

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JULY 2007, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.32 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), A. Macalister (Vector Programme Manager), T Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

#### **1. APOLOGIES:**

**Moved** (Clayton / Ewen) that the apology from R. Scarlett be accepted.

*Carried*

#### **2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)**

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** (Ewen / Davidson) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 12 June 2007 be confirmed as correct.

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. REPORTS:**

##### **4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS**

S. Moran spoke to his report noting the replenishment of stockpiles in the Wanganui Quarry.

Cobden Cut: During the rain event of the 29<sup>th</sup> of June the Cobden cut was opened as a precautionary measure on the Friday night but was not required.

S. Moran updated Council on quarry works. The Council Seal was used three times during the reporting period. For the signing off esplanade reserve land at Okuru and finalising two contracts with the Ministry for the Environment. One is for the disposal of agrichemicals and the second for the contribution from the Ministry for the Lake Brunner water sampling project.

S. Moran advised that the Okuru Rating District has a consent application to construct a seawall further downstream from the existing wall. If the wall is not built, the resource consent will be transferred back to WCRC to ensure the rating district is not disadvantaged by this action.

**Moved** (Davidson / Chinn) that this report be received.

*Carried*

##### **4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Macalister spoke to his report stating that this is a busy time of year with it being the end of the financial year. He advised that at the end of the 2006 / 07 year there was around \$85,000 of carry forward which is a good result and substantially better than last

year. More contractors in the market and aerial operations starting earlier ensured the programme has been delivered on time.

Target Pest's receivership has made for a busy time with the termination of their contracts and re-tendering some of their work. A. Macalister reported that one of the new contractors in the market – Hunta Services is made up mainly of ex Target Pest Staff who have worked with VM in the past.

Barrytown aerial contract has been pre-fed. The toxic drop is on standby and will take place once the wind drops.

**Moved** (Ewen / Davidson) that this report be received.

*Carried*

#### **4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that this is for the eleven month period. He stated that the budget variances are similar to those previously reported. A positive financial result for the full 12 months is expected and will be reported to the August meeting.

**Moved** (Shannahan / Chinn) that this report be received.

*Carried*

##### **4.3.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BENCHMARKS AND TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION RANGES**

R. Mallinson asked Forsyth Barr to review these matters and passed on their advice to Council.

**Moved** (Chinn / Davidson)

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Council Investment Policy be amended to provide for amendments to the strategic benchmarks and tactical asset allocation ranges as shown in the above "Proposed July 2007" table.*

*Carried*

##### **4.3.2. SETTING OF RATES FOR 2007 / 08 YEAR**

R. Mallinson overviewed this report.

**Moved** (Ewen / Shannahan)

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council set rates for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in accordance with the Annual Plan approved on 12 June 2007.*

*First Installment: Due Date 1 September 2007. Final date for payment 20 October 2007.*

*Second Installment: Due Date 1 March 2008. Final date for payment 20 April 2008.*

*Carried*

##### **4.3.3. COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised Council that KPMG in Christchurch were engaged to assist with this process. He advised that this whole process has been subject to audit sign off by Audit New Zealand and this is to take place some time this month.

**Moved** (Shannahan / Davidson)

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That this report be received.*

*Carried*

**5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

C. Ingle spoke to his report and spoke of the various meetings he attended during the reporting period. Flood management experts from the North Island visited to discuss flood hazard management on the West Coast. This was fully funded by the Ministry for the Environment. C. Ingle stated this was a very useful visit and most relevant to issues on the West Coast. The report regarding this matter is expected to arrive next week. Union negotiations have been completed for the year. Managers are busy with staff appraisals over the next month.

C. Ingle met with Kevin Hague of the West Coast District Health Board to discuss health matters, which relate to environmental quality. This was a very useful meeting. Poor air quality can result in respiratory illness particularly in areas like Reefton. C. Ingle stated that it is encouraging to work on projects like this together rather than separately.

**Moved** (Shannahan / Chinn) that this report be received.

*Carried*

**5 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

Cr Clayton reported that it has been a fairly quiet month with the main issue being the visit from Al Morrison (Director General of the Department of Conservation) which was discussed during the RMC meeting.

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.57 a.m.

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