

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), J. Adams (Consents & Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Archer / Challenger) *That the apology from F. Tumahai be accepted.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. MINUTES

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 5 February 2015, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Ewen asked if there has been a good strike rate for follow up phone calls to wetland owners. M. Meehan stated around a third of wetland owners have been contacted and messages have been left on answerphones as well.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Ewen reported that he assisted with a tender opening for the Taramakau rating district during the reporting period he had one phone call from a constituent. Cr Ewen advised that he attended the Investment Logic Mapping Training on 4 March. He stated this was very informative and worthwhile.

Moved (Ewen / Robb)

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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M. Meehan reported that draft changes for the Coastal Plan review were worked through at a workshop at the end of last year. The draft was sent out to RMA First Schedule parties following this workshop and feedback was invited. M. Meehan advised that a Hui was held last week with Ngai Tahu Runanga and DoC with feedback now awaited from the three district councils. Once the feedback is to hand a further session will be held to work through any amendments.

M. Meehan reported that the third letter has now been sent out to wetland owners encouraging them to get in touch with Council. He stated that around six wetland owners have contacted Council and staff are continuing to track down wetland owners via telephone calls. M. Meehan stated that response is a mixed bag with some people not too fazed by having a wetland on their property and others remain unhappy with the process but do not want to pursue anything. M. Meehan stated that the phone work will continue and staff will attempt to contact all affected wetland owners. They are currently one third through the list.

M. Meehan reported that two submissions have been received on the Flood Protection Bylaw, one is in support and one is opposed. He stated that Council has worked through the issues with the party was opposed, and they have now withdrawn their submission. M. Meehan advised that minor changes are being worked through with the other submitter and he will advise whether there is a hearing required.

M. Meehan advised that work is being done on groundwater with assistance from GNS. Work is also being carried out with Dairy NZ, looking for a model for Lake Brunner to help farmers know when it is appropriate to irrigate effluent. M. Meehan advised that NIWA is assisting with work on estimating stream flows; this is part of Envirolink funding work

Moved (Archer / McDonnell) *That Council receives this report.*

Carried

5.1.2 PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that there has been discussion and workshops on the RPS over the past few months. He stated that once Council endorses the RPS it will be notified in the newspapers, and placed on the Council website and linked to the district council websites. The RPS will also be included in the next rates newsletter with people being encouraged to make submissions. The submission period is up until the 22nd of May 2015. C. Ingle advised that there will be a reminder advertisement a week before submissions close. He stated Council will be trying very hard to get people to engage on this matter with the community being given the opportunity to influence the overall direction and that it reflects the views of the community. Cr Archer drew attention to a minor change on page 19 of the report. Issues relating to air quality in Reefton were discussed.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

That the Council approve the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for public notification, and accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report, in accordance with Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act.

Carried

5.1.3 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that rainfall data for each site has now been added to the table. M. Meehan advised that the exceedance at Shingle Beach was associated with heavy rainfall. He stated that this reading was sufficiently high that trace element work was able to be done, lab results are awaited.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *That Council receives this amended report.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report. He advised that 17 non-notified resource consents were granted and six changes to consent conditions were granted. J. Adams advised that the new RMA regulations relating to Section Four of the RMA have now come into force and as a result of this a number of resource consent applications have been returned to the applicants for further information. J. Adams advised that staff have phoned these applicants and sent letters with a copy of Schedule Four enclosed so that they can resubmit their consents. A link on the Council website with a link to MPI has been put in place to assist applicants.

Cr Ewen asked J. Adams what the changes in consent conditions for Reddale Mine relate to. J. Adams advised that he would follow up on this. J. Adams stated that some mines that are no longer

mining want to stop or cut down on the amount of monitoring that is required as the mine is no longer working.

Moved (Birchfield / Robb) *that the March 2015 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.1 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

J. Adams spoke to this report and advised that 111 site visits were made during the reporting period. He reported that 17 of the visits were found to be non-compliant with some of the non-compliance relating to heavy rain. J. Adams reported that seven complaints were received during the reporting period, one was unsubstantiated and two have ongoing investigations. Cr Robb stated it is pleasing to see that dairy farm compliance improving with the number of non-compliance trending down. He stated this is a positive for the West Coast and for the industry.

Moved (Robb / Archer)

1. *That the March 2015 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bond for RC13069 (Paramount Mining Ltd) be released.*

Carried

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.52 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date