

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25 MAY 2007, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 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), J. Woods (Submitter) T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Clayton / Davidson) That the apology from Cr. Scarlett be accepted.

Carried

2. ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman explained that this meeting was to hear submissions on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2007/08 after which, Councillors will discuss the submissions and decisions would be made at a later date.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Submissions on the Draft Annual Plan

West Coast Commercial Gold Miners Association Inc. (John Wood)

Mr John Wood presented this submission to the Council, on behalf of the West Coast Commercial Gold Miner's Association Inc. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and highlighted the following points:

- Has concerns regarding the costs of staff. He considers this cost to be jumping dramatically. He feels these costs are being loaded onto applicants of resource consents and end users.
- Concern that whitebait stand compliance has increased. He is concerned that there will be more monitoring in this area.
- Dairy Farm Monitoring. Mr Wood feels the budget for this has jumped up and is being heavily subsidised.
- Concern with costs of consent applications being passed onto applicants.

C. Ingle apologised that there was no mention in the Draft Annual Plan explaining whitebait stand compliance. This has previously been accounted for in the Compliance monitoring budget. This has been separated out with no increase in monitoring. R. Mallinson confirmed that this is a flat fee for 10-year consent applications.

C. Ingle stated that the inspection fee for dairy shed compliance has not changed. Cr Clayton confirmed that farm visits are done at in bulk in particular areas.

Cr Ewen queried the price for compliance for whitebait stands. C. Ingle confirmed this is unchanged at \$80.

In reply to a question on the increase in consent enquiries budget, R. Mallinson advised that as a result of changes to regional plans, consents staff are receiving more enquiries especially on those that are considered a permitted activity. Staff are more actively advising prospective consent applicants and assisting with applications.

Cr Chinn stated that during the course of dairy inspections that farmers are also seeking advice on other matters. C. Ingle stated that up to half an hour's advice / time is absorbed into cost of the inspection visit.

Mr Wood stated that alluvial gold miners are delighted with the relationship with the Regional Council these days. He stated that this has improved tremendously over the past few years.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wood for his submission.

Paul Elwell-Sutton

Cr Clayton tabled this submission noting that the submitter wants Council to only invest in funds complying with UN Principals of Responsible Investment.

Moved (Davidson / Ewen) That Council receive this written submission for consideration.

Carried

Douglas & Christine Banks

Cr Clayton tabled this submission. R. Mallinson remind Council of the survey sent out to ratepayers regarding how the Joint Greymouth Floodwall Rating District operates. The result of the survey indicated that > 80% of respondents are happy with how this is rating district is managed.

Moved (Chinn / Davidson) That Council receive this written submission for consideration.

Carried

Guardians of Paroa Taramakau Coastal Area Trust

Cr Clayton tabled this submission noting that the submitters are seeking increased water quality monitoring of Paroa Lagoon, Saltwater Creek to New River.

Cr Davidson suggested that water monitoring begins in this area. S. Moran will consult with this group to ensure this process is commenced.

Moved (Shannahan / Davidson) That Council receive this written submission for consideration.

Carried

The Chairman indicated that the submissions would be considered at a workshop following this special meeting and the recommendations presented at the next Council meeting on the 12th June 2007.

The meeting closed at 11.58a.m.

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Chairman

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Date