

Council Members

Chair Allan Birchfield
Cr Stuart Challenger (Deputy)
Cr Brett Cummings
Cr Peter Ewen

Cr Debra Magner
Cr Laura Coll McLaughlin
Cr John Hill



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Meeting of the West Coast Regional Council
(Te Huinga Tu)

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

West Coast Regional Council Chambers, 388 Main South Road, Greymouth

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Following the completion of the Resource Management Committee Meeting

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting

(Te Huinga Tu)

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(Rarangī Take)

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H. Mabin
Chief Executive

Purpose of Local Government

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THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 APRIL 2022,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 11:13 A.M**

PRESENT:

A. Birchfield (Chair), S Challenger, J. Hill, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings, L. Coll McLaughlin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. Beal (Operations Director) via zoom, N Costley (Manager Strategy & Communications), P Hibbs (IT Support) via zoom.

Also present: Brendon McMahon (Grey Star), Lois Williams (Newsroom), member of the public

1. WELCOME

Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

The Chair called for apologies. H Mabin was an apology.

Moved (Challenger/Magner) *that the apology from H Mabin be accepted.*

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair called for declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair called for any speakers for the public forum. There were no speakers.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 March 2022.

Moved (Challenger/Cummings) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 8 March 2022 be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Ewen asked whether there was any update on the Westport situation regarding Kiwirail. Cr Coll McLaughlin responded that they had not heard from Kiwirail at the Joint Committee meeting yesterday.

REPORTS

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair took his report as read. Cr Coll McLaughlin clarified with the Chair that the submission on stewardship land was prepared by Mark Christenson.

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

Carried

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

7.1 Monthly Report

N Costley advised the meeting that H Mabin was an apology for the meeting and that she would note any questions that the Councillors might have for H Mabin. There were no questions.

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

Carried

7.2 Westport Flood Recovery Steering Committee minutes

N Costley noted the purpose of the report was to table the February and March meeting minutes of the steering group. There were no questions.

Moved (Hill/Cummings) *That the Council receive and note the attachments to the report.*

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Operations Group Report

R Beal spoke to this report and took it as read. He updated the Council that the work in the Taramakau rating district had been completed and that the work in Wanganui was ongoing. The map on page 39 of the agenda illustrates how quickly erosion can occur in the flood events they have been experiencing. Staff have been

preparing NEMA claims for a number of works. Flood damage assessments have just been completed, and staff have been providing advice to landowners following the February floods.

Staff updated the Westport Joint Committee yesterday on progress. Davis Ogilvie have been approved to undertake initial work that is required before the work is put out to tender. There is an upcoming workshop with the TAG on matters including the draft alignment for the Organs Island rockwall.

R Beal advised that in relation to the IRG projects, the Greymouth and Hokitika geotechnical investigations have been completed and the reports will be put before the Council at its May meeting. The Hokitika seawall resource consent application was lodged in the week of 2 April, not in March as was noted in the agenda report.

R Beal spoke to the two attached reports on page 45 of the agenda, noting that there was significant deforestation on a number of steep slopes following Cyclone Ita. This is affecting a lot of the region's catchments, causing issues in the active riverbeds. It is similar to pine forest slash choking up the riverbeds, and it is a significant issue. Lake Stream has been investigated by staff for a number of years, and is getting worse. Staff consider independent expertise should be engaged to advise on what can be done, but it is outside of a rating district so there is no funding available to contribute to any solutions. R Beal noted the picture on page 49 which shows that the creek bed has changed dramatically and is affecting not only the state highway and the culverts but also private properties. He noted that ready solutions are not apparent for those property owners.

Cr Coll McLaughlin said she gets a lot of correspondence about the Lake stream/Christmas Creek situation, and asked about whether independent expertise could be engaged to review this. R Beal advised the issue would be who pays for these solutions.

Cr Cummings asked about funds for the Wanganui River. R Beal said that they had a reserve to fund the works but they may not need to contribute much depending on the application to NEMA for funding. Cr Ewen noted the paper from P Birchfield on the situation was a very good summary of the situation.

The Chair noted that there should be cooperation between the engineering staff and compliance staff, so that the information to landowners is well aligned.

Moved (Cummings/Magner) *That the report is received.*

Carried

8.2 Central Government Co-Investment in Flood Protection Schemes

The Chair welcomed John Hutchings of Henley Hutchings, who joined the meeting via zoom. He took the Council through a Powerpoint presentation on the recently released report from Regional Councils on the case for central government co-investment in flood protection, for places like Westport.

Cr Coll McLaughlin thanked J Hutchings for his presentation and said she was very pleased to read the report, noting that much of the report covered ground the Westport 2100 group had covered. Cr Ewen agreed with Cr Coll McLaughlin's view but noted that government departments often built infrastructure such as hospitals on the West Coast in locations that are at risk, without listening to local advice. He felt the government should lead by example and not build on some of these sites.

Cr Cummings felt the report was the best he had read on the issue and had a lot of common sense in it. Cr Magner supported the comments, and said she was particularly heartened to read about the multi-factor solutions. The Chair asked if the funding might be available for situations like Lake stream discussed earlier in

the meeting. J Hutchings advised that would depend on the design of any co investment programme, and examples like that should be put forward for discussion when the co-investment programme is designed. Cr Cummings felt that there should be no cap on the amount sought from government. J Hutchings agreed, noting that this was about structural works and that much more funding would be required for other tools such as spatial planning etc. The Chair thanked him for his presentation.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin/ Challenger) *That Council receives and endorses the report.*

Carried

8.3 Rating District Meeting Minutes

R Beal spoke to this report, taking it as read. He advised that there was one change to the report; that Rapahoe rating district wished to have a meeting on 28 April at 6pm. He also thanked B Russ who has resigned from Council. He noted that Mr Russ had served the rating districts very well and had built very strong relationships with them, and worked hard to get good value in relation to the works. The Chair echoed his thanks to Mr Russ for his efforts, noting his achievements in particular with the Milton stopbank which saved the rating district a lot of money.

Moved (Cummings/Magner) *That Council:*

- (1) receives the report, and*
- (2) adopts the minutes and recommended rates strikes.*

Carried

8.4 Land River Sea Buller Model Peer Review report

R Beal spoke to the report, taking it as read. He acknowledged Matt Gardner for his work, as did a number of Councillors. Cr Challenger asked whether there was a way to look at groundwater movement and how it will affect stormwater etc. Cr Coll McLaughlin advised that that issue had been raised at the Joint Committee meeting yesterday.

