

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.28 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), 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

Moved (Birchfield / Magner) *That the apologies from F. Tumahai and J. Douglas be accepted.*

Carried

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 (Birchfield / Magner) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 August 2021, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Challenger reported that he has received numerous phone calls in relation to Council's Long Term Plan Consultation Document. He stated that some people complained about receiving multiple copies of the Consultation Document. H. Mabin advised that ratepayers are legally allowed to submit

on each Consultation Document that they receive as they are based on each rating unit. Cr Magner stated that in future it would be good to have one mail out to multiple rating units. H. Mabin agreed and advised that this functionality is being looked at for future mail outs. Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she has received a lot of feedback about the quality of the Consultation Document and stated that people really appreciated it. Cr Magner agreed and stated that the number and quality of submissions reflects this.

N. Costley answered questions regarding late submissions. She confirmed that submissions will be received right up until the last minute, and will include submissions dropped into Council. She advised that far more submissions have been received that ever before. N. Costley stated that a lot of communicating with the community was done via newspapers, Council's website, and Facebook page advising that submitters did not have to rely on the post to return their submissions.

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

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND RESOURCE SCIENCE REPORT

J. Armstrong spoke to this report. She advised that the draft submission on National Freshwater Farm Plan and Low Slope Map regulations will be lodged by 26 September.

J. Armstrong advised that the submission on Intensive Winter Grazing is showing a practical and useful approach for matters relating to the West Coast. She stated that a workshop on this submission is probably not necessary as most of the changes are matters that staff agree with. She offered to answer questions. Cr Magner stated that she supports the staff recommendations and that a workshop is not required but the Submission should be circulated to Council.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Magner)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 1. Receive the report.*
- 2. Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*
- 3. Direct staff as to whether they would like to attend a workshop on Intensive Winter Grazing, prior to staff finalising the submission on this topic.*

Carried

5.1.2 SUBMISSION ON FRESHWATER DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS

J. Armstrong spoke to this report and advised that a workshop was held recently on these two submissions.

J. Armstrong outlined matters relating to the Stock Exclusion regulations: Proposed changes to the slow slope map (2021) and the Freshwater Farm Plan. She stated that staff are supportive of most sections of the proposed Freshwater Farm Plan regulations. She offered to answer questions.

Cr Challenger stated that the submissions are very good as they frame issues in a positive manner and even if something is opposed this has still been done in a positive manner.

Cr Magner agrees with the Submissions, and the proposed changes. She stated she is very pleased to see that the five year recertification of farm plans rather than the three year recertification. Cr Magner stated this is a big piece of work and is quite onerous to have recertification every three years.

Moved (Hill / Magner)

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Approve the final submissions on Stock Exclusion Regulations – Low Slope Map Changes, and the proposed Freshwater Farm Plans Regulations Discussion Documents.

Carried

5.1.3 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J. Armstrong spoke to this report and took it as read. She stated that the meetings coming up over the next couple of months will be very long as work is progressing to approve the draft Plan to go out in December and out to public in January.

Cr Challenger stated that the Te Tai o Poutini Plan is what will guide future development on the West Coast with work now at an important stage. He stated that it is now a matter of getting the aspirations the right way around in order to look to the future.

Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that there has been a lot of discussion about managed retreat. She would like to draw attention to the fact that the WCRC is playing a very important role in having these conversations as WCRC is responsible for hard engineering work and WCRC is playing an active role in how this might work with regard to planning mechanisms.

R. Beal commented that emergency works are very short term in nature and the long term planning work that J. Armstrong's team is doing is where the managed retreat discussion needs to be. He stated that managed retreat is an adaptation utilizing all of the relevant legislation and guidelines, some of which are yet to come to hand. R. Beal stated that emergency works and short term works is the prioritisation of protecting the current assets to try to stop risks from increasing.

J. Armstrong advised that a research project is underway at the moment which is looking at the residual risk in Hokitika and Greymouth which will look at longer term and bigger events and what protection would be needed as far as rules and looking after lives and property.

Cr Ewen stated it is beholden on government to take a lead on managed retreat. He stated there are two examples on the West Coast which are the hospital relocation in Westport and Department of Conservation in Hokitika where both are being rebuilt on prone sites.

J. Armstrong advised that new legislation on managed retreat is due out in a couple of years.

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

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.

Moved (Magner / Ewen) *That the August 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 LIST OF APPROVED ACCREDITED HEARING COMMISSIONERS

C. Helem spoke to this report and advised that in view of the changes to the Delegations Manual the list of approved Hearing Commissioners has now been updated. He drew attention to the minor typographical error in the contact details for commissioners.

Moved (Birchfield / Magner)

That the Resource Management Committee approves the proposed list of approved Hearing Commissioners.

Carried

COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and outlined compliance matters. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked C. Helem if the cows washed up on the North Beach in Westport were as a result of the Westport flood event. C. Helem confirmed this.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) *That the August report of the Compliance Group be received.*
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date