

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 2.03 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

V. Smith (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Technician)

1. APOLOGY:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

R. Beal thanked staff and councillors for their work on these projects. He stated that it is important to future proof communities as much as possible.

2.1 CONSULTATION REPORT – WESTPORT RATING DISTRICT

R. Beal spoke to this report.

Cr Coll McLaughlin moved a further recommendation to the report. This will become recommendation number 6.

MOVED (Coll McLaughlin / Hill)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. *Receives this report.*
2. *Accepts the co-funding of \$155,000 from the Buller District Council for the Advanced Flood Warning project.*
3. *Forms a Westport Rating District based on the boundary consulted on with a zero targeted rate for 2021/22 financial year, provided the \$155,000 is received in full.*
4. *Reconvenes the Westport 2100 Working Group to identify priority recommendations.*
5. *Engages with Buller District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Waka Kotahi to form a Westport Rating District Joint Committee to oversee development of a strategy and action plan for inclusion in Council's 2021-2030 Long Term Plan consultation.*
6. *That any future projects or recommendations from the Westport Rating District Joint Committee, or the Westport 2100 Working Group, would be consulted on with the community at the time of the proposal.*

Carried

2.2 CONSULTATION REPORT – HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT

R. Beal spoke to this report. He advised that consultation took place on two rating districts, the Hokitika Seawall and the Kaniere rating district as well as an extension of the boundary and merging the two rating districts.

Cr Challenger asked about resource consents, including the resource consent for emergency works carried out last year. R. Beal advised that both have been applied for but are yet to be processed. R. Beal advised that staff are yet to apply for the flood protection proposal as yet as the design is still being worked through.

R. Beal advised that BECA will be providing a report on the alignment and structure of the wall, with the resource consent remaining on hold until this advice is to hand. Cr Challenger stated that as a result of feedback from the community he would like to recommend that Council undertakes consultation on the area up to Hau Hau Road, Shallow Rush Road, round to Kaniere and the area around Seaview. Cr Challenger would also like consultation with residents on the Southside as there maybe impacts in this area. R. Beal advised that consultation can be carried out via the LTP process on extending boundaries and aligning those boundaries with Westland District Council's stormwater infrastructure. R. Beal commented that there are flooding and erosion issues on the south side.

MOVED (Challenger / Magner)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. *Receives this report.*
2. *Strikes a rate to meet the required co-funding for the Hokitika flood and coastal erosion IRG "shovel ready" project.*
3. *Merges and extends the boundaries of the Kaniere and Hokitika Rating District as consulted.*
4. *Consults though the LTP process on extending the boundaries identified following recent consultation.*
5. *Consults with the Southside residents via the LTP process on erosion and flood risk.*

Carried

2.3 CONSULTATION REPORT – FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT

R. Beal spoke to this report. 24M for Franz to raise all existing flood protection structures by 2 metres. Collaboration on this. RB NZTA major partner in Franz Josef. SC don't have majority in favour so will be voting against it in its current form, wants to get more locals in favour as they will be paying for it. SC would like this delayed and more consultation undertaken. RB funding agreements required back by 28 October. JH agrees with SC. JH assurance in excess of 50% in favour. JH would like to see a delay and a special meeting to vote on this. PE deadline does not want to see \$18M jepordised. Peripheral. Ten years concerns. BC with PE rivers change landowners change think of the whole province. He stated this is big picture cannot lose \$18M. Lower Waiho spending lots of protect and have been for years.

RB not a poll or vote, he read out some comments on submission. 60% want work to go ahead. DM longterm joint solution. RB allows 20 – 25 years. DM work with group. SC government would rather see money wisely spent than just spent. LCM good if 5% more in favour. Differentials – RB stony creek area on higher ground, have flood and erosion issues, growth area and allows town to grow towards the north. Important holistic approach. JH agrees with LCM, JH non negotiable NZTA. RB tension from rating district meetings trying to manage structures, rock falls off and needs topping up community feels this contributes to aggradation. SC reactive wait til something happens instead of maintenance. PE dilemma voted in to make a decision. Course making good decision take the money on offer. Nothing a game stopper – would be a game stopper if don't accept the money. LCM has staff assurance that would get this over the line. Asked Magner with amendments would be in support. DM in favour AB in favour. Vin suggested additional recommendations. SC wants to see more done. He is concerned how work in Lower Waiho ties in for future work. RB NZTA very supportive. SC comment from constituent said I am voting for it cos I am selling up in 10 years. SC all part of one district plan. LCM reluctant to vote against constituent councillor

MOVED (Cummings / Magner)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. *Receives this report*
2. *Strikes a targeted rate to meet the co-funding requirements of the IRG “shovel ready” infrastructure project.*
3. *Merges and extends the Franz Josef and Lower Waiho Rating Districts based on the boundary consulted on.*
4. *Adds a differential to the “Stony Creek extension” area.*
5. *Engages with Westland District Council, Te Runanga o Makaawhio, Department of Conservation and Waka Kotahi to form a Franz Josef Rating District Joint Committee to oversee development of a strategy and action plan for inclusion in Council’s 2021-2031 Long Term Plan consultation.*
6. *Add community liaison representative or representatives to the FJ rating district joint committee.*

7, that council ensures strategy and action plan works with community liaison member WCRC ensures that action plan strategy relationship with NZTA

*Agree with amendments unanimous //
Carried*

Brett / debra 4 in favour hill and challenger against LCM abstains

2.4 GREYMOUTH FLOODWALL

R. Beal spoke to this report. Cr Cummings floodwall meeting recently and they are in favour.

MOVED (Ewen / Cummings)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. *Receives this report.*
2. *Allows for the required co-funding within the current rate strike to meet the co-funding requirements of the IRG “shovel ready” infrastructure project.*

Carried

2.5 INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY REFERENCE GROUP (IRG) FUNDING AGREEMENTS

R. Beal spoke to this report. Two funding agreements. Franz is agreement by itself and other three are included in one agreement. Ewen congratulate staff for this work, AB done a great job.

MOVED (Ewen / LCM)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. *Receives this report.*
2. *Approves the signing of the IRG funding agreements when negotiations are complete.*

Carried

The meeting closed at 3.52 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date