

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL/GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE GREYMOUTH JOINT FLOODWALL COMMITTEE
HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2018,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 3.10 P.M.**

PRESENT:

T. Kokshoorn, A. Robb (Chairman), A. Birchfield, P. Ewen

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (WCRC Chief Executive), R. Beal (WCRC Operations Manager), P. Birchfield (WCRC Engineer), P. Pretorius (GDC Chief Executive), M. Sutherland (GDC Assets Manager), J. Strange (Stantec Engineer), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

APOLOGIES:

M. Hay, C. Sandrey

T. Kokshoorn / A. Robb - Carried

BUSINESS

T. Kokshoorn welcomed all present to the meeting and introductions were made.

MATTERS ARISING:

T. Kokshoorn stated that this meeting was arranged to discuss the construction of the bund, which he stated is working. T. Kokshoorn asked if the report on the possible construction of a 400 metre bund is available. R. Beal confirmed that it is available.

M. Meehan stated that the focus has been to update the committee on progress on matters relating to Cobden. He stated that the financial report is associated with the annual meeting but there will be an updated financial report contained in today's report. P. Pretorius asked the meeting if the rate strike would be set at today's meeting. R. Beal advised that it was agreed at the annual meeting that the rate strike would be set today.

WORKS REPORT – GREYMOUTH RATING DISTRICT

R. Beal displayed a video of Jellyman Park and the Cobden Lagoon area during Cyclone Fehi. He stated that had the Grey River been in flood at the time, Cobden would have been inundated and the bund would not have made much difference. It was agreed that it was fortunate that the Grey River was low during the cyclone.

R. Beal stated that he recommends that the automated floodgate at