

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 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, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science & Innovation Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), M. Crowe (Regional Director Emergency Management & Natural Hazards), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGY

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Robb / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 August 2018, be confirmed as correct, with the amendments listed below made.*

Carried

Matters Arising

J. Douglas stated that she would have liked her question relating to the RPS hearing to be included in the minutes. Her question which was directed to Cr Archer was "are you satisfied that all planning documents dovetail into the RPS". J. Douglas confirmed that she was happy with Cr Archer response to her question.

Cr Archer drew attention to the top of page three of the minutes, recommendation 4. It was noted that Cr Robb was the elected representative chosen to sit on the Grey Freshwater Management Unit (Grey FMU).

3. PRESENTATION

The Chairman introduced Emma Lemire from the Ministry for the Environment and Dr Rob Bell (Coastal Engineer - NIWA) to the meeting. Ms Lemire presented on the key information contained in the Ministry's for the Environment's recently updated Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance document. She stated that the new guidance is aligned with changes in the statutory framework for Local Government, RMA and the National Policy Statement. Ms Lemire and Dr Bell spoke of the relationship between climate change and natural hazards, using sea level rise scenarios in adaptive planning, engagement between councils and communities, community planning under conditions of uncertainty (the dynamic adaptive pathways planning approach). Dr Bell spoke of the ongoing rise and risk from coastal hazards which is due to sea level rise. He spoke extensively and answered questions from Councillors.

The Chairman thanked Ms Lemire and Dr Bell for their presentations.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and stated he attended meetings in relation to the Marrs Beach working group.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *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 advised that the first public session for the Grey FMU will be held on 13 September. He advised that the purpose of the session is to explain the Freshwater NPS process, he stated that staff from MfE will be attending. H. Mills advised that the ultimate goal is to make recommendations back to the Resource Management Committee. He outlined the key dates for this process.

H. Mills provided an update on the Marrs / Shingle Beach working group. He stated that E coli monitoring is being carried out at approximately 10 additional sites. H. Mills advised that the next step is to involve a Planner to explain how some potential rules and actions can be formulated.

H. Mills provided further details on the interview process and venue of the Grey FMU public information session. H. Mills answered questions from Councillors regarding Marrs / Shingle Beach working group and the Grey FMU Group.

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

Carried

5.1.2 CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

M. Meehan introduced M. Crowe to the meeting. M. Meehan explained the Civil Defence structure for the West Coast to the meeting and advised that the plan is to provide quarterly updates to Council. M. Crowe spoke to his report and advised that this is an extract from his Joint Committee report. He stated that this has been a very busy period since coming into this role. M. Crowe advised the Mr Sean Judd has been appointed as a local controller for Buller District. He reported that a Group Recovery has recently been appointed. M. Crowe spoke of the 4R's newsletter and advised that this is a good initiative to get updates out to the public. M. Crowe answered questions and provided additional information to Councillors. M. Meehan clarified matters relating to the Buller Flood modelling work in relation to the proposed location of the new medical facility for Buller.

J. Douglas asked M. Crowe if he had incorporated the tsunami mapping report from 2011 for Hokitika into his hazard mapping report. M. Crowe confirmed that the tsunami mapping project will look at inundation effects from different types of events and will be included in the hazard mapping which is programmed for this financial year.

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *That this report be received.*

Carried

5.1.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that there have been no exceedances of the NES for air quality in Reefton this winter. He advised that a new machine is awaited to replace the machine that had malfunctioned. Cr Archer stated that it is important that the Reefton community continues to manage solid fuel compliance and to reinforce messages such as not burning wet wood. H. Mills advised that NES is currently being reviewed and it is likely that there will be changes. M. Meehan spoke of influence of climatic conditions, how cold the winter is, wind and heating options used in homes, and the effects of these factors on air quality.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that three site visits were carried out, eight non-notified resources consents were granted and five changes of conditions to existing resource consents.

Moved (Robb / Challenger) *That the September 2018 report of the Consents Group be received.*

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report. She advised that 126 site visits were carried out during the reporting period, 98 of relating to the pre-marking of whitebait stands for the coming season. H. McKay reported that 24 complaints / incidents were reported with 18 resulting in site visits.

H. McKay reported that there were seven identified non-compliances reported and a further 17 complaints or incidents reported but were either not found to be non-compliant or not yet determined at the time of reporting. H. McKay reported that four abatement notices and four infringement notices were issued during the reporting period and were in relation to either gold mining for dairy effluent. Six mining programmes were received, five approved, with one awaiting a site visit. H. McKay reported that one bond was received and one bond recommended for release. She advised the consent for the bond recommended for release has expired, there is a new consent in place and the replacement bond has already been lodged with the new consent.

Cr Ewen asked H. McKay if there was any deliberateness in relation to the issuing of infringement notices for discharges. H. McKay confirmed that the discharge of dairy effluent at Hari Hari was a deliberate act by the farmer. She confirmed that a decision is awaited regarding the discharge into the Waiho River.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That the September 2018 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the \$20,000 bond held by Barret, Barret & Mathieson under RC10009 is released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen requested that a condolence card be sent to the Beck family following the passing of Mr Win Beck who was a former Manager with Council.

M. Meehan suggested that the workshop on Mana Whakahone ā Rohe is held in between RMC and the Council meeting for reasons of convenience of Council’s iwi partners. All Councillors agreed with this request.

The meeting closed at 11.38 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date