

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 JULY 2022,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 12:15 P.M**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H Mabin (Chief Executive) (via zoom), N Costley (Manager Strategy & Communications), M Schumacher (IT Support) (via zoom), M Ferguson (Corporate Services Manager)

Also present: Journalist.

1. WELCOME

Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

The Chair called for apologies. There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair called for declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Council Meeting 14 June 2022

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any changes to the public minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 14 June 2022.

Moved (Hill/Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 14 June 2022 be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5.2 Council Extraordinary Meeting 28 June 2022

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the Council extraordinary meeting held on 28 June 2022. There were no changes.

Moved (Magner/Cummings) *that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting dated 28 June 2022 be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Coll McLaughlin sought an update from H Mabin regarding the quarry report, as to whether a geotechnical report had been obtained and any discussions held with Grey District Council. H Mabin confirmed she had initiated discussions with P Morris, Grey District Council CEO and Mark Davies from the Department of Conservation about the Blackball quarry, and the operational managers involved are now progressing the matter. K Harrison, consultant to the Council, is also involved in organising for a geotechnical assessment to be undertaken, under urgency. Management of issues relating to Kiwi Point quarry will then be advanced.

REPORTS

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair took his report as read.

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

Carried

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

7.1 Monthly Report

H Mabin took her report as read. Cr Ewen asked about the reason for the Westpac banking arrangements being 12 months. H Mabin advised that they wait for the audited Annual Report, which was late, and then certification is rolled over every 12 months.

In response to a query from Cr Coll McLaughlin, H Mabin confirmed that the quarry tenders are two separate tenders. She advised that tendering of Okuru would be undertaken next.

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

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Operations Group Report

N Costley advised the meeting that R Vaughan, the Acting Planning and Resource Science Manager, had had to leave the meeting in order to attend a civil defence briefing and was unable to present the Operations Group report. She had therefore asked that the report be taken as read, and N Costley would refer any questions to R Vaughan for a response.

Cr Coll McLaughlin raised a matter from the last meeting, asking whether there was any stopgap option if the overflow work was not finished and a significant weather event occurred that would affect the Buller River. R Vaughan was going to speak to engineers on that matter, so Cr Coll McLaughlin noted she would follow that up via email.

Cr Ewen noted on page 27 that the quarry for Kiwi Point refers to a slippage there as a rockfall. It should be clarified that this was not a rockfall but was a slippage. The Chair agreed with this point. Cr Ewen also said that he felt it was good to see progress on the IRG projects, given the workload the staff have had, and that its good to see that these appear to be in hand.

Cr Coll McLaughlin asked for an update on the Hokitika Seawall and tabled this question to be subsequently responded to by staff. Regarding the Okuru cut, she asked whether any works and an ongoing budget for the works would need to be consulted on with the rating district. H Mabin advised that she and staff and advisors have visited the site and met with representatives of the rating district, to look at the sandbar and options for protection at the site. Westland District Council roading staff were also present, regarding works that would protect the road. Initial agreement was reached that an agreement with a contractor could be developed which provided for the opening of the sandbar prior to forecasted severe weather events. This is to be further explored with the rating district including systems for permissions, and funding arrangements. Cr Ewen said that he thought there may already be an existing arrangement for this site and other named rivers that could be opened in emergency situations. N Costley will follow this up to confirm whether there is such an arrangement for this site.

Cr Coll McLaughlin noted that landowners in Granity had contacted her about coastal erosion there, and a rating district. She will touch base with P Birchfield and R Vaughan about investigating that.

Moved (Ewen/Challenger) *that Council receive the report.*

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

10. PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Moved (Ewen/Cummings) *that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, namely, -*

- *Item 10.1 – 10.4 inclusive*

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution
10.1	<i>Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Public excluded Meeting minutes of General Council Meeting 14 June 2022</i>	<i>The item contains information relating to commercial matters</i>	<i>To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).</i>
10.2	<i>Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Public excluded Meeting minutes of General Council Meeting 28 June 2022</i>	<i>The item contains information relating to commercial matters</i>	<i>To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).</i>
10.3	<i>Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Extraordinary Council meeting 30 May 2022</i>	<i>The item contains information relating to commercial matters</i>	<i>To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).</i>
10.4	<i>Quarry tender documents</i>	<i>The item contains information relating to commercial matters</i>	<i>To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).</i>

Also moved that:

- *H Mabin, K Harrison (consultant), M Ferguson and N Costley be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on these subjects. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed; and*
- *The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.*

Carried

The meeting moved into a public-excluded session at 12:34pm.

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Chair

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Date