

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 APRIL 2008,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.23 A.M.**

PRESENT:

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, B. Chinn, D. Davidson, A. Robb, T. Archer, A. Birchfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no presentation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Davidson / Robb) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 11 March 2008 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

R. Mallinson requested that two late items regarding the Adoption of the Draft Annual Plan and the Quarry Pricing Structure be available for Councillor consultation.

Moved (Archer / Ewen) that the late items as requested by R. Mallinson be formally added to the agenda for the April Council meeting.

Carried

REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

S. Moran took his report as read but drew attention to the table of total for rock movement stating that this is incorrect. The correct figure for rock used is 5060 and for rock in quarry the correct figure is 16,438.

Cr Chinn queried whether the tender to be let for the future works at the Wanganui quarry would be based on the new or old rock price. S. Moran advised that this rock is from the stockpile on the riverbank therefore it would be at the old price.

The second (tabled) report recommended new rock prices to take effect after 1 July 2008.

Quarry	Rock Price per tonne	Rubble Price per tonne
Karamea (Miedema's)	\$6.00	\$1.00
Blackball	\$10.00	\$1.00
Kiwi	\$10.00	\$1.00
Inchbonnie	\$10.00	\$1.00
Camelback	\$10.00	\$1.00
Wanganui	\$12.50	\$2.00
Wanganui Stockpile	\$16.00	-
Whataroa	\$11.00	\$2.00
Okuru	\$11.00	\$1.00
Decorative Stone	\$18.00 per tonne	

Moved (Archer /Birchfield) that the reports be received and the rock prices be set as indicated above.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

C. Pullen spoke to his report. He advised that all contracts for 2007 / 2008 have been awarded and are presently being undertaken. There have been no failures to date. C. Pullen advised that 95% of the programme should be complete by the end of the financial year. He advised that the good weather has helped with both aerial and ground control programmes. The planning for the 2008 / 2009 vector programme is progressing well.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that the results are similar to those reported at the March meeting. He spoke of various highlights in this report including the value of the investment portfolio declined by a further \$24,000. R. Mallinson commented that it is encouraging to see overseas markets now starting to rise during April. He spoke of the continuing positive budget variances amounting to \$174,000. He advised that the second rate installment date is the 20th of April.

R. Mallinson was congratulated on being awarded the Society of Local Government Managers Overseas Manager Exchange to the USA.

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

Carried

4.3.1 EIGHT MONTH REVIEW OF 2007 / 2008 ANNUAL PLAN

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and took it as read. Cr Archer passed on his compliments to staff on a good result. C. Ingle stated that by having these reports enables management to track progress. Cr Birchfield commented that it is pleasing to see resource consents being processed so promptly and that Council is performing well.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

4.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and advised that he has met with consultants working for EECA (Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority). This was to discuss preparation of a strategy for the development of renewable energy sources for the West Coast. C. Ingle likened this to a stocktake of the opportunities for renewable energy for the future. It is hoped that when this

project is complete the information will be used by energy companies to look at the best options for them.

C. Ingle advised that he met with Keith Brodie from Minerals West Coast to discuss the minerals resource assessment for the region. Mr Brodie is talking with Development West Coast to get funding to further this matter. This will allow an overview as to where these resources are and to make sure that inappropriate planning impediments are not put in the way of developing these resources.

C. Ingle met with the CEO of Westland District Council. Local topics were discussed to ensure that both councils are heading in the same direction with these matters.

C. Ingle accompanied Cr Ewen to meet with Hon. Trevor Mallard in Hokitika to discuss local issues.

C. Ingle attended the Transit Hearing in Hokitika relating to Transit's 10 year draft plan where he complimented them on the Arahura Bridge development. C. Ingle advised that this is one of Transit's major projects in New Zealand and that the West Coast is doing well in the transport area by lobbying Transit to get these projects on the national books. He advised that there is a strategy being developed for passing opportunities on the West Coast.

C. Ingle reported that Transit is merging the LTNZ very shortly.

C. Ingle reported that council's IT Strategy that has been developed. This was a very useful process to gain a longterm overview as to what Council's needs are for the future.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chairman reported that he attended a "Relationships with the Chief Executive" Forum in Wellington in March. He stated that the forum was for all Mayors and Chairs. This was a very useful and well attended forum.

Moved (Scarlett / Archer) *that this report be received.*

Carried

LATE ITEM

ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09 FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

- 1. That Council adopt the Draft Annual Plan for public consultation.*
- 2. That submissions from the public be received up till 5.00 pm Friday 16 May 2008.*
- 3. That Council hold public hearings on Friday 23 May 2008 commencing at 10.30 a.m.*
- 4. That the Annual Plan be confirmed by Council, following consideration of public submissions, at the Council meeting on Tuesday 10 June.*

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.47 a.m

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Chairman

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