

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 APRIL 2018, 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, T. Archer, P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, A. Birchfield, S. Challenger, J. Douglas

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / Robb) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 13 March 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3. PRESENTATION**

M. Crowe introduced Mr Jon Mitchell from the Ministry of Civil Defence. Introductions were made. Mr Mitchell advised that he is the programme manager for the AF8 project (Alpine Fault Magnitude 8). He stated that he has been working on this project for almost two years. The project is being led by Emergency Management Southland, in partnership with all of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups in the South Island with funding coming from the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management Resilience Fund. Mr Mitchell spoke to his presentation and answered questions from Councillors.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman spoke to his report and stated that he attended the second Marris / Shingle Beach consultation group meeting. He stated that a further meeting has been arranged. The Chairman reported that he attended the Making Good Decisions training course to update his commissioner's recertification.

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

*Carried*

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

#### 5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

H. Mills spoke to this report and answered questions from Councillors. H. Mills advised that the Implementation Strategy for the NPS – Freshwater Management will be brought to next month's Council meeting.

H. Mills spoke of the Local Government Commission's recommendation for a One District Plan for the Region, and stated that the draft will be released today. Cr Robb advised that he has copies available for everyone.

M. Meehan updated the meeting on matters relating to Franz Josef. He stated that a Governance Group has been set up, he is a member along with the CEO of Westland District Council, Development West Coast, DoC, NZTA, Iwi representation and representatives from MBIE and the Ministry for the Environment. M. Meehan advised that good feedback has been received from the community but they wish to go back to the Franz Josef Working Group to talk through the three options. M. Meehan advised that the most likely outcome will be the development of a business case supported by central government to refine the options. He advised a master plan for Franz Josef will also be developed concurrently because within all three options there is a lot of planning to be done with support from central government required.

H. Mills advised that staff will meet with the facilitator of the Marrs / Shingle Beach working group in May, to work through the options for where to from here with this project.

M. Meehan advised that it is likely the new Minister for the Environment will make the draft targets for swimmable lakes and rivers more practical.

M. Meehan spoke of the work involved with the Local Government Commission and stated that one of the outcomes was for more streamlined planning. He advised that the proposal put together by this Council was supported by GDC and WDC. Cr Robb advised that the Local Government Commission will make their decision based on the consultation feedback.

Discussion place on which Councillors would be available for the hearing for the Proposed Land and Water Plan Change 1 hearings and deliberations. Crs Robb and Archer advised that they are available. Cr Clementson is not available.

**Moved** (McDonnell / Clementson)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Rob van Voorthuysen be appointed as Commissioner and Chair of the hearing panel for the Proposed Regional Policy Statement hearings and deliberations.*
3. *That Allan Cubitt be appointed as Commissioner and Chair of the hearing panel for the Proposed Land and Water Plan Change 1 hearings and deliberations.*
4. *That two qualified Councillors (Cr Robb and Cr Archer) be selected to sit on the hearing panel for the Proposed Land and Water Plan Change 1 hearings and deliberations.*

*Carried*

#### 5.1.2 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that good results were achieved during the reporting period.

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

*Carried*

#### 5.1.3 HYDROLOGY & FLOOD WARNING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and stated two flood alarms triggered during month.

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

*Carried*

**5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report as H. McKay is on a course. He offered to answer questions from Councillors. M. Meehan provided an update on possible future works, including protection works at Carters Beach. He stated that there has been discussion between this Council, BDC and the Domain Board at Carters Beach. R. Beal advised that Council’s Engineer is working on costings for a possible sacrificial bund. M. Meehan agreed to follow up on matters relating to Carters Beach and Brownsgold Ltd.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *That the April 2018 report of the Consents Group be received.*  
*Carried*

**5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that 50 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period with 21 of these being to dairy farms.  
M. Meehan spoke of ongoing issues relating to rubbish and erosion at a whitebait site near Bruce Bay. He stated that this area is no man’s land but staff are working with WDC on this matter. M. Meehan advised an abatement notice has been issued to WDC which relates to the discharge of effluent to surface water at Franz Josef. He advised that this matter is also under an enforcement order. M. Meehan reported that further investigations are being carried out in Westport in relation to dead eels in a creek.  
M. Meehan reported that three abatement notices were issued during the reporting period. M. Meehan answered questions from Councillors and confirmed that he would follow up on some matters with H. McKay.

**Moved** (Birchfield / McDonnell) *That the April 2018 report of the Compliance Group be received.*  
*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date