

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10 JULY 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.38 A.M.

PRESENT:

J. Clayton (Chairman), B. Chinn, D. Shannahan, D. Davidson, R. Scarlett, P. Ewen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), A. Macalister (Vector Programme Manager – Arrived at 11.42 am and Departed at 11.56 am), J. Butcher (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Shannahan/Davidson) That the minutes of the Council Meeting 13 June 2006 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Moved (Shannahan/Davidson) That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2006 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

Cr. Ewen asked that the 13 June meeting minutes be changed to reflect an apology from him, as he was stuck in snow whilst trying to return to the meeting and unable to contact Council with his apology.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

S. Moran presented this report, including special mention of the emergency works undertaken at the Taramakau Settlement Rating District river protection, the change of the meeting date for the Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee to better coincide with the other Rating District Annual General Meetings and an overview of the current Buller flood mitigation consultation process.

Cr. Clayton asked if Council staff were satisfied that the consultative proposal is complete on the Buller flood mitigation.

S. Moran indicated that the NIWA report was comprehensive with extensive direction on the mitigation requirements but other issues, such as costs, would have to be established and it was his suggestion that this be a two-stage process, with community consultation and then a detailed investigation. C. Ingle suggested that some of these issues would be discussed at a meeting with representatives of the Buller District Council and Regional Council staff to be held tomorrow in Westport.

Councillors embarked on a brief discussion regarding the lack of response from the Mawhera Corporation in relation to the Greymouth Floodwall land ownership issue.

Moved (Davidson/Shannahan) That this report be received.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Macalister spoke to this report, "taking as read", but giving an overview of the general comments section and also showing Councillors a PDA that will be trialed for more efficient data capture.

Cr. Clayton suggested that the innovations currently being used by the Vector Programme team were positive and the ongoing performance failures were a reflection of the improved controls put in place.

Cr. Ewen commented on the significance of the Karamea Stoat Survey findings and asked if the collected information could be "tied" in with other national surveys. A. Macalister spoke briefly on the survey requirements and expectations.

Moved (Davidson/Shannahan) That this report be received.

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson presented this report, with a brief overview of the individual comments.

Cr. Ewen asked what the Audit New Zealand charges would be for the Annual Report audit. R. Mallinson indicated that this would be in the order of \$53,000 + disbursements.

Cr. Scarlett requested further information on the \$200,000 extra working capital that was required due to the Animal Health programme. R. Mallinson indicated that invoicing and payment was in a timely manner but that the financial year-end peak of expenditure on the AHB programme required this extra working capital, and that this amount should be retired by the end of July 2006.

Moved (Davidson/Shannahan) That this report be received.

Carried

4.4 SETTING OF RATES FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2006 TO 30 JUNE 2007

R. Mallinson overviewed this report.

Councillors made no comment on this report.

Moved (Ewen/Davidson)

That the West Coast Regional Council:

1. Set rates for the year 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, as per pages 80 to 85 of the Long Term Council Community Plan, which was adopted at the Council meeting on 27 June 2006.
2. That the due date for the first installment to be 20 August 2006 and the final date for payment will be 20 October 2006.
3. That the due date for the second installment to be 20 February 2007 and the final date for payment will be 20 April 2007.
4. Pursuant to Sections 57 (1) and 58 (1) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Council will add a 10% penalty to amounts not paid by the nominated final dates for payment, and a further 10% penalty on all accumulated rate arrears as at 1 July 2007.

Carried

4.5 BUTLERS ROCK DEPOSIT MINING PERMIT

S. Moran presented this report, indicating that Councillors at the Quarry Workshop had discussed this issue previously.

Councillors embarked on a discussion regarding this rock deposit permit; including points regarding the permit conditions, change of landowner, possible bond increases and negotiations with the landowner. Cr. Chinn expressed his concern at the landowner's ability to plant on this permitted area but conceded that the use of the Camelback Quarry for future requirements was an adequate option.

Moved (Shannahan/Ewen) That Council relinquish the Butlers Rock Deposit mining permit.

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

J. Clayton gave a verbal Chairman's report, indicating that the two main topics had both been discussed already in this meeting. These topics included the Joint Floodwall Committee and Westroads/Blaketown residents meetings.

Moved (Clayton/Shannahan) That the Chairman's verbal report be received.

Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle overviewed this report with in depth coverage of the meetings attended. Special mention was made on the Westroads/Blaketown beach residents meeting and the results.

Councillors had a prolonged discussion on the Blaketown beach issue, this included Cr. Chinn's belief that Westroads should not be unfairly treated and should immediately recommence gravel extraction, Westroads communication to residents, actual affected parties, resident's issues with erosion versus the crushing plant, current gravel build-ups, lack of relevant information from Westroads, coastal movement of gravel from the South, Council responsibilities, improvement of processes for monitoring gravel moved, Westroads lack of compliance with profiling and coastal marine status.

Moved (Davidson/Chinn) That Westroads be allowed to recommence gravel extraction from the Blaketown Northern licence that has adequate gravel excess and surveys.

Cr. Clayton spoke to this motion, suggesting that the information supplied at the Westroads/Blaketown residents meeting was not adequate enough to give confidence to agree with this motion. Council is working with the Company to get this extra information. Cr. Ewen stated that he was guided by the attendees to the meeting and Cr. Shannahan suggested that this was a progressive process and required a work programme that was fair and equitable. C. Ingle indicated that funding had been applied for, to access a coastal expert from NIWA, to provide an updated picture on how the coastal gravel replenishment etc worked.

The motion was put to the vote with affirmatives from Cr. Chinn, Cr. Davidson and Cr Scarlett, negative votes from Cr. Ewen, Cr. Shannahan and a negative casting vote from Cr. Clayton. The motion was lost with no further discussion.

Cr. Scarlett expressed his dismay at the selection of the Sustainable Water Panel that did not include a representative from the West Coast, which has the highest volume of fresh water. Cr. Clayton suggested that both Taranaki and the Waikato were represented and these areas had similar water issues to the West Coast, and also that the selection may have been based on areas that have limited water difficulties. Resources should be allocated to the submission process.

Moved (Shannahan/Chinn) That this report be received.

Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.39 p.m.

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