

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2016, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

N. Clementson (Chairman) A. Robb, P. Ewen, A. Birchfield, T. Archer, S. Challenger, J. Douglas.
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IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), S. Jones (Planning Team Leader), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

(Robb / Archer) *That the apology from Cr McDonnell be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / Clementson) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 November 2016, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

S. Jones spoke to this report. She advised that the additional submission on the Coastal Plan was notified as reported at last month's meeting along with 18 more submissions. S. Jones stated that most of these submissions were in relation to the community's concerns about access to the beach in the Karamea area.

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

Carried

5.1.2 UPDATE ON RESOURCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

S. Jones spoke to this report. She stated that agreement has now been reached between the National Party and the Maori Party which means the Bill can now progress. S. Jones advised that the departmental report has been released; this sets out the recommendations in relation to each of the proposals that are being looked at under the Bill. S. Jones advised that the majority of the

recommendations are that the proposals proceed. S. Jones stated that the Select Committee is now looking at the detail of the Bill and they will report back to Government by 10 May 2017.

Cr Archer asked if it is correct that regional councils may now have an input into conditions on land use consents, and may change conditions. S. Jones stated that she would follow up on this, as she does not think that the intention is to allow regional councils to be involved in district council consenting functions. M. Meehan advised that it is likely that power would only be given to a regional council if compliance to an NES is being sought and therefore Council would need to look at what NES's would be relevant to land use consents. M. Meehan advised that the contaminated sites NES does overlap with work that the district and regional councils do, as the regional councils keep this database but the district councils administers the NES.

Moved (Archer / Ewen) *That the report be received.*

Carried

5.1.3 HYDROLOGY AND FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and took it as read.

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

Carried

5.1.4 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that as a result of discussions with Iwi, a new site has been added at the Arahura River, State Highway 6. M. Meehan stated that there are concerns with faecal coliform E coli levels affecting the mussel beds in this area. M. Meehan stated that the first sample recorded around 1000 E coli and therefore an eye will be kept on this over the summer and work will be done in this area if required. He advised that there was also a high reading at Marrs Beach, which could be as a result of heavy rainfall the week prior to sampling. M. Meehan advised that a further sample taken at the Arahura River in December came back with a much lower reading. He advised that Ngati Waewae have now been added to the fortnightly update which is emailed to the interested agencies involved.

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

Carried

5.1.5 REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

N. Costley spoke to this report. Discussion took place on the appointment of Cr Havill from Westland District Council to this committee. Cr Challenger stated that this appointment could be seen as a conflict of interest in view of Cr Havill's interest in the Haast to Hollyford road. Cr Robb stated he is Chairman of this committee and if this matter is discussed at the meeting then Cr Havill would need to declare an interest and step aside. Cr Robb stated that Cr Havill has expertise in this area as he is a transport operator. Cr Robb stated that it is good to have this type of experience around the table. Cr Ewen asked if the Chairman of the Regional Transport Committee has a casting vote, as there is even numbers on this committee. Cr Robb responded that he is unsure as this has never been an issue in the past three years.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

That the Council ratify the appointments to the West Coast Regional Transport Committee.

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to his report and reported that 14 non notified resource consent applications were received; along with 66 applications for whitebait stand replacements have been received. G. McCormack reported that four variations to consent conditions were granted.

Moved (Robb / Challenger) *That the December 2016 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

G. McCormack spoke to this report. He advised that 65 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. G. McCormack reported that 12 incidents / complaints were dealt with. G. McCormack reported that four formal warnings were issued, and were mainly in relation to dairy effluent discharge. He reported that one infringement notice, and three abatement notices were issued during the reporting period. G. McCormack that five mining work programmes has been received, and four bonds are recommended for release. Cr Archer asked for an overview on what the current rules are regarding stock access to waterways, and if the Lake Brunner catchment is the only place where there are rules restricting stock access to a waterway. G. McCormack agreed, and stated that damage is caused by stock access in rivers, damaging the riparian margins. Cr Birchfield drew attention to the complaint relating to the dumping of rubbish on a farm and stated that farms are allowed to have a rubbish tip. G. McCormack stated that this in this instance material was being brought in from another site to the farm. Cr Robb asked if the complaints relating to dairy effluent discharges were related to overflow or just minor infringements. G. McCormack stated that where formal warnings were issued, two were for farms that have had issues in the past and one related to a complaint received where the ponds had overflowed. G. McCormack stated that part of the problem is pond management where there are old archaic systems next to rivers. Cr Robb stated that the weather has been tough lately and the management of effluent systems would not be easy in these types of conditions. G. McCormack stated that Council is encouraging farmers to self-report when they have issues, so if a complaint is received Council can advise the complainant that they know about the issue as the farmer has been responsible, and has been in touch with Council. Cr Ewen asked if Mr Tillers' complaint against Solid Energy, at Rapahoe, has progressed or is Solid Energy stonewalling. G. McCormack advised the water samples will be done this week and once the results are to hand, he will write to Mr Tiller confirming Council's and Solid Energy's position on this. Cr Ewen stated that he will follow up with the Chief Executive after today's meeting.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That the bonds for Colin Thompson Contracting RCN94096, Mill Creek Mining Ltd RC13181, Geotech Ltd RC09092 and McKay Mining Ltd RC20140022 are released.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.52 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date