

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2018, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.43 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science and Innovation Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

1. APOLOGY:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 12 November 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Ewen expressed concern that the tender documents for Blackball and Kiwi Quarry did not contain information from the Terrafirma report.

REPORTS:

4.1 ONE DISTRICT PLAN PROJECT

H. Mills spoke to this report and took it as read. M. Meehan advised that the likely term for the Joint Committee is around two years and will overlap with next year's Local Body Elections. The Chairman called for nominations for the Transitional Board and Joint Committee. Cr Challenger put his name forward, he was nominated by Cr Ewen and seconded by Cr Clementson. Cr Archer put his name forward. He was seconded by Cr Birchfield. Each candidate spoke to their nomination. A vote took place and Cr Challenger was duly elected to the Transitional Board and Joint Committee.

Moved (Clementson / Ewen)

- 1. That the report is received.*
- 2. That Council appoints Cr Challenger to the Transitional Board and Joint Committee for the Joint District Plan.*

Carried

4.2 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report in R. Beal's absence. M. Meehan stated that a survey is about to be sent out to the Carters Beach community following the recent community meeting. M. Meehan suggested that the survey includes an option as to whether or not the community wishes to form a rating district as an initial for step, and if they do, wish option of protection would they like to proceed with. M. Meehan is concerned that expectations of the community will be raised and time wasted if the survey does not include the rating district option as any work will need to be funded by the community by way of a rating district.

M. Meehan answered questions from Councillors relating to Rapahoe, the Hokitika Seawall and the Greymouth Floodwall.

Cr Archer stated there is a lot of concern from Carters Beach ratepayers that they could possibly be expected to pay for protection work to an area of conservation land which is the domain. Discussion took place around funding of works and community expectations. It was agreed that further information on the costs of options would be included in the survey.

Moved (Ewen / Archer) *that the report is received.*

Carried

4.3 RATING DISTRICT LIAISON MEETINGS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report. Cr Challenger drew attention to two minor typographical errors in the rating district minutes.

Moved (Birchfield / Challenger)

1. *That the report is received.*

2. *That the rate strikes recommended be placed in the next Annual Plan.*

Carried

5.0 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that he has circulated an updated version and tabled hard copies. R. Mallinson reported that the deficit is \$102,000 which is a significant change from the previously reported surplus of \$565,000 for the three months to September. R. Mallinson advised that there was a substantial drops in overseas equity markets during October with Council's main portfolio declining by 3%. He stated there was a combined drop of \$354,000 between the two portfolios during October and a further drop of \$100,000 during November.

R. Mallinson answered questions from Councillors relating to rating district funds and economic development function.

R. Mallinson advised that quarry issues have finally been cleared with Audit NZ's Technical Review Group and the decisions Council was seeking regarding restoration liabilities have granted. R. Mallinson stated that he has been using Council's PWC Advisor to assist in implementing these findings. R. Mallinson requested that a special meeting is held on 21 December to consider the Audit Opinion and to formally adopt the 2018 Annual Report. Councillors agreed with R. Mallinson's request for the special meeting.

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

Carried

5.1 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2019

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. Councillors agreed that all Council meetings for 2019 would be held on a Tuesday, including the November meeting.

Moved (Clementson / Birchfield)

That Council adopts the 2019 Schedule of Meeting Dates, including the November meeting which will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2019.

Carried

6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He advised that at the recent Regional Sector Group meeting there was a presentation outlining how the \$1B Tree Fund could benefit the farming and forestry sectors.

The Chairman advised that good progress is being made with the Grey Freshwater Management Group.

The Chairman advised that a very good caliber of candidates was received for the role of Chair for the One District Plan group.

The Chairman thanked those present for their input over the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the Chief Executive and his team for their work and asked that his thanks be passed on to all staff.

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

Carried

7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report and stated that he had been on annual leave for a large part of the reporting period.

M. Meehan spoke of the various meeting he attended and stated that there are some important projects coming up in the energy industries with a focus on electricity industries.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date