

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL & VIA ZOOM, COMMENCING AT 1.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

R. Williams (Chairman), A. Birchfield, J. Cleine, S. Roche, T. Gibson, B. Smith, , L. Coll McLaughlin, P. Madgwick, F Tumahai, L. Martin (joined meeting at 3.00 pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

J. Armstrong (Project Manager), L. Easton, R. Mallinson (WCRC), S. Bastion (WDC), S. Mason (BDC), P. Morris (GDC), T. Jellyman (WCRC)

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded those present that this is a public meeting and members of the public as well as media are welcome to attend. The Chairman welcomed any members of the public who may be viewing the meeting via Council's Facebook page.

APOLOGIES:

Moved (Smith / Cleine) *That the apology from Cr Becker be accepted.*

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Roche / Smith)

That the minutes of the meeting dated 30 July 2020, be confirmed as correct.

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Financial Report

J. Armstrong spoke to this report. R. Mallinson confirmed that the LGC funding of \$200,000 has been received in full. He advised that the surplus is \$92,083.

J. Armstrong advised that the surplus can be used to fund research. R. Mallinson confirmed that the surplus is able to be carried forward. R. Mallinson advised that the targeted rate income can only be spent on the TTPP.

Moved (Roche / Smith)

Carried

Project Manager Update

J. Armstrong spoke to this report. J. Armstrong stated that the workshops held recently were well received. She stated that the need to have SNA's identified is key to the development of infrastructure.

J. Armstrong continued to discuss **SNAs** advising that the desktop results are expected in February.

The possibility of receiving some funding from **Jobs for Nature** was discussed. J. Armstrong is hopeful of establishing some positions for West Coasters through this funding. She stated that an application has been prepared in partnership with the West Coast Regional Council to employ an ecologist and land managers to work with and advise landowners. Also included is a funding request to support landowners with fencing, planting and pest control, plus a student holiday job programme which it is hoped would encourage students

to work on the West Coast once their studies are complete. It is planned to submit the application to the West Coast alliance to advance it for central government funding.

The new **NES for Freshwater** was also discussed in relation to the funding. L. Easton confirmed that since the last meeting the government has put out its NES for Freshwater. She stated that this will be the primary driver of what needs to be done for wetlands on the West Coast and the rest of the country. She advised that all wetlands that are identified in the Regional Plan, are to be fenced. This is different to what is in the Regional Plan at the moment and this is outside of the TTPP as wetlands are not going to be regulated by the TTPP.

The Chairman requested that J. Armstrong sends out information to everyone to ensure all concerned understand what is being applied for.

J. Armstrong stated that the district council chief executives met with Development West Coast and Local DoC management last week. DWC were asked to support TTPP financially, particularly for studies to evaluate the economic benefits of various activities. She advised that DoC are available to help with in kind assistance, but have not offered financial support. This would include staff time and providing research and records for TTPP use.

J. Armstrong, L. Easton and L. Sadler met with DoC and MfE staff managing the **NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity** work. They have now finished summarizing submissions, and will begin analysing the results. WCRC are seeking a carve out of the West Coast to exclude it from NPSIB provisions, since we have such a high proportion of Conservation land here. The Doc Staff said this was a matter for Minister Mahuta to decide.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Minister in charge in October.

Mayor Smith asked if DoC is prepared to fund evaluation of stewardship land. L. Easton responded that in kind support has been offered but not money. Mayor Smith stated that nobody is in favour of DoC using ratepayer money to fund DoC land.

L. Easton answered questions relating to identification of SNA's.

Moved (Williams / Tumahai)

Carried

Technical Update – Special Purpose Zones: Approach

L. Easton spoke to this report. She answered numerous questions relating to airports, airfields and precinct's, along with questions about the re-zoning of areas in Hokitika, Seaview and Kaniere.

The Chairman stated that if this Plan is to go through until 2040 it is important that everyone thinks ahead.

L. Easton answered questions about the hospital zone and Maori purpose zone, and offered to hold a workshop. Mayor Gibson stated that a workshop would be beneficial.

Moved (Birchfield / Cleine)

1. *That the Committee receives the report.*

2. *That the Committee provide feedback on the proposed approach to Special Purpose Zones.*

Carried

Technical Overview – Financial Contributions: Approach

L. Easton spoke to this report. She explained the difference between financial contributions under the RMA and development contributions under the LGA which were introduced in 2002. She provided extensive background information. L. Easton advised that if these are to be kept in the Plan, then we need to be very clear and specific about costs likely to be incurred. L. Easton advised that off setting compensation is proposed for the TTPP as a useful tool for SNA's.

S. Bastion stated that it is good to finally have a district plan review. L. Easton explained 49 (d). S Mason agreed with S. Bastion. P. Morris stated that as many financial contributions should be sought as possible. L. Easton explained how this would be managed and stated that provisions that are specific to each district will be required.

L. Easton answered questions and provided extensive advice.

Cr Coll McLaughlin stated that she appreciates the videos as they provide additional information.

Moved (Cleine / Birchfield)

1. *That the Committee receive the report*

2. *That the Committee provide feedback on the proposed approach to Financial Contributions.*

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.18 pm on 13 August and reconvened on 25 August at 1.00 pm

APOLOGIES:

Moved (Gibson / Martin) *That the apologies from F. Tumahai, P. Madgwick, and Mayor Smith be accepted.*
Carried

Te Tai o Poutini Plan – Poutini Ngai Tahu Cultural Landscapes

L. Easton advised that this report will be brought to the next meeting. R. Mallinson (Acting CEO, West Coast Regional Council) had previously advised The Chairman that this item had been removed from the agenda.

Technical Update – General Residential Zone Rules

L. Easton spoke to this report and answered questions from those present. Extensive discussion took place around commercial activities in the residential zone and providing for these as a Discretionary Activity as well as the possibility of recognizing seasonal businesses. The rules around visitor accommodation were discussed and it was agreed that more information needs to come back to the Committee on this matter including the implications of building consent standards for these. L. Easton advised that another paper with definitions, across all the zones, (Building Act included) to work through the options, will be brought back to the committee.

Moved (Birchfield / Cleine)

- 1. That the Committee receive the report*
- 2. That the Committee provide feedback on the draft Permitted Activity performance standards and Rules for the General Residential Zone.*

Carried

Technical Update – General Industrial Zone Rule

L. Easton spoke to this report. There was a discussion about Sergeants Hill Industrial Area, standard GIZ - R1 in relation to visibility of external storage, the size of antenna dishes and blasting.

- 1. That the Committee receive the report*
- 2. That the Committee provide feedback on the draft Permitted Activity performance standards and Rules for the General Industrial Zone.*

Moved (Martin / Becker)

Carried

Technical Update – Natural Heritage Strategic Direction

L. Easton spoke to this report. Cr Coll-McLaughlin asked that Objective 1 be amended to include Poutini Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga.

- 1. That the Committee receive the report*
- 2. That the Committee provide feedback on the proposed approach to the Strategic Direction for Natural Heritage.*

Cr Roche left the meeting at 2.14 pm and returned at 2.18pm

Moved (Cleine / Gibson)

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Press Release: It was agreed that a press release would be written and sent at the conclusion of each meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.20 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Friday 11 September commencing at 10.00 a.m. And the following one on Friday 25 September at 12.30pm

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Chairman

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Date

Action Points

- Press Release

Meeting Dates for 2020

- Thursday 25 September (Buller District Council)
- Thursday 29 October (Grey District Council)
- Tuesday 24 November (West Coast Regional Council)
- Wednesday 14 December (Westland District Council)