

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 MAY 2016, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.53 A.M.

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, T. Archer, A. Birchfield, N. Clementson, S. Challenger

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), G. McCormack (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), N. Costley (Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Challenger / Ewen) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 12 April 2016, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and stated that the consultation for Buller River Flood Protection is slightly behind schedule due to a heavy workload in other areas. He advised that the first part of the communication plan which will be a series of drop in sessions for the public to discuss the work that the committee has done will be held in June / July. Morning and night time sessions will be held and following these sessions this information will be brought back to council.

M. Meehan reported that survey work is being done for the northern extension to the Punakaiki seawall. He advised that an independent engineer has been on site to investigate fair apportionments for the extension. This information will be sent out to the rating district in the next few days.

M. Meehan reported that the long term strategy for the Waiho River is currently being worked through. He stated that LIDAR has been flown and further data from this is awaited. M. Meehan advised that Hon Nick Smith is visiting the area this Friday along with people from DoC, Westland District Council and elected members from the region and himself. M. Meehan advised that this visit will provide an opportunity to discuss the future growth for Franz Josef and to discuss matters that will impact on the growth of this area such as Westland District Council's oxidation ponds and stormwater issues.

M. Meehan advised that the Neils Beach consultation work will be emailed out to Councillors once the work for Punakaiki has been dealt with.

M. Meehan advised that there are good stockpiles of rock in Council quarries at the moment.

Moved (Ewen / Challenger) *That this report is received.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this is the nine month report until the end of March. R. Mallinson advised that this has been a very challenging year with the operating deficit for the nine month period being over \$600,000 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$324,000. Cr Archer stated that it is good to see that the investment portfolio rebounded by \$240,000 during March. He asked R. Mallinson if he expected a rebound for April as well. R. Mallinson confirmed an increase during April, but not as good as the rebound experienced in March. R. Mallinson reminded Councillors that Westpac would be making their annual presentation to Council at the completion of today's meeting. R. Mallinson advised that he will request that Westpac increases Council's multi option credit line especially if borrowing is required for works in Franz Josef and Punakaiki. R. Mallinson answered various questions from Councillors.

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

Carried

4.2.1 2016 LGNZ EXCELLENCE AWARDS APPLICATION

N. Costley spoke to this report and advised that LGNZ hold these awards each year to recognise and celebrate excellence performance regarding community engagement, environmental impact, cultural vibrancy and overall value and service deliver. N. Costley advised that with the work Council has done in the Lake Brunner catchment is a show case piece. She stated that Council's application is attached to her report. Winners will be announced at the LGNZ conference dinner in July. Cr Archer passed on is congratulations to staff whom have had an input into the lodging of the application. He stated this is a very good report and he wished Council well at the awards. Cr McDonnell endorsed Cr Archer's comments.

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *That this report be received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and took it as read.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and stated that this is his last report for Council. C. Ingle thanked everyone present and their predecessors for supporting him during his tenure as Chief Executive. C. Ingle stated that he has found this to be a very rewarding experience and he has appreciated the support of Councillors and staff.

C. Ingle stated that he had a very positive meeting with the Minister of Local Government on 28 April. C. Ingle advised that this was a very good opportunity to inform the Minister of the very good, collaborative work currently being done with the district councils.

C. Ingle advised that Tanya Winter, Chief Executive of Westland District Council will now be chairing the Civil Defence Coordinating Executive Group. He advised the civil defence joint committee met yesterday and approved the Group Plan for its five year review.

C. Ingle reported that the Productivity Commission met with the Regional CEO's group last week. He stated this is a very good group and worth keeping an eye on. He stated that this group works well between local and central government. C. Ingle stated that he completed an online survey relating to urban planning as the commission is seeking a balanced view this.

C. Ingle stated that he has asked N. Costley to become involved with work relating to the Growth Study and the work that the Governance Group is doing. C. Ingle stated that the Growth Study is a big opportunity for the region over the next nine months or so.

C. Ingle reported that Council has once again attained tertiary standard for the ACC Workplace Safety Management Practice. This entitles Council to a 20% discount on its ACC levies. He thanked the Council's health and safety committee for their efforts in this area.

C. Ingle advised that he has updated the Delegations Manual. He circulated an updated version of the Delegations Manual and spoke to the changes made including changes to section numbers. Extensive discussion took place on the changes. Cr Birchfield stated that he is not in favour of prosecution decisions being made by staff. He stated that he was against this in 2011 and he is still against it as he feels that prosecution decisions should be made by the elected Councillors. Cr Birchfield stated that at the next triennial meeting he will be voting against this matter again. Cr Archer raised a Point of Order. Cr Archer stated that to change a resolution of the Council in the past; a Notice of Motion is required with the appropriate signatures to address the matter. Cr Archer stated that there is not a Notice of Motion in front of Council at the moment. The Chairman stated that at the moment the Delegations Manual is being updated to support the policy that is in place. The Chairman advised Cr Birchfield to bring a Notice of Motion to the meeting if he wants to change the policy. Cr Archer stated that any resolution that has been made by Council in the past can be changed by a report provided by the Chairman or the Chief Executive or by a Notice of Motion signed by councilors.

Discussion took place on the process for obtaining quotes for emergency works in rating districts as set out in the Delegations Manual. M. Meehan advised that verbal quotes are obtained over the phone. He stated that quotes from three firms are obtained. If urgent work is needed, an attempt should be made to get three quotes, at minimum verbally. If contractors are not available at short notice then quotes from those that are available will suffice.

It was agreed that copies of the Health and Safety Audit would be emailed to Councillors.

Moved (Ewen / Archer)

1. *That this report is received.*
2. *That the attached Delegations Manual be adopted, with changes to include the prosecution decision-making clause on page 12 (5338 RMA) containing the policy set by Council in February 2012, and also including a footnote on page 15 in relation to getting prices for rock work in urgent situations.*

*Cr Birchfield against
Carried*

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked C. Ingle for his efforts as Chief Executive over the past ten years. The Chairman stated that C. Ingle is leaving this Council in a very healthy state. He wished C. Ingle well for his position at Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Cr Archer stated that C. Ingle has done a lot of work behind the scenes in raising the West Coast Regional Council's profile on a national basis. Cr Archer stated that having C. Ingle volunteer to chair and participate in national panels has to be commended. Cr Birchfield agreed with Cr Archer and stated that it is very pleasing to see the consent process working better these days. Cr McDonnell stated that as a first time Councillor he has appreciated C. Ingle's assistance in presenting information and explaining matters at meetings or on the phone. Cr McDonnell wished C. Ingle well. Cr Clementson agreed with Cr McDonnell's comments. C. Ingle thanked Councillors for their kind words and stated that so long as Councillors continue to support the work staff are doing, it makes his job easier.

Cr Challenger put in his apologies in advance for next month's meeting.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

That the above amendment be made to the confidential agenda page.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

.....
Chairman

.....
Date