

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 APRIL 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.25 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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.

M. Meehan and R. Beal were absent for the RMC meeting as they were meeting with the Lower Waiho Rating District members.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

Moved (Ewen / Archer) that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 12 March 2019, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Clementson reported that he attended the Marrs Beach meeting last night. He stated that this project is close to finishing.

Cr Clementson stated that the recent Regional Transport Committee meeting was cancelled due to the rain event at the time.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT

H. Mills drew attention to a minor typographical error in his report which relates to the last sentence in the Hokitika FMU Group section. This should read April 2021 not 2020.

H. Mills spoke to his report. He advised that good progress is being made with the RPS Appeals process with the second round of mediation due to commence on 27 May.

H. Mills reported that further site visits in relation to Plan Change 1 will be held over the next few weeks. He reported that work with the three Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Groups is progressing well. H. Mills reported that a presentation on the Lake Brunner case study was made at the recent Grey FMU meeting. H. Mills advised that names will be taken from those interested in joining the Buller FMU at tomorrow night's meeting. H. Mills updated the meeting on progress to date with the Hokitika FMU.

H. Mills reported that Envirolink funding has been secured to assist with the Freshwater NPS and for an independent review of the State of Environment monitoring programme for water quality.

H. Mills reported that five alarms were triggered on rivers in all districts during the heavy rainfall event on 26 and 27 March. He stated a New Zealand record for heavy rainfall was recorded at the Cropp River and the Haast River recorded its second highest flow during this event. H. Mills reported that the peak flow at the Waiho River was not recorded due to the bridge being washed away, which the sensor is connected to.

It was agreed that Cr McDonnell would be the elected representative to sit on the Hokitika FMU as Cr Challenger is involved with the One Plan project.

Cr Archer asked if there are any interim recording measures in place for the Waiho River while the bridge is out. H. Mills advised that an engineer was on site during the flood event and hydrology staff will reinstate equipment once the bridge is replaced.

Cr Ewen requested that a bio is provided on each candidate for the FMU groups. H. Mills agreed to this. H. Mills answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Challenger)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council approves the draft Terms of Reference for the Hokitika Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Group.*
3. *That Cr McDonnell is the elected representative from the West Coast Regional Council (South Westland constituency) to sit on the Hokitika Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) Group as per the Hokitika FMU Group Terms of Reference.*

Carried

5.1.2 GNS GEOTHERMAL PROJECT

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that the study has been completed but the report is yet to be released. H. Mills advised that the site preferences have been identified as Franz Josef, Moana, Styx River / Kokatahi and Haupiri / Kopara. He stated that scoping for phase 2 has been confirmed at \$12M as well as an application to the Provincial Growth Fund which is being coordinated with Ngati Waewae.

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

Carried

5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that the exceedances during the reporting period were related to the moderately high rainfall events during this time. He stated that there is one more round of sampling for this season. H. Mills agreed to provide additional information to Cr McDonnell in relation to the increased E. coli levels at Hokitika Beach. J. Douglas stated that in the past consideration has been given to taking readings for Hokitika Beach at Stafford Street.

Cr Clementson commented that recommendations are forthcoming from the Marrs Beach working group, and he is hopeful of some good solutions for the possible sources of contamination at this site. H. Mills advised that the targets for Marrs Beach have been set higher than those contained in this report.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that four site visits were carried out, 10 non-notified resources consents were granted, and three changes to consent conditions were granted during the reporting period.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *That the April 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 70 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that there were 21 complaints or incidents were received with 12 resulting in site visits. H. McKay reported that there were seven non-compliances during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that eight work programmes were received with seven approved. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Ewen) *That the April 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.48 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date