Moved (Challenger/ Cummings) *That Council:*

- (1) receives the report, and*
- (2) Adopts the LRS Buller Model.*

Carried

8.5 Local Elections 2022 report

N Costley spoke to this report. There was some discussion on the different options for order of names on the ballot.

Moved Cummings/Challenger) *That Council:*

- (1) Receive the report; and*
- (2) For the 2022 triennial election, resolve to adopt the alphabetical order of candidate names as permitted Under Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.*

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair raised the matter of the rock at Organ’s Island, as it came up at the Joint Committee meeting yesterday, and invited Cr Coll McLaughlin to update the Council. She outlined that the Committee had recognized the urgency of the works, and also that there was a lot of interest from local contractors and the Council needed to ensure its processes for procurement were transparent, if it was not going out to tender. She wondered about the option of an open process such as advertising and seeking rates for consideration. R Beal advised that there was a pre-approved panel of contractors who would price the work. He said that the closest contractors were in Karamea and Reefton, and that there are no pre-approved contractors in Westport itself. Cr Coll McLaughlin felt that there should be an option for Westport contractors to obtain pre-approval and be included in the process. She asked R Beal to outline the process for pre-approval. He advised that they could run an Expression of Interest process which would not be overly onerous.

R Beal also noted that there was an outstanding question of how the works would be funded. He had suggested at the previous meeting that it should be treated as additional funding from that budgeted in the approved LTP last year, bearing in mind there will be an effect at the end as these and other works were additional and not included in LTP budgets.

Cr Cummings asked whether EOIs would also be sought for the supply of rock, as there are two suppliers up there. R Beal advised they would seek a price as part of the tender. There was some discussion on whether additional rock would be needed.

Cr Ewen expressed his appreciation for the work R Beal has undertaken over his time with the Council, and wished him all the best for the future. The Chair also thanked Mr Beal, noting his significant work with VCS and operations. This was echoed by other Councillors, noting Mr Beal’s work has been a critical part of the Westport project and acknowledging his considerable work with all rating districts. Councillors felt his extensive knowledge would be missed.

10. PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Moved (Challenger/ Ewen) *that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, namely, -*

- *Items 10.1 – 10.4 (inclusive)*

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution
Item 10.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Council meeting 8 March 2022	The item contains information relating to commercial and security matters	To protect commercial information and to prevent disclosure of information for improper gain or advantage (s 7(2)(b) and s7(2)(j)).

Item 10.2	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Council Extraordinary meeting, 23 March 2022	The item contains information relating to commercial matters	To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).
Item 10.3	Council quarries	The item contains information relating to commercial matters	To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).
Item 10.4	West Coast Emergency Management update	The item contains information that is subject to an obligation of confidence	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (s 7(2)(c)).

and that:

- Nichola Costley and Randal Beal be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on these subjects. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed; and
- The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.

Carried

The meeting continued in a public-excluded session.

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Chair

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Date

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Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: Chair's Report	
Report by: Chairman Allan Birchfield	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Purpose

For Council to be kept informed of meetings and to provide an overview of current matters.

Summary

This is the Chairman's Report for the period 13 April – 6 May 2022.

As Chair, I attended the following meetings:

- Rapahoe Rating District meeting, 28 April 2022
- Westport Flood Recovery Steering Group meeting, 28 April 2022
- Te Tai o Poutini Plan committee meeting, 29 April 2022
- Meeting of northern South Island Mayors & Chairs with MFE – RMA northern planning boundaries, 29 April 2022
- Westport Rating District Joint Committee meeting, 4 May 2022

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive this report.

Attachments

None.

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: CEO's report	
Report by: Heather Mabin, Chief Executive	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide Council with a summary of activities undertaken by the Chief Executive.

Report Summary

This paper details the interactions, appointments, significant contracts executed, and meetings attended by the Chief Executive for the month of April 2022.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive this report.

Activities Undertaken

Activities undertaken during April 2022 by Heather Mabin were:

- April 1
 - Attended via Zoom the Buller Flood Recovery Steering Group meet.
- April 11 to 13
 - Sickleave
- April 14
 - Annual leave
- April 19
 - Signed contract with Electionz.com Limited.
 - Appointed Amie Dnrasin as Executive Assistant.
- April 21
 - Appointed Joanne Reid as Emergency Management Officer – Grey District
- April 26
 - Signed a letter from the four Chief Executives of South Island Regional Councils to Arihia Bennett, CEO Te Rununga o Ngai Tahu.
 - Appointed Marianne Bimont as Policy Planner.
- April 28
 - Attended via Zoom the Buller Flood Recovery Steering Group meet.
- April 29
 - Signed the submission on proposed changes to ETS for exotic afforestation.
 - Attended via Zoom the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee meeting.
 - Appointed Tim Dawes and Emily Rutherford- Jones as fish passage assessors as part of the wider Sustainable Whitebait Fishery Project

- Appointed Jak Partridge as a Field Operator for VCS.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

Transparency around the activities undertaken by the Chief Executive is intended to mitigate risks associated with Council's reputation.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Letter from the Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Ministerial response to Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa, dated 26 April 2022

Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

MP for Hauraki-Waikato

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Local Government

Associate Minister for Māori Development



26 April 2022

Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa
doug.leeder@boprc.govt.nz

Tēnā koutou

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Climate Change, Minister of Emergency Management, and me. I am responding as local government funding falls within my responsibilities as Minister of Local Government.

As you know, Aotearoa New Zealand is vulnerable to flooding, the number and value of potentially vulnerable assets is increasing over time, and on top of this climate change will exacerbate flood risk. Recognising this, the Government contributed over \$210 million to councils for flood protection and climate resilience initiatives in 2020. More needs to be done and so I thank you for the report and the contribution it makes to policy development in this area.

Priorities for climate change investment

Climate change is one of the most pressing long-term challenges facing New Zealand. To respond effectively to the challenge, we will need to make significant investments across multiple Budgets.

That is why the Government is establishing the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), which will be allocated towards initiatives that support our climate change objectives. The initial focus for the CERF is delivering the emissions reductions that will be outlined in the Government's first Emissions Reduction Plan.

