised that the income to the investment portfolio during August was \$214,539 and the closing balance was in excess of \$10.5M. He advised that total increase in value of the investment portfolio was \$356,000.

R. Mallinson reported that the NEMA have recently approved the fourth claim of \$250,000, relating to the 26 March 2019 weather event, he stated that there is one more claim to be received. R. Mallinson advised that as soon as this money is received he will arrange for the Catastrophe Fund to be reinstated for the full \$1M.

R. Mallinson advised that he is in final negotiations with Council’s insurers for a final settlement for all claims regarding this weather event, and is expecting a final payout which is separate from the NEMA payout.

R. Mallinson confirmed that the date for the inaugural meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee is 20 October 2020.

R. Mallinson advised that he will be LTP Project Plan will go to audit and risk committee meeting next week.

R. Mallinson confirmed that the Audit & Risk Committee meeting is a public meeting.

Moved (Cummings / Magner) *That the report be received.*

Carried

4.3 TRANSFER OF BUILDING ACT FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO DAMS

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that Councillors had previously agreed to transfer this function to ECAN. She advised there was only one submission received which was in support, therefore a hearing was not required. H. McKay advised that the next step is finalising the arrangement with ECAN, and other councils that are transferring. She is hoping to bring a final paper to December Council meeting.

Moved (Cummings / Coll McLaughlin) *That the report is received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he has been contacted by various constituents and has attended to matters relating to this.

The Chairman also attended the opening of the new hospital on 25 September.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.07 a.m.

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Chairman

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