

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 JULY 2010, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.09 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance 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** (Archer / Birchfield) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 8 June 2010, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

S. Moran spoke to his report advising that the contract for the Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade is now complete with a few minor matters to be tidied up to complete this task due to working in with the dredging contractor. S. Moran advised that the annual inspections of rating districts are being carried out during July in preparation for the annual meetings scheduled for September.

S. Moran advised that there has been quite a bit of rock from Council quarries used during May and work needs to be done in these quarries to replenish rock supplies.

S. Moran drew attention to the report from Dr Graeme Smart from NIWA regarding New River. Dr Smart visited this area to identify potential risks due to the movement of the mouth. S. Moran advised that the history of the mouth of New River at Paroa is that it moves north for a while then at some point it will move south again somewhere between the Taramakau River and wherever its northern most mouth has been. S. Moran advised that there is no way of telling when or where that would happen but it will open to the south again. S. Moran advised that Dr Smart sees the main risk at the moment being if for some reason the mouth came back 100 metres landward through the dune and drops into one of the old river channels and then it could migrate a lot faster north than what it currently has been and could affect properties. S. Moran advised that the local people that Dr Smart spoke with have been given a copy of his report. S. Moran stated it is now up to the community to see if they want to go ahead with works to manage the issue. Cr Davidson asked if DoC would be opposed to the opening of the river mouth. S. Moran responded that this river mouth is in the Coastal Plan Change and it is permitted to open up this river mouth if it is closed. S. Moran advised that to open up the mouth further south would be a consent matter. S. Moran advised that

the mouth is going to migrate north over time unless deliberate engineering is done to keep it in one place. He stated that costs are involved with all the different options and the community that is going to benefit from the works would need to pay for the works to be done. Cr Scarlett stated that the report is here and it is now up for consultation for the community to decide what they would like to do. Cr Ewen stated that the costs associated with any engineering would not necessarily be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and it could be in the tens of thousands.

S. Moran stated that this report is just an overview of the risks and is not an engineering report.

Cr Birchfield stated that there is concern in the Paroa area about potential flooding. He feels there must be provision for the council to take action to sort this out under the RMA under emergency work. S. Moran advised there is provision for emergency works if there is a structure under threat that the Council has financial responsibility for. He advised that in the case of coastal erosion that is threatening a road then NZTA would be able to do the works and then apply for a retrospective resource consent. Cr Archer stated that there has to be infrastructure in place that is likely to be compromised. Cr Birchfield requested that a report is brought back to the next Council meeting recommending where the preferred outlet would be. Cr Davidson supports this idea. S. Moran advised that he could provide a report based on the options in the back of Dr Smart's report but a full engineer's report and design is generally done once a rating district is formed and they agree to pay for the report. Cr Davidson stated that only a few people are affected on the western side and people on the eastern side may not want to pay into a rating district. Cr Birchfield agreed that there might not be enough people to form a rating district. He feels the Council should get in and do the work under emergency works. Cr Scarlett asked if it could be done under emergency works. S. Moran responded that this Council could not do the work under emergency works, as there are no council assets affected. S. Moran advised that the report he brings back to the next meeting would give the community some indication of what a permanent solution might cost and what an alternative solution may cost.

Cr Chinn advised that Mr Jon Sullivan of Harihari has a quantity of floaters on his freehold land that could be used in the Wanganui Rating District. Cr Chinn stated that he has inspected the area with Mr John Stewart from the rating district committee and the rock is within easy access and available. Mr Sullivan has invited council staff to visit Mr Sullivan to discuss this further.

**Moved** (Robb / Chinn) *that the report be received.*

*Carried*

## **5.1 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this is for the 11 month's up to the end of May. He reported that there is a surplus of \$1.164M prior to the Greymouth Floodwall Upgrade costs. R. Mallinson advised that council has now fully drawn down the borrowing for the floodwall. He advised that the investment portfolio returned just under 9% for the 11 months but it is expected this will come a little further to the end of June. R. Mallinson stated that there were net positive budget variances amounting to \$180,000 during the reporting period. R. Mallinson is confident that the full 12 month result will not be dissimilar to what has been previously reported. R. Mallinson advised that his main emphasis of work is on the end of the financial year, financial statements and the Annual Report. He advised that a draft Annual Report would be put to the September meeting.

R. Mallinson drew attention to the use of the Council Seal for the extension of the multi option credit line with Westpac to 1 July 2011 and for the DoC funding grant of \$84,000 for work with wetland landowners. Cr Scarlett stated that this is a very good financial result. Cr Davidson asked R. Mallinson if we are still behind following on from the recession. R. Mallinson responded that we have recovered and made some gains.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.1 INSURANCE RENEWALS 2010 / 11**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report advising that this renewal is pursuant to Council's risk management policy and is now renewed until 2011.

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

*Carried*

**5.1.2 SETTING OF RATES FOR 2010 / 11**

R. Mallinson spoke to this report.

**Moved** (Robb / Archer)

1. *That Council set rates for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 as per the Funding Impact Statement contained on pages 39 – 45 of the 2010/11 Annual Plan.*
2. *As per the 2010/11 Annual Plan, there are two instalments:*
  - *The first instalment is due on 1 September 2010 with a 10% penalty date of 20 October 2010 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.*
  - *The second instalment is due on 1 March 2011 with a 10% penalty date of 20 April 2011 as per sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA 2002.*
  - *A further 10% penalty will be charged on all accumulated rate arrears as at 1 July 2011.*

*Carried*

**6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

There was no report this month due to C. Ingle being on annual leave.

**7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)**

The Chairman reported that it has been a very quiet month. He chaired the recent Mayors and Chairs forum meeting which was hosted by this Council. Cr Scarlett advised that the Chief Executive is currently on annual leave and will be returning later this month.

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

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.28 a.m.

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