For future Budgets we will look to extend the scope of the CERF to fund measures to support adaptation to the changing climate, which could include flood protection schemes. This means your proposal will not be considered for Budget 2022 funding.

A comprehensive solution is needed

Investing in flood protection needs to be considered as part of an integrated suite of solutions. That's why:

- I've set up the Future for Local Government Review. This will look at how we can make sure councils have the funding tools they need to meet their communities' aspirations and build their wellbeing into the future.
- The Minister for the Environment is leading fundamental reforms to our resource management system – this will ensure we avoid building in the highest risk areas and do not end up with developments exposed to natural hazards in the future.

- The Minister of Climate Change is looking at how we can adapt to a changing climate – including how we can best enable individuals, businesses, and communities to manage climate risk.

In addition, my officials are continuing to work closely with the Regional Sector through the River Managers' Special Interest Group on flood risk management issues. The work being undertaken to develop a co-investment proposal for Buller flood resilience will also provide an important opportunity to develop and test a framework for enabling a collaborative effort to reduce flood risk.

Thank you for taking the time to write and thank you for your important contribution to policy development in this complex area.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mahuta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: Buller Recovery Steering Group	
Report by: Heather Mabin, Chief Executive	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

The purpose this report is to table the approved Minutes from the Buller Recovery Steering Group (the Steering Group) first meeting in April 2022.

Report Summary

Council is represented by Chair Birchfield, Cr Cummings and the Chief Executive, Heather Mabin, on the Steering Group.

This paper presents the minutes from the fortnightly meetings for Council's reference.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive and note the Attachment to the report.

Current Situation

The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group have been amended to be to:

- Provide effective guidance and oversight of the financial assistance appropriated by Cabinet in August 2021 to support the Buller Recovery including related matters set out in the Funding Agreement between BDC and DIA and NEMA;
- Identify and recommend longer term flood recovery priorities for the Buller District including options to increase resilience to future flood events;
- Provide advice to the Crown and elected Council's members on future funding that may be sought from the Government to support the Buller flood recovery and increase resilience to future flood events.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Minutes Buller Recovery Steering Group meeting 1 April 2022

Westport Flood Recovery Steering Group

Draft Minutes

Friday, 1st April 2022 10.30 am, via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson Richard Kempthorne
Mayor Jamie Cleine, BDC
Sharon Mason, BDC CEO
Rachel Townrow, BDC Deputy CEO
Cr Brett Cummings WCRC

Heather Mabin, WCRC CEO
Sharon Roche, BDC Deputy Mayor
Cr Allan Birchfield, WCRC
Paul Barker, DIA
Jenna Rogers, NEMA

In Attendance:

Laura Harding
Pam Johnston, DIA
John Hutchings

Mike Mendonça
Michael Henstock
Suzie Paisley, NEMA

Apologies:

Francois Tumahai, Ngāti Waewae

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed attendees.

2. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Steering Group noted that the Councils are in the process of providing Registers of Interest to the Programme manager.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The Steering Group approved the minutes of the meeting of 18th March 2022, with one minor amendment to correct an erroneous date.

4. Risk Register

The updated Risk Register was approved by the Steering Group, and it was noted that:

- R004 (Withdrawal of insurers) the programme has engaged with the Insurance Council and the wider sector as part of the assessment of options to be presented to the Government.
- R005 (Failure to acknowledge Government priorities) it was noted that connections have been made with the climate adaptation programme, which will have input into the Government proposal.
- R006 (Failure to make an urgent and compelling case) has a moderately elevated level of risk as the original business case writer is no longer available, DIA is in the process of engaging a replacement.

The Steering Group requested that a new risk be added to the Register prior to the next meeting around the risk of the Tranche 2 funding bid not being successful.

5. Report back from the Westport Rating District Joint Committee (standing agenda item)

There has not been a Joint Committee meeting since its inaugural meeting on 3rd March. The next meeting will occur on 11th April.

6. Strategic Settings

The Steering Group endorsed the proposed draft investment objectives, problems, benefits and critical success factors for the Long-term Buller District Flood Resilience project.

7. Flood Recovery Action Programme

The Steering Group endorsed the Flood Recovery Action Programme – February 2022 (dated 10 March 2022), subject to minor editorial amendments.

Steering Group members commended Rachel Townrow and her BDC team on the document submitted.

8. Tranche 2 Funding Request

The Steering Group endorsed the request for funding outlined in *Tranche 2 Funding Request – 30 March 2022*, for submission to NEMA and to Cabinet by Buller District Council.

The Government process to finalise the request for assistance for consideration by Cabinet was outlined by NEMA. Now that the key information has been compiled for NEMA the focus will need to turn to implementation after Cabinet consideration (and approval). The Steering Group again commended BDC officers and NEMA officials for the significant effort involved in producing the Tranche 2 request.

9. Dashboard

The Steering Group received:

- The recovery dashboard designed around five recovery dimensions.
- The Westport Flood Recovery Programme – Project Status Report.
- The March milestone report.

The Steering Group requested that future dashboards be synchronised with the narrative in the Flood Recovery Action Programme (Agenda Item 7).

The Steering Group noted that these reports had all originally been developed for different audiences, and requested that BDC review reporting to determine if a more efficient and accurate reporting regime might be feasible including a clearer focus on key outcomes.

10. General business

There was no general business.

11. Communications from this meeting

The Steering Group agreed that the Chair would release a short statement outlining key points from the meeting.

No other matters were raised. The meeting closed at 12.10 pm

Next meeting – Thursday 14th April at 10:30am

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: LGNZ Annual Membership	
Report by: Heather Mabin, Chief Executive	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

The purpose is to table to Council the latest invoice for a year's membership of New Zealand Local Government Association (Inc) (known as LGNZ).

Report Summary

The annual membership fee for LGNZ is due. By tabling this invoice to Council, this allows an opportunity to discuss the value of being part of this group.

Draft Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Approve the payment of the membership fee, \$34,313.82 (GST excl.).

Background

WCRC has been a member of LGNZ April 2013.

Current situation

The annual subscription for this membership is more than \$1 per head for each person living on the West Coast.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

Attendance of LGNZ events would be as non-members, however WCRC Councillors and staff would not be excluded from events.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy.

