

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL/ WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE HOKITIKA JOINT SEA WALL COMMITTEE
HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2017,
AT WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
WELD STREET, HOKITIKA, COMMENCING AT 4.05 P.M.**

PRESENT:

S. Challenger (Chairman), J. Neale, D. Carruthers, G. Eatwell

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. Beal (WCRC Operations Manager), R. Mallinson (WCRC Corporate Services Manager), D. Inwood (WDC Assets Manager), B. Russ (WCRC Engineer), J. Bainbridge (WDC) arrived 4.17 pm left meeting at 4.25 pm), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

APOLOGIES:

P. McDonnell, R. Reeves, A. Robb

WELCOME

S. Challenger welcomed all present to the meeting and introductions were made.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 22 October 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

The minutes were taken as read. There was no seconder as Cr Challenger was the only person present at the 2015 meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Action points were updated. D. Inwood advised that he was not present at the 2015 meeting. Cr Challenger clarified that the function of the Joint Seawall Committee (JSC) is to maintain the seawall, the groynes north of the seawall (owned by WDC) and to jointly manage the maintenance of the Hokitika foreshore area and its sea protection works. B. Russ displayed a map of this area along with copies of the NIWA report. B. Russ confirmed that he inspects the seawall after each severe weather event. Cr Challenger confirmed that this area was surveyed in 2015. It was noted that cross sections were done last year. Discussion took place on the Good Earth Matters report, it was agreed that copies of this report would be sent to WDC.

J. Bainbridge advised that the river recently near cut through at Sunset Point. There was concern that was a historic dump site in this area. J. Bainbridge advised that there is a significant amount of rubbish in this area including tyres, batteries, old motor vehicles, drums of unknown material, wire rope and other rubbish. J. Bainbridge advised that the majority of the Sunset Point area is heavily contaminated. J. Bainbridge advised that contractors have now filled this area in and compacted. J. Bainbridge stated that this area is tidal. He explained the current situation in this area to the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that the way the loan is structured it is being repaid with equal monthly loan principle instalments. He advised that the loan account will hit its maximum deficit in 2021 and will decline thereafter. The advantage of this type of loan structure is

that there is a saving of over \$100,000 over the term of the loan in interest. R. Mallinson advised that the closing balance in the loan account is \$73,982.02 in deficit. R. Mallinson advised that the closing balance in the maintenance loan is \$44,381.62.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ spoke to this report and advised that no works were carried out during the financial year. He stated that he checks the seawall after heavy seas to see if there has been any damage done. He stated that sand sometimes builds up and is then taken away again. B. Russ stated that it is pleasing to see that the toe was dug in deep enough.

B. Russ inspected the seawall on 15 September and no maintenance works were identified. He stated that the groynes could be topped up but it is difficult to know how effective the groynes are as they trap sand behind them and they keep sinking. B. Russ suggested that nothing is done at the moment.

RATE STRIKE

Discussion took place on the rate strike, Council recommends a maintenance rate strike of \$30,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the financial year is likely to be close to \$60,000. R. Mallinson clarified that there are two separate accounts, the maintenance account and the loan account.

The prudent reserve for this rating district is yet to be set. B. Russ explained that the prudent reserve is usually about 20% of what the assets in the rating district are worth, this usually applies to rivers therefore in the case of a seawall it may be more, the seawall is valued at \$1.8M. B. Russ answered questions from those present. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$30,000 for the 2018 / 2019 financial year. Discussion took place on extending the rating district. R. Mallinson advised that there was a proposal for an E Class classification which would have been a fixed charge per dwelling, which went to the 2015 LTP. R. Mallinson advised that this was not progressed following consideration of submissions from those affected by the proposed Class E. R. Mallinson explained the current capital value classifications to the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Challenger invited discussion on the potential of extending the seawall. He stated that the seawall extends to the end of the ratable properties. Cr Eatwell stated that this matter needs to be presented to WDC's Chief Executive for discussion as there is a risk component to Council. Cr Eatwell commented that the situation with Sunset Point is an issue for WDC. B. Russ stated that this area gets hit harder than other areas during storm events. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with engineering staff from both councils to discuss the area between Sunset Point and the start of the seawall.

D. Inwood raised the matter of damaged stormwater in the area around the seawall. He stated that he is receiving a lot of inquiries regarding this.

Discussion took place on the depth of the toe for the seawall. B. Russ stated that this would be at least 2 – 3 metres deep and there is also a lot of sand up against the seawall which protects it. B. Russ stated that Sunset Point is getting hit continually by waves. B. Russ explained the engineering process taken for the build of the seawall. B. Russ stated that he is keen for both councils to work closer with coastal erosion and river works. Cr Eatwell stated that lack of staff hasn't helped in this area. Further discussion took place. Cr Challenger stated that at the November meeting discussion needs to be had on what needs to be done and who is going to pay for it. R. Mallinson advised that if new capital works are to be carried out then this joint committee would need to make a recommendation to the Regional Council. R. Mallinson explained that the Hokitika Seawall Committee is modelled very similarly to the Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee. It was agreed

that a copy of the Hokitika Seawall Joint Committee agreement would be sent to all Councillors present.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

Action Points:

- B. Russ and D. Inwood to meet prior to Christmas to discuss options for Sunset Point to the seawall area.
- T. Jellyman to send a copy of the Hokitika Seawall Joint Committee agreement to all present.

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Chairman

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Date