

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 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:

R. Beal (Acting Chief Executive), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance 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 / Ewen) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 October 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Clementson spoke to his report. He stated that he attended the annual rating district meetings in his constituency.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

H. Mills spoke to his report. H. Mills stated that the first meeting of the Grey Freshwater Management Unit went well. He advised that a Chairperson will be elected at the next meeting.

H. Mills answered questions from Councillors.

Cr Archer expressed his concern regarding the Conservation Amendment Bill. He stated that proponents of the Bill seem to be proceeding regardless of the fact there does not appear to have been any studies undertaken to support view of the reduced habitat, or fish, and it is as through the decision has been

made by the Minister already. Cr Archer stated that this is not just about whitebait, but fish across the board and the Bill will arbitrarily impose huge sanctions or restrictions on fish. Cr Archer asked H. Mills if the timeframes and staff resources are realistic for the Amended Progressive Implementation Programme. H. Mills advised that the timeframes can be rearranged and MfE are aware of this. He stated that a new staff member for the water quality team was confirmed via the LTP and adjustments will be made via the Annual Plan for resourcing requirements. Cr Archer stated that it is unreasonable to expect ratepayers to have to have increases in rates in order to meet government directives to achieve these outcomes. H. Mills stated that timeframes have been pushed out. Cr Birchfield agreed with Cr Archer's comments. Cr Ewen agreed, he drew attention to the second to last paragraph on page 15 of the agenda which requests the Bill be withdrawn or put on hold until consultation takes place. Extensive discussion took place on various sections of H. Mills' report. He answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Robb / Ewen)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the Council approves the Implementation Team's recommendation for Baylee Kersten to be a member of the Grey Freshwater Management Unit Group.*
3. *That Council approves:*
 - a) *the three changes to the summarised Progressive Implementation Programme in the "National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Regional Implementation Strategy 2018", and*
 - b) *the more detailed Progressive Implementation Programme.*

Carried

5.1.2 ACCELERATING THE BULLER RIVER FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that the Westport 2100 report which will be presented to today's Council meeting also relates to this report. H. Mills spoke to each option. He stated that there is a third pathway which is if the Westport 2100 group is formed then they could make a recommendation to Council. Cr Archer and Cr Robb provided background information. Discussion ensued and it was agreed funding would be sought to enable accurate information to be gathered prior to spending money on this project.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That an option is chosen.*
3. *That Council seeks Envirolink funding in order to engage NIWA to provide a report to address the six bullet points contained in Option 1.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that five visits were carried out, seven non-notified resources consents were granted and five changes to consent conditions were granted during the reporting period.

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

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report. She advised that 107 site visits were carried out during the reporting period, 71 of the site visits were in relation to whitebait stand visits over the season.

H. McKay advised that there have been no further complaints regarding the Hokitika Waste Water Treatment Plant since May when improvements were made to the system.

H. McKay provided an update on prosecutions. She stated that the Elect Mining Ltd completed the alternative justice pathway and this has been a good result for the community. H. McKay advised that charges against the Company have now been withdrawn.

H. McKay reported that one formal warning, and one infringement notice was issued during the reporting period. Six mining programmes were received, three were approved, with one awaiting a site visit.

H. McKay reported that one bond was received, and one bond has been recommended for release.

Cr Birchfield declared an interest in RC10174. Cr Clementson declared an interest in the Heaphy Mining Ltd mining work programme.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell)

1. *That the November 2018 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the \$30,000 bond belonging to RC10174 Kumara Old Gold is released.*

Carried

H. McKay answered questions regarding repeat complaints and advised that inquiries are ongoing.

H. McKay agreed to follow up on the payment of bonds and will ensure that the increased bond is paid before a work programme is approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.27 a.m.

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