Financial implications

Current budget – budgeted cost

Future implications – TBC

Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this decision.

Attachments

Attachment 1: New Zealand Local Government Association (Inc) Invoice 1623

Attachment 2: Email from President Stuart Crosby, *Amplifying local voice – From your President*, dated 8/04/2022

TAX INVOICE

West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth
Greymouth 7840
NEW ZEALAND

Invoice Date
10 Apr 2022

Invoice Number
INV-1623

GST Number
49455479

New Zealand Local
Government Association Inc
(trading as Local Government
New Zealand)
P O Box 1214
Wellington 6140

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
Annual LGNZ Membership Subscription	1.00	34,313.82	34,313.82
For the year 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023			
Subtotal			34,313.82
TOTAL GST 15%			5,147.07
TOTAL NZD			39,460.89

Due Date: 20 May 2022

Payment can be made directly to the following account:
New Zealand Local Government Association Inc
01-0527-0008244-00
ANZ North End, Wellington
SWIFT Code: ANZBNZ22

Any enquiries to:
office@lgnz.co.nz or 04 9241200

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PAYMENT ADVICE

To: New Zealand Local Government Association Inc
(trading as Local Government New Zealand)
P O Box 1214
Wellington 6140

Customer	West Coast Regional Council
Invoice Number	INV-1623
Amount Due	39,460.89
Due Date	20 May 2022
Amount Enclosed	

Enter the amount you are paying above

Attachment 2

From: [President](#)
Cc: [Susan Freeman-Greene](#)
Subject: Amplifying local voice – From your President
Date: Friday, 8 April 2022 10:09:28 AM

This email is from an external sender. Please be careful with any links or attachments.

Kia ora colleagues

LGNZ's policy and advocacy work is the heartbeat of everything we do for you. As well as developing evidence-based positions – in consultation with you and underpinned by on-the-ground experience – we reflect your views back to the government of the day. We also help you digest government policy and what it means for you and your community.

Today I want to give you an overview of what we're doing to amplify local voice across the current wave of reform. Because we recognise that amplifying your unique communities' voices is one of local government's most critical roles.

Reflecting on the Central Government/Local Government Forum

But first a quick update on National Council's regular gathering with the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, which happened last Friday afternoon. While our discussion focused on the combined weight of reform facing the sector, the 1.5-hour session was wide-ranging. Key points from National Council included:

- The breadth and weight of change is having a significant impact on local government. We need to see how all of the individual reform programmes will come together as a cohesive whole. We discussed some practical ways forward to achieve this and better support councils.
- Local government acknowledges the need for change in how three waters services are delivered – and National Council is committed to the reform's objectives around delivering better water services to New Zealanders. But there continues to be discontent around the model, which needs to change in response to LGNZ's and our sector's concerns. We look forward to the Minister announcing decisions on the Governance Working Group recommendations – and we're pleased to see both the Rural Water Supplies and Planning Technical Working Groups progressing their work. Better communication to the public about the actual facts of the reform – and why it's needed – is critical.
- We are united in our Treaty obligations and how they are they are reflected in a partnership approach to the reforms – and the need to explain what that really means, including sharing lived examples from our sector.
- An active and inclusive local democracy is a critical underpinning for any Future for Local Government reforms. We want this review to look closely at how local and central government can work together in a more joined up way, particularly at the local level.

Making sure resource management reform reflects local voice

Major reforms to the resource management system are currently underway. We're worried that local voice will be eroded with the proposed shift to a regional planning model, and we've repeatedly raised that as a concern.

To help ensure our voice is heard loud and clear, we brokered the Resource Management Reform Steering Group, which has worked with the sector to develop a paper outlining an alternative way forward. Now that group is working with Ministry for the Environment officials to identify exactly how local voice can be better fed into the new regional planning system.

LGNZ fundamentally believes placemaking should sit with councils, which means councils should retain significant responsibility for the planning decisions that relate to their city, district or region. We will continue to advocate for this position. We also appreciate that many councillors feel overwhelmed by the technical nature of the RM reform conversation – and will be running some tailored info sessions to help you get up to speed.

A vision for the future

Thanks for all your input via our recent workshops – it was fabulous to talk so positively about the future. You told us councils want to work with their communities to create a vision for what that community should look and feel like. And that central government could work more closely with councils to support that vision. Here's [a summary of what we heard at the workshops](#).

Our policy work on FFLG is strongly underpinned by the concept of localism, which is all about giving people more influence over the decisions that affect their community and their daily lives. Localism means collaborative partnerships that bring together the capacity and resources of the centre with the place-based knowledge and connections of communities – to address deep-seated local issues.

We'll continue to engage with sector as our FFLG policy work progresses – and we're engaging with the independent Panel too. That's because we want to see a place-based approach to decision making and public services – rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. Flexibility is critical.

Making submissions count

There's a huge range of other issues on our policy agenda. We use your input to create submissions on anything from carbon forestry, recycling and climate change (emissions reductions and adaptation), to emergency management, transport and health. These submissions are designed to help central government understand local issues and the implications of policy decisions at the local level.

When central government wants the local government perspective, they come to us first. We help connect central government agencies with councils – so that officials hear directly from you about the impact their work will have at the local level. It's critical that LGNZ and central government hear a range of views from across the motu.

A lot of our work is flagging to central government agencies the impact of policy decisions on councils. Every council is unique and understanding that wide range of impacts is critical. I strongly encourage you to keep an eye out for opportunities to feed into our submissions. Hearing from you means we can more strongly make the case for what communities need to thrive. Whether it's via Sector or Zone meetings, workshops and zooms, individual conversations and emails, or written submissions, the range of views we gather informs our policy work.

Thank you to everyone who's shared their thoughts with me on these emails. Just a reminder to take our survey of elected members, which will help better tailor the support we provide. [Take the survey](#)

Next week I'll touch on our campaign to get more people voting this year, our diversity and inclusion work, and planning for induction post October.

Ngā mihi

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Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: Operations Monthly Works Report	
Report by: James Bell – Engineering Officer, Paulette Birchfield – Area Engineer, Lillian Crozier - BSO	
Reviewed by:	
Public excluded? No	

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the works undertaken during the months of April 2022, as well as an update on the IRG projects and the Westport Flood Protection Project. Also presented in this report will be the production and sale of rock from the council owned quarries during the month of March 2022.

