

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019, 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), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), A. Mahuika (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 14 May 2019, be confirmed as correct, with the amendment below being made.*

Carried

It was noted that F. Tumahai was an apology for the May meeting.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTATION

The Chairman introduced Mr Paul Findlay to the meeting. Mr Findlay advised that his family previously owned a coal mine in the Rewanui area. Mr Findlay spoke about climate change, hurricanes, earthquakes and various other environmental and engineering matters. He answered questions from Councillors. The Chairman thanked Mr Findlay for this presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Clementson reported that he attended the final Marris Beach meeting last night. He stated that recommendations were finalised at this meeting and a report will be coming to next month's Council meeting. Cr Clementson advised he was unable to attend the Westport 2100 meeting due to illness.

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 his report and advised that the Marrs and Shingle Beach working group has now nailed down the probable source of contamination which is Bradshaws Creek. H. Mills advised that a target of four years has been identified to improve water quality in this area.

H. Mills reported that the second round of mediation on the proposed Regional Policy Statement was held in May with a third round scheduled for late July.

H. Mills advised that an extension of time for Plan Change 1 may be required and this will be brought to the next RMC meeting.

H. Mills advised that good progress is being made with the Grey Freshwater Management Unit. He reported that a community information session is scheduled for tonight, in Reefton, for the Kawatiri Freshwater Management Unit and a session for the Paparoa group is scheduled for Thursday evening, in Punakaiki. H. Mills advised that recommendations for memberships will be brought to the July meeting.

H. Mills confirmed that the water level monitoring equipment is now back in place for the Waiho River but due to there already being half a metre of aggradation at this site, therefore the alarm will be set off a lot more frequently now.

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

Carried

5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that there has been no exceedance of PM₁₀ so far this season.

H. Mills answered questions relating to the new NES and the site for the new air quality machine.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that two site visits were carried out, four non-notified resources consents were granted, and three changes to consent conditions were granted during the reporting period. H. McKay answered questions relating to works being carried out in the Inangahua River, near Rosstown.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) *That the June 2019 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 98 site visits were carried out during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that there were 19 complaints or incidents were received with 13 resulting in site visits. H. McKay reported that there were ten non-compliances during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that two abatement notices, one formal warning and three infringement notices were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that nine work programmes were received with all nine being approved, four bonds were received and one bond recommended for release.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

1. *That the June 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

2. *That the bonds for RC-2015-0026 Eldon Holdings Limited of \$20,000 is released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date