

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 JUNE 2022 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10:32 AM.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H Mabin (Chief Executive), Via zoom - N Costley (Manager Strategy & Communications), A Drnasin (minute taker)

Via zoom - J Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager) , C Helem (Consents & Compliance Manager) , R Vaughan (Acting Planning & Resource Science Manager)

Also present: Brendon McMahon (Grey Star), Richard Kempthorne, Chair Buller Flood Recovery Steering Group.

1. WELCOME

Cr Challenger opened the meeting and read the prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC FORUM, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Richard Kempthorne requested to speak during the West Coast Resource Management Committee meeting in relation to matters to be held in the later Council Meeting. Chair Challenger and Regional Council Chair Birchfield approved this default of order. Content of this public forum to be contained in the Council Meeting Minutes of 28 June 2022.

Cr Cummings acknowledged Richard Kempthorne's leadership of the Steering Group.

Meeting adjourned for Public Forum of General Council Meeting 10:34AM

Meeting Resumed for Public Forum of Resource Management Committee Meeting 10:39AM

No public forum.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

5. MINUTES

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no corrections.

Moved: (A Birchfield/B Cummings) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 May 2022 be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT (VERBAL UPDATE)

Chair Challenger delivered a verbal report regarding the Waimea Creek and the Southside of the Waiho River. Conversations have been convened with H Mabin.

Moved (D Magner/B Cummings) *That the report is noted.*

Carried

REPORTS

7.1 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J Armstrong spoke to this report and took it as read. Papers on the remaining substantive matters that were raised through the public feedback were presented at the 17 May Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) Committee meeting. Focus is now on preparing for notification.

Chair Challenger noted that this is the sharp end of the plan process once it is notified and submissions come in. The Chair said that he was hopeful the pre-notification and consultation stages had resolved any issues.

Cr Birchfield sought clarification in on what rules for Significant Natural Areas would come into effect when the Plan was notified. J Armstrong advised that these would be considered alongside the existing rules and plan for each of the different districts.

Cr Cummings noted in regards to SNA's, that until the maps are released no one is going to know where these are. J Armstrong confirmed there were maps released with the exposure draft and maps will also be available with the notified plan which will be open to public submissions for two and a half months. J Armstrong confirmed the SNA's in Grey had been mapped, while the rules for Buller and Westland will include vegetation clearance rules. Anyone who wants to remove a certain level of vegetation will need to apply for resource consent until the SNA's are identified and mapped in those areas in 5 years' time.

Cr Cummings queried if the permitted activity rule for clearing bush of gold claims still stands. J Armstrong responded there are a lot of permitted activities within Grey, Westland and Buller areas.

H Mabin acknowledged the achievements of the TTPP committee, and commended Jo Armstrong, Edith Bretherton and Lois Eastern for their work on this project.

Moved (D Magner/L Coll McLaughlin) *That the report is received.*

Carried

7.2 PLANNING AND RESOURCE SCIENCE GROUP REPORT

R Vaughan spoke to the report taking the substantive sections of the report as read. The submission on the National Adaptation Plan to Government has been lodged. A report on Inanga spawning sights has been received and will be included in the changes to the Land and Water Plan and the Regional Coastal Plan. This is part of the work required to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. The Stewardship Land Review has been released. A submission will be circulated before the end of the month. The Draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity has been released. Government has made some changes to Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and National Environment Standards in regards to wetlands. These will be reviewed and feedback will be provided collectively through the region's Councils. A draft submission on this will be circulated.

Cr Ewen referred to the Stewardship Land Review where 0.01% of 182,00ha is to be disposed of concluding this is about 18ha which is insubstantial. R Vaughan responded, the economic and social wellbeing was not considered during the Stewardship Land Review. The joint submission of the four West Coast Councils will include this point.

Cr Hill queried whether air quality testing in Westport will become more frequent following the trial. R Vaughan advised that this is dependent on the results. If more permanent testing is required a recommendation will be made to council.

Cr Hill queried if the eDNA technology could be used to identify E-Coli. R Vaughan clarified this is not the same technology.

Moved (P Ewen/B Cummings) *that the Resource Management Committee:*

1. *Receive the report; and*
2. *Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*

Carried

8.1 CONSENTS REPORT

C Helem spoke to this report and took it as read. The appeal period for Westland Mineral Sands had closed with one appeal received relating to District Council matters regarding operational hours and noise monitoring. Legal advice has been sought.

Moved (P Ewen/D Magner) *That the June 2022 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

8.2 COMPLIANCE REPORT

C Helem spoke to this report and took it as read.

Cr Birchfield sought clarification regarding the location of the Humphreys change of bond. C Helem confirmed it is the on the Southside of the Arahura.

Cr Hill noted the complaints of several people about the Birchfield site at Jones Creek. Cr Hill sought clarification regarding the activity that could be undertaken following a storm and whether this gives the

operators permission to access the creek with diggers and machines. The complainants feel this is happening often. C Helem noted that this is similar to an issue the residents have experienced with Lake Stream since Cyclone Ita. Jones’s Creek has been flown by BT Mining staff and the drone footage has been supplied. The actual issue is not Jones’s Creek itself, but one of the tributaries upstream from the Pat Coopers Quarry site. There is still a lot of gravel and debris likely to travel downstream.

Moved (J Hill/B Cummings) *That the Resource Management Committee:*

1. *That the June 2022 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the \$100,000 bond for RC09084 Gold Stone Mining Group Ltd is released.*

Carried

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no general business matters

The meeting closed at 11:04 a.m.

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Chair S Challenger

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Date