Report Summary

Council Engineers have undertaken River Protection works on behalf of the Wanganui Rating District. A Rapahoe Rating District Meeting was held on 28th April 2022.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive this report.

Issues and Discussion

Wanganui Rating District

As per the Chairman’s request to have this work approved by 10am Thursday 28th April, verbal quotes were requested for the work identified at location one. The works were approved by the Director of Operations in accordance with the Delegations Manual, which provides as follows:

9.8.1 Emergency Procurement

An emergency procurement situation can arise from natural disasters such as flooding and earthquakes. In an emergency, the following procedure is to be followed by staff:

- *An emergency for procurement purposes must be classified by either the Manager Corporate Services, Chief Executive, Director Operations, Chairperson or Group Controller of West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.*

The Chief Executive, Director Operations, and Regional Director Emergency Management and Natural Hazards are authorised in emergency circumstances to undertake the necessary remedial or response action (within the same maximum limits as provided in the Financial Delegations Register) and, at the first subsequent meeting of the Council, must report on action taken under the delegation.

Financial Delegations Register

Position/s	Delegation
<i>Corporate Services Manager, Planning, Science & Innovation Manager, Director Operations, and Consents & Compliance Manager</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>

The verbal quotes received will be confirmed in writing. As well as Arnold Contracting and Southwest Contracting, staff have also requested quotes from MBD and Henry Adams but availability to start immediately will be the selection criteria.

The bank is being restored on hourly rate under emergency works and that work was approved and started on Tuesday 26th of April. It is a maintenance cost to the RD.

Rock lining the wall is a capital cost (this section of the wall was not previously rock lined) of approximately \$100,000 to the adjoining landowners. Council's Engineering Officer James Bell had an onsite meeting on Tuesday and obtained verbal confirmation from those present at the meeting to proceed. James is meeting with them again on the 29th April 2022 to get written confirmation of percentage costs per landowner. This work has been awarded to Arnold contracting @ \$28 p/t. The onsite stockpiles that were used for the rock lining of the bank will be replaced, which is also capital works.

The works identified in the tender for the replacement of Stockpile A and B and Site 1 will continue as a normal tender process. James updated the map and quote document and the request for tender was re-released 28th April 2022.



Location 1: Area where stopbank is being repaired and rock lined.



Locations of stockpiles A and B that will be replaced. Site 1 of minor riprap repairs needed to current Rating District Assets.

Quarry Rock Movements for the period of March 2022

(Excluding Royalty Arrangements)

Quarry		Opening Stockpile Balance	Rock Sold	Rock Produced	Closing Stockpile Balance
Camelback	Large	18970.52	0	0	18970.52
Blackball		0	0	0	0
Inchbonnie		0	0	0	0
Kiwi		0	0	0	0
Miedema		0	0	0	0
Okuru		450	0	0	450
Whitehorse		0	0	0	0
Totals		19,420.52	0	0	19,420.52

Other Sales

There were no other sales in the period.

Report to: Council	Meeting Date: 10 May 2022
Title of Item: Westport Rating District Joint Committee minutes	
Report by: Nichola Costley, Manager Strategy and Communications	
Reviewed by: Heather Mabin, Chief Executive	
Public excluded? No	

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to table the minutes from the Westport Rating District Joint Committee's recent meeting held on 3 March 2022.

Report Summary

Council is represented by Chair Birchfield, Cr Coll McLaughlin and Cr Hill on the Joint Committee.

This paper presents the confirmed minutes from the March meeting for Council's reference.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

Receive and note the minutes of the Westport Rating District Joint Committee meeting of 3 March 2022.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Minutes of the Westport Rating District Joint Committee, 3 March 2022

Minutes of the Westport Rating District Joint Committee

Thursday 3 March 2022 – 1.00pm

By Zoom and livestreamed via West Coast Regional Council

Present:

Hugh McMillan (Chair), Allan Birchfield (Chair, West Coast Regional Council), Jamie Cleine (Mayor, Buller District Council), Laura Coll McLaughlin (Clr, West Coast Regional Council), John Hill (Clr, West Coast Regional Council), Phil Rutherford (Clr, Buller District Council), Jo Howard (Clr, Buller District Council), Dan Moloney (Westport Area Community Representative), Jodi Murray (Westport Area Community Representative), Colin Hey (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency)

Apologies:

Francois Tumahai (Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae), James Caygill (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency)

In attendance:

Heather Mabin (Chief Executive, West Coast Regional Council), Sharon Mason (Chief Executive, Buller District Council), Randal Beal (Staff, West Coast Regional Council), Matt Gardner (Land River Sea Consulting Ltd), John Hutchings (Henley Hutchings), Nichola Costley (Staff, West Coast Regional Council), Chris Coll (Chris J Coll Surveying Ltd)

1. Welcome

Chair McMillan welcomed members to the meeting and ran through the mechanics of the meeting.

Committee members were asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of those watching the livestream.

2. Apologies

Moved (Clr Coll McLaughlin/Mayor Cleine) that these apologies be accepted.

Carried

3. Declarations of interest

Chair McMillan asked Joint Committee members to declare their interests.

Clr Coll McLaughlin declared herself as an employee of Chris J Coll Surveying Ltd as well as being related to Chris Coll who was the Chair of the Westport 2100 Working Group.

Mayor Cleine declared that he was a submitter on the Regional Councils Long-term Plan Consultation Document on behalf of his farming business.

Clr Howard declared that she was a submitter on the Regional Councils Long-term Plan Consultation Document as well as owning a property in the Westport area.

Moved (Clr Hill/D. Moloney) that these declarations be noted.

Carried

4. Long Term Plan 2021 – 31 Outcomes

N. Costley spoke to this report, explained it had been provided as background information to the Joint Committee and took it as read.

Moved (Clr Rutherford/Clr Howard) that the Joint Committee resolve to receive this report.

Carried

5. Westport Rating District Works and Recommendations

Items under section 5 were divided into separate sections based on the reports presented.

Report on Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Workshops- (refer attachment 5.1)

Paulette Birchfield (WCRC Engineer) spoke to this report.

