

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JULY 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.55.M.

PRESENT:

S. Challenger (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, J. Hill, L. Coll McLaughlin, J. Douglas, F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), J. Horrox (Science Team Leader), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), L. Sadler (Planning Team Leader), J. Armstrong (Te Tai o Poutini Project Manager) via Zoom, N. Selman (Financial Consultant) via Zoom, T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

WELCOME

Cr Challenger opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC FORUM, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There was no public forum.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

2. MINUTES

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 June 2021, be confirmed as correct, with the amendment of J. Armstrong's, and J. Douglas's apologies.*

Carried

Matters Arising

The Chairman advised that J. Armstrong was an apology for last month's meeting and H. Mabin spoke to the Te Tai o Poutini update in J. Armstrong's absence. J. Douglas was also an apology for last month's meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Challenger stated that he attended various meetings with Chair Birchfield during the reporting period.

Moved (Birchfield / Coll McLaughlin) *that the verbal report is received.*

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND RESOURCE SCIENCE REPORT

J. Horrox spoke to this report in H. Mills absence. He reported that changes to the Lake Kini wetland boundary have been agreed upon.

J. Horrox outlined anticipated documents to be notified for submissions.

L. Sadler highlighted key points in the Export Draft of the Natural and Built Environments Bill and explained the submission process. She drew attention to the short timeframe for the processing of this submission. L. Sadler advised that a draft submission will be circulated by 26 July with feedback required by 30 July. She advised that a workshop could be held if requested by Council. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she is very keen for a workshop. L. Sadler answered questions relating to the planning committee and the representatives on this committee, such as DoC, who might not have the level of understanding of and familiarity with Council issues as they work under different legislation. L. Sadler advised that DoC are usually a submitter and often an appellant and this could become a conflict of interest.

Cr Ewen congratulated L. Sadler for her work on this matter. L. Sadler responded that she would pass this onto to her staff.

It was agreed that a workshop would be arranged and a Zoom link included in the invitation. L. Sadler agreed to circulate the draft submission to the district councils, DoC and the Kotahitanga ki te Uru Alliance. It was noted that the timeframe is very tight.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Douglas)

It is recommended that the Resource Management Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Make the changes to the Lake Kini scheduled wetlands boundaries on Māori reserve land (KAGP008a and KAGP008b) in the Regional Land and Water Plan operative on 20 July 2021.*
3. *Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*
4. *Delegate authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to give final approval of the Council's submission on the Exposure Draft of the Natural and Built Environments Bill.*

Carried

5.1.2 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J. Armstrong spoke to her report and provided an update on the process with Significant Natural Areas (SNA's) and Outstanding Natural Landscapes (ONL's). She stated that where this is an ONL there is often a SNA there as well as they often overlay on top of each other. J. Armstrong offered to answer questions.

J. Armstrong explained noise contours to the meeting and advised that this information will be helpful going forward.

J. Armstrong provided information from Local Government New Zealand relating to accepting agenda papers. She stated that a paper can be accepted for discussion but that does not mean that governors are accepting or endorsing the content of the report.

Moved (Tumahai / Magner) *That the report is noted.*

*Against Cr Ewen
Carried*

5.1.3 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN – ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

J. Armstrong spoke to this report and advised that each of the district councils have already elected an alternate and it was suggested that this Council does the same. J. Armstrong advised that there is always a Zoom link for these meetings.

Nominations were called for. Cr Birchfield nominated Cr Ewen. Cr Ewen declined the nomination.

Cr Magner stated that it is a good idea to have an alternative to keep the momentum up.

It was noted that F. Tumahai is already on this committee. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked Cr Challenger if he was interested in view of him being the Deputy Chair and the Chair of the Resource Management Committee. Cr Magner noted the Cr Challenger has been on this committee previously. It was agreed that Cr Challenger would be the first alternate but if he is not available then another Councillor be able to attend the meeting.

Moved (Magner / Coll McLaughlin)

It is recommended that the Resource Management Committee resolve to:

That Cr Challenger is the alternate member to attend Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee meetings if a permanent Committee member is unavailable, and if Cr Challenger is not available then another Councillor may attend.

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and took it as read. He outlined various consenting matters and offered to answer questions.

C. Helem confirmed that Ross Moore Contracting Ltd has now had a consent variation granted to retrospectively authorise the disposal of demolition waste from Kingsgate Hotel demolition.

Cr Cummings stated that a NIWA report identified that the Punakaiki and Porarai Rivers as high risk for removing gravel from the lower sections of the river. He asked if this had been taken into account when granting a consent. C. Helem advised that the volumes are small and over a five-year term.

C. Helem answered questions from Councillors.

Moved (Hill / Tumahai) *That the June 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and outlined compliance matters. He advised that compliance staff and resource science staff recently attended the sinking of a fishing vessel which is featured in his report.

C. Helem updated the meeting on previously reported complaints relating to demolition material from Grey Base Hospital and advised that the resource consent for this has now expired. He stated that the disposal of demolition material from Revingtons Hotel is still to be addressed.

C. Helem outlined enforcement matters.

He confirmed that demolition material from the old hospital is remaining on site at the moment.

Moved (Birchfield / Cummings)

1. *That the July report of the Compliance Group be received.*

2. *That the \$5,000 bond for RC-2014-0110 Peter Savage is released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Challenger advised that he has received a number of phone calls and inquiries about air quality in Hokitika. J. Horrox provided extensive information about what is currently in place for the monitoring of air quality in Reefton, and stated that other areas of the region are investigated for air quality and not just Reefton.

Cr Magner stated that she has also received verbal complaints about the smell of coal and air quality in Hokitika this week. J. Horrox advised that air quality monitoring was carried out all over the West Coast back in 1999 and 2001 and this revealed issues in various areas of the West Coast including Hokitika. It was noted that air quality issues relate to weather conditions and can be a problem in most small towns in the winter time. J. Horrox advised that an Envirolink project with NIWA is underway at the moment to try to help identify priority areas. Cr Cummings stated that this happens in most towns but only three or four times of year. Further discussion took place on possible monitoring devices that can be purchased. J. Horrox provided an extensive update on air quality monitoring in Reefton, he stated that Reefton had the highest levels of PM¹⁰ and therefore this is where the focus of resources has been. J. Horrox advised that good data in Reefton has been obtained so far this year.

Hazardous Waste

Cr Ewen raised the matter of hazardous waste on the West Coast. He stated that in view of recent demolition operations and the difficulty in disposing of demolition waste material, he suggested that the time may have come for a dump site on the West Coast. Cr Ewen noted that some of this hazardous waste could also contain asbestos.

Cr Ewen suggested that a discussion is held with West Coast politicians as there will be an increase in the coming years in view of the ongoing demolitions. Cr Ewen stated that at the moment a scatter gun approach has been taken with the disposal of hazardous waste on the West Coast. He gave the example of the problems encountered in getting rid of the demolition material from the hospital. Cr Ewen suggested that one site for the whole region would be beneficial. He stated that waste disposal needs to be done right and there are plenty of areas on the West Coast where this could be done without any adverse effects to communities. Cr Ewen stated that all West Coast Councils could work together to get this over the line, as this could become an income earner.

Cr Birchfield agreed and stated that there are a lot of buildings around Greymouth to come down as well as the finishing off of the demolition of the hospital. Cr Birchfield stated that there could be demand for a consented and well run facility.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the agenda at the next Mayors Chair’s and Iwi forum.

The meeting closed at 11.42 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date