

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL/GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

**THE GREYMOUTH RATING DISTRICT
JOINT FLOODWALL COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON THE 17 OCTOBER 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 2.10 P.M.**

PRESENT:

T. Kokshoorn, J. Clayton (Chairman), D. Shannahan, P. Ewen, P. Berry (standing in for D. Truman), G. Scalmer, T. Franklin, B. Murphy,

IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Pretorius (GDC Chief Executive Officer), W. Moen (WCRC River Engineer), S. Moran (WCRC Planning and Environmental Manager) P. O'Connell (GDC Engineer), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk),

APOLOGIES:

M. Thomas

T.Kokshoorn / D. Shannahan - Carried

BUSINESS

J. Clayton welcomed all present to this meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: *That the minutes of the Joint Floodwall Committee meeting
19 June 2006 as circulated, be confirmed as correct.*

D. Shannahan / T. Kokshoorn- Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

W. Moen reported that both he and K. Beams (G.D.C) had inspected the stopbanks and recommended that the status quo should remain for the existing constraints on floodwall vehicle access

P. Ewen noted that vehicles were still a problem on the Cobden Floodwall especially in the Nelson Quay area. S. Moran suggested residents might wish to monitor this and record the registration numbers of vehicles causing concern.

PUBLIC FORUM TIME – SPEAKING RIGHTS

There was no request for public speaking rights.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the financial period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

Moved: *“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted.”*

D. Shannahan / P. Ewen - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12 month period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He also outlined an estimated maintenance allowance of \$77,900 for the 2006 / 2007 financial year

Moved: ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved.”***

D. Shannahan / P. Ewen - Carried

PORTABLE FLOOD STRUCTURES

A resource kit outlining the purpose of these structures was tabled. W. Moen spoke to this. T. Kokshoorn suggested a price for 3 x 100 metre lengths these be obtained and brought back to the next meeting.

W. Moen queried the need for the floodwall to be raised if these structures are purchased.

Cr Clayton queried the life expectancy of these and general discussion regarding this issue took place.

COBDEN PUMP STATION

Discussion took place on the proposed Pump Station

W. Moen explained that M. Sutherland (GDC Assets Manager) had advised that the amount allowed for in the GDC Annual Plan was still currently available.

T. Kokshoorn reported that the \$135,753 allowed for in the LTCCP had been reallocated.

Discussion took place on the merits, or otherwise, of the construction of a new pump station to handle localized flooding from Range Creek backup.

P. McConnell (GDC Engineer) agreed that the cut was the best option and a pump station was not required.

It was decided that the WCRC Operations staff would control the Cobden Cut in future and would liaise with the local contractors to ensure its integrity during flood events and to keep it maintained.

It was suggested that a portable tractor – mounted pump should also be considered to assist with this if and when required.

Cr Clayton suggested that monitoring of decisions to clean out the Cut and the amount of time it takes should be considered.

Moved: ***“That the WCRC Engineers take over the control and maintenance of the Cobden Cut and that its operation and action become part of the Greymouth Floodwall Flood Management Plan.”***

T. Kokshoorn / D. Shannahan - Carried

MAWHERA CORPORATION LAND

It was noted that W. Moen had not received any replies from his continued approaches from the Mawhera Incorporation.

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE

W. Moen updated Committee Members on the process and procedures in relation to the Greymouth Flood Protection upgrade resource consent and noted that due to the amount of time spent in this area that this should be a separate area.

Moved: *That the updated Resource Consent report be received."*

P. Ewen / D. Shannahan - Carried

2007 / 2008 RATE STRIKE

Moved: *"That a recommended rate strike of \$150,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive) for the 2007 / 2008 financial year be forwarded to the West Coast Regional Council for inclusion in the 2007 / 2008 Annual Plan."*

J. Clayton / P. Berry - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

T. Kokshoorn asked for an assurance that the bottom end of Cobden would not flood with the cut in place.

W. Moen stated that no such 100% guarantee could be given, however explained that with prudent and regular maintenance very few problems should occur.

Further discussion took place regarding this matter with input from S. Moran, P. Pretorius and P. McConnell.

P. McConnell also pointed out that the level information from two years ago showed that with the cut in place this area would not flood.

P. McConnell also stated that the Cut would need to be cleared in accordance with the Flood Action Plan.

T. Kokshoorn was assured that with the cut in place and clear, that this would move more water than a pump station.

Moved: *"That staff be authorized to carry out any additional associated funding to ensure the integrity of the Cobden Cut if required."*

T. Kokshoorn / J. Clayton - Carried

P. Pretorius queried whether consultation with Iwi would be taking place. Cr Clayton clarified that the works were part of an existing Resource Consent and further consultation was not required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.08 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
18 October 2006