Mayor Cleine sought clarification of the TAG membership for the benefit of those watching the livestream to understand the expertise behind this group. R. Beal said the TAG was comprised of Chris Coll, Matt Gardner, Gary Williams, John Ellis (external independent experts) as well as engineers from both councils.

Clr Coll McLaughlin queried attachment 5.3 p.45 in regard to Orowaiti Rd at Averys. Work undertaken here wasn't at same scale as to other emergency works, was unsure whether it had to be explicitly excluded in the resolution or fallen out as not at same scale of works. In regards to Avery's, the report stated that there was a proposed concrete wall around existing culverts. The culverts have stopgates to prevent backflow from the Orowaiti River. Understand that the stopgates as they are are not fit for purpose. Wanted to flag these for consideration by the TAG.

Clr Hill asked if there was any idea of the retrospective costs for sea level rise and climate change. R. Beal said that this would be covered off in the reports to come.

Clr Rutherford said that he had questions but were more pertinent to specific items referenced for consideration by the group.

Clr Howard acknowledge that the TAG considered the common themes that came from the community. Know that the community would want to know that these have been considered and a 'why' and 'why not' around these. Recommendations for further modelling – what were those for following up? From meetings attending in Westport there are a number of ideas and the community want answers as to what is feasible and what is not. Wanted to acknowledge Heather's letter which has cleared up some of the misinformation. R. Beal said that the TAG is considering and reviewing both the recommendations of both the Westport 2100 Working Group recommendations as well as the submission via the Long-term Plan consultation. First two TAG meetings have been focused on what we can get progressed to immediately meet the needs of the community and making safe recommendations for the Joint Committee to consider. There will be further communications around the process as we start to finalise the recommendations as well.

Moved (Clr Coll McLaughlin/Mayor Cleine) to receive the report on the Technical Advisory Group workshops.

Carried

Presentation from Land River Sea Consulting Ltd - Matt Gardner

Matt Gardner of Land River Sea Consulting Ltd presented to the Joint Committee providing an explanation of the modelling, how it has been calibrated with events in 2012, 2018 (Fehi) and July 2021. The modelling has been peer review and determined it is fit for purpose with no major issues. M. Gardner noted that there are still some runs to complete for blockage scenarios, future climate change, increase in peak flows and sea level rise based on IPCC guidelines and localized modelling.

Mayor Cleine noted that it was a brilliant model and a very useful tool. Mayor Cleine questioned asked why there were no crest levels on the Carters Beach side of the river and did the model cover this area, and whether the model could determine the velocity of the water? M. Gardner explained that Carters Beach is included but was not aware of any current protection structures. If there are then he can include them in the model. M. Gardner explained that velocity is one of the key outcomes of the model Determining depth and velocity can be used for building purposes and hazard maps.

Clr Coll Mclaughlin sought clarification as to how sea level rise works in with Westport flood protection. Climate change will make Buller River events more severe but currently do not have knowledge of how sea level rise could impact. M. Gardner explained the impacts of sea level rise on flood protection being that river water needs to go out to sea. If the sea is higher then it becomes harder for the water to get out. Sea water will be higher at the mouth of the Orowaiti and which backs this water up. Councils need to plan for 100-years for climate change.

Clr Hill asked if sea level rise will cause a back-up of water wouldn't extensive dredging of the Buller reverse this? M. Gardner explained that this is a complex matter. His 'gut feeling' would be that in this case any dredging would be less effective.

Clr Rutherford asked about the gravel levels within the river itself and whether the buildup of gravel is considered a blockage? M. Gardner explained that in the model blockages and gravel are generally considered separately. It can be a matter of luck with large logs coming downstream as to whether they may snag which can bring together other material. Usually allow for a degree of blockage and snagging within the model and take in the worst-case scenario. The model also runs through the potential gravel buildups. The model does not allow for live scour going on. The model results are interpreted to inform design. Noted that there are a lot of other things going on in nature that cannot be accounted for within a model.

Clr Howard asked whether the modelling considers the impact of the breakwater. M. Gardner explained that there are impacts the model cannot predict. Have sought the advice of Gary Williams, an experienced geomorphologist, on different changes to the environment and how this would impact the river and the impact on floodwaters. Have considered a lot of different scenarios but narrowing the breakwater is not one that have looked at to date.

C. Hey asked whether the model was based on mean high water tide. M. Gardner said that modelling uses mean high water spring as a datum level. There is a storm surge component added to that.

D. Moloney commented that there is high community interest in the Orowaiti and asked whether a cut directly to the sea would alleviate the flood impact. M. Gardner said that this has been looked at extensively with at least 5 or 6 different options modelled. One of these options was presented in the consultation in 2017. He has recently rerun the models for the cut and while it can be seen to reduce flood depth and extent it does not prevent the flooding.

J. Murray asked whether the model accounted for outputs, for example can you add in pumps to manage stormwater. M. Gardner said that pumps are simple to add even though the model is predominantly used for modeling flooding not for smaller issues such as stormwater. Just need to know the capacity of the pump.

Clr Coll McLaughlin said that she found the Orowaiti cut modelling fascinating and asked whether the walls could be lowered if had the cut. M. Gardner said that that could be considered, or could use the 0.3m as a buffer.

R. Beal said that there is new data for the TAG to consider which will then be put forward to the Joint Committee in regard to the design heights going forward.

Moved (Moloney/Major Cleine) that the Joint Committee resolve to receive the presentation from Matt Gardner of Land River Sea Consulting Limited.

Carried

Report on State of Emergency Works (refer 5.3 Attachment 2)

R. Beal spoke to the report on state of emergency flood protection works that were undertaken. While they are fit for purpose for that event, the TAG recommendation is to bring these up to design height and specification to become a permanent part of the overall scheme.

Clr Coll McLaughlin said that it seemed assumed in the report that the stopgates near Avery's were working properly but they are not. R. Beal said that this would be taken back to the TAG with the recommendation that the stopgates be upgraded as part of that project.

R. Beal said that with the Snodgrass stopbank need some more time to look at this and run the models, impacts of that bank on the south side of the Orowaiti and on the town in order to determine any adverse effects.

Mayor Cleine sought clarification on the Orowaiti stopbank that may not be fit for purpose. Buller District Council will be leaving this in place for time being for the reassurance for the community. R. Beal agreed with leaving it there, confirming that there would not be any further work to bring it up to design specification at this time.

Moved (Mayor Cleine/Clr Howard) that the Joint committee resolve to recommend to WCRC that with the exception of Snodgrass area, the state of emergency works are, where required, brought up to design height and standard.

Carried

Report on the floodwall protection scheme (refer 5.4 attachment 3)

R. Beal explained that these initial proposals are the no regret options identified by the TAG, those that would need to be done regardless of any future decisions being made.

Mayor Cleine asked what sort of height was being proposed between the Toki Bridge and Buller Bridge, M. Gardner clarified that this was approximately 0.5-1m high. In regards to the dotted line alternate alignment, this was being investigated for stage 2 recommendations.

Clr Coll McLaughlin support the recommendation. She noted that there is a lot of anxiety in the community from those who may be negatively impacted by the design alignment and clarified that any landowner that would be impacted will be spoken with. They have very valid concerns and we

must be clear in our communications. Noted that are not authorizing this now but will be part of the investigations going forward.

Clr Hill supported the comments made by Clr Coll McLaughlin. Highly visible part of the scheme and will second the motion.

Clr Rutherford asked what authorizing a sphere of work that will have financial implications. Does the team know the costs of that work and what it would mean for the rating district. R. Beal said are very aware of the financial implications of the additional works identified post consultation. The two stopbank recommendations were included within the Long-term Plan Consultation Document last year. The implication will come when the Joint Committee decides to include to climate change and sea level rise. The 2014 working group made a deliberate and practical decision to exclude that but the signals going forward, particularly from central government, is that these costs are included. These recommendations will be coming back to the Joint Committee and incorporated into the NIWA advice M. Gardner has just received. Clr Rutherford sought clarification on the costs. R. Beal said that the additional works proposed through Report 5.5 which were not included in the consultation but are what the TAG are unanimous that they must be progressed. Will have an impact on the total cost of the project. For the items in 5.4, this will be an increase in the volumes of material. P. Birchfield provided an approx. cost implication based on a number of assumptions at this stage, that to raise the Toki bridge stopbank another .4m would cost an estimated \$160,000. For the section from the Bridge to O'Connor Home, this increases it by another estimated \$400,000. Until get detailed design drawings these are approximate costs only.

Clr Howard stated that she was in support of the work to be done. Works along the esplanade needed to allow for trucks, and in regard to the Kawatiri cycle trail carpark, works may need setting back for access purposes. R. Beal said that they are working closely with Buller District Council Engineers on this. Recent rain events had pushed this work back about a month. As soon as receive the peer review report staff from the Councils will be working through these points.

Mayor Cleine asked queried whether the work is authorising was in line with the consultation that the Regional Council has done. R. Beal stated that both stopbank upgrade projects were part of the consultation undertaken last year. Any cost increase would be because of incorporating climate change and sea level rise height increases.

Moved (Clr Birchfield/Clr Hill) that the Joint Committee resolve to recommend to the West Coast Regional Council to consider the work identified for Stage One of the flood protection scheme are approved to commence.

Carried

Report on Retrospective Maintenance Works – (refer 5.5 Attachment 4)

R. Beal explained that these works were not identified in the consultation budget as the Regional Council was not aware of them. The TAG agrees that this work needs to be undertaken.

S. Mason said that the Chief Executives had had an offline discussion and there will be financials reports accompanying future papers going forward.

Chair McMillan said that he had gone at looked at these areas this morning and asked Chris Coll to comment on it. C. Coll explained that if you do not protect the town from erosion then stopbanks will not be of much use. If do not put the rockwork in then the stopbank will be eroded. The previous rockwork had done a good job for the past 80-90 years but if do not do this it could have serious ramifications.

Clr Birchfield said he would be prepared to move Option B – to reuse existing rock and bring more rock in.

Mayor Cleine queried whether these works would be wrapped up in the package going to cabinet, or if the funds are committed then is it omitted? J. Hutchings confirmed that these works would be included in the application for co-investment.

Clr Coll McLaughlin said that the urgency of the works had been well communicated in the reports today. It was clear that the O'Connor Home works will protect that area, but also protect the whole town. These works are for everyone in Westport Town. She also noted that following the July event it was clear that there were historic issues regarding ownership of the current Westport flood protection assets and wanted to clarify who will own these assets. If have another big event that may damage them then need to check that they are insured appropriately. R. Beal said that there is further investigation going into this, for example Organ Island is gazetted as river protection reserve and Council is getting legal advice on what this means. R. Beal said that would want these works to come under an asset management plan of the Regional Council. Clr Coll McLaughlin commented that there is a certain pool of funding from that National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) that is hard to access now with the current setup. R. Beal agreed and explained that damaged assets can have their repair costs funded 60% from NEMA. There is criteria that must be met currently making a claim on behalf of the Wanganui, Taramakau and a couple of other rating districts following the February 2022 flood event.

Clr Hill thanked P. Birchfield and R. Beal for the approximate costs provided.

Clr Rutherford asked for the costs around some of the works. P. Birchfield said that for Option A, using the rock that was already there, taking rock from the downstream and replacing it at the top realigning and pulling back to the bank, would cost an estimated \$378,000. For Option B, bringing in new rock to repair as well as using what was there, the cost was approximately \$735,000.

Clr Howard commented that she was in favour of Option B. The wall has lasted for 100 years, and done really well it can do that again. Bringing more rock in will provide the protection for the town.

C. Hey noted that in his experience, trying to recover rock can be a futile action. D. Moloney said that short cuts could not be taken with this and wanted to progress with Option B. J. Murray also agreed with Option B.

Clr Rutherford commented that the recommendation did not reflect that there were two options for consideration. Chair McMillan confirmed that Option A was to plug a breach brought about by the past two flooding events with Option B bringing in new rock, and utilizing what could be, to rebuild the wall.

Moved (Clr Birchfield/Clr Howard) that the Joint Committee resolve to recommend to the West Coast Regional Council Option B

Carried.

6. Medium term actions: Initial matters for consideration

J. Hutching presented this report and spoke to direction of travel and where are heading as well as lay more context for the Joint Committee going forward. Important to present a strong case to Government noting that Minister Mahuta that Westport could be a case study for con-investment for building community resilience and flood protection through the Steering Group and Joint Committee.

Clr Birchfield commented that the climate change requirement have put an impact on the scheme – 400mm. Do not personally believe in climate change but required to go along with it. May be an avenue to obtain additional funding.

Mayor Cleine said that there was nothing surprising in what was being asked in regard to the complexity of what dealing with. Why is Westport different? There are good economic statistics in the bottom 2 or 3 territorial authorities for median household income. Show the impact on our community to fund such works. people to be able to fund. J. Hutchings said that this will be forefront in the report.

Clr Coll McLaughlin asked about the criteria as this is what we are passing today. Concerned to be passing the criteria if the bottom bullet point is “other criteria”, a bit open ended. If there were other criteria would be keen for these to come back to discuss. There is a comment about appropriately weighted decision-making – probably more of an art than a science. Not sure what group will be making these. Would hope this Committee would have some say around what weight goes where. Are on Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) Committee along with Clr Birchfield and Mayor Cleine. Discussion in Westport on ways this work’s timeline may mitigate hazards in Westport and how that could be reflected in provisions. Do we have any kind of rough idea could lodge consent? Thought June would be the crunch date. May be ways to feed modification of hazard in and who this fits in with TTPP. J. Hutchings commented that the words ‘in principle’ are the get out of jail card for the criteria. Also notes that the TAG experts and Steering Group may also have views on what needs to be weighted. Will need to go through a couple of exercises to get it right. Looking for first thoughts and comments around this noting that we are short on time. Dealing with weighting will be part and parcel of that exercise. Consents for a preferred scheme option. Do not think can do this until post June until have the information on the higher-level design, construction techniques applied and materials. July/August/September. Consider how can incentivise development in locations less at risk for flooding for TTPP. When think short, medium, long-term achievements for community resilience, planning provisions are longer term. A flood protection scheme starts working for you as soon as constructed. Clr Coll McLaughlin explained how on the one had government has said we need to see you incentivising building in less hazardous areas. The TTPP interfaces with this work, there are draft overlays out for consultation showing areas at great risk with severe restrictions. Would like to see a lessening of these when the protection is in play. Can you show how flood protection will feed through to the provisions. J. Hutchings pointed to the multi-tool diagram and noted the tension between the parts. Clr Coll McLaughlin recommended a debrief with TTPP members to inform the business case work.

Clr Coll McLaughlin confirmed that did not have an issue anymore with the criteria following the explanation of J. Hutchings.

Clr Hill said that he was happy with how it was tracking.

Clr Rutherford noted that there are a range of threads that need to be drawn together to make it successful, and that Buller District Council are currently working through a process to adapt and refine their own climate change policies.

C. Hey noted concern over the timeframe for the business case to pulled together in and asked whether it will build in allowance for the improvement in the social wellbeing, economic flow on, business stimulation, investor confidence that flood protection will provide. J. Hutchings explained that will not be a deep analysis but will need to know some of this going forward and may need some additional support. There is a lot of good background coming together, for example M. Gardners

model, the Joint Committee work. H. Mabin said that staff will be developing a full project plan which will be costed and included in the business plan.

Clr Coll McLaughlin sought clarification that there would not be any works undertaken on the ground before July. J. Hutchings believes that this is the case but would not dismiss the importance of the decisions made today. Clr Coll McLaughlin asked even if had another event and the ability to use emergency powers? R. Beal said that the first phase of work is the Toki Bridge to Buller Bridge. Have a consent consultant helping. Linking closely with BDC as they are also planning stuff in this area. Important to tie two projects together as identified by Neil Hatley from the Buller District Council. If there are emergency works then there are provisions can operate under if accepted by Council and have done in the past. Have made recommendation to Council to progress such works before. All those that have been discussed today could be classified as such today.

Moved (Mayor Cleine/Clr Coll McLaughlin) that the Joint Committee resolve to receive this report.
Carried

Moved (Clr Rutherford/Cr Hill) that the Joint Committee agree in principle to the criteria to be applied to the Flood Protection Scheme to be recommended to the West Coast Regional Council.
Carried

7. General business

Next meeting

Chair McMillan sought confirmation of when to meet next and the frequency of meetings for the Joint Committee. R. Beal said that the TAG will be meeting fortnightly going forward now have modelling confirmed. For example, the TAG will look at additional works and mapping drainage and culverts to see what can be progressed in that space. The TAG will also be looking at managing adverse effects. The outcomes of these will be brought back to the committee.

Clr Coll McLaughlin said that she would prefer monthly meetings at a minimum, even just for receiving reports noting that this benefits the community as well accessing information. Mayor Cleine was conscious of the effort needed to generate reports in amongst getting the work done so also confirmed a preference for monthly meetings. H. Mabin said that for recommendations to go to Regional Council meetings then the Joint Committee would need to meet the week prior. Chair McMillan confirmed monthly meetings for the Joint Committee with the Regional Council to confirm dates going forward.

Communications

D. Moloney noted his thanks to everyone. There is intense interest in this matter from the community. He wanted to keep communications coming out and noted the open letter that had been published the previous day. Suggested the next topic should be the Orowaiti and why not dealing with it immediately. H. Mabin noted this and said that will progress with information on the Orowaiti.

Mayor Cleine sought clarification of the spokesperson for the Joint Committee. Chair McMillan was confirmed at the spokesperson. A comms plan for the Joint Committee was recommended as well as a newsletter to be produced following meetings.

8. Close of meeting

Chair McMillan thanked all members of the Joint Committee and closed the meeting at 3.33pm.

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

To: Chair, West Coast Regional Council

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, -

- Items 10.1 – 10.4 (inclusive)

Item No.	General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 7 of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution
Item 10.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – Council meeting 12 April 2022	The item contains information relating to commercial matters and information that was subject to an obligation of confidence	To protect commercial information and to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (s 7(2)(c) and s 7(2)(b)).
Item 10.2	Rating District merger	The item contains information relating to commercial matters	To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).
Item 10.3	VCS Schedules of Work Approvals	The item contains information that relates to Council's commercial activities	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (s 7(2)(h)).
Item 10.4	Franz Josef (Waiho River Stopbank Protection – Phase 1) contract	The item contains information relating to commercial matters	To protect commercial information (s 7(2)(b)).

I also move that:

- Heather Mabin be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge on these subjects. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed; and
- The Minutes Clerk also be permitted to remain at the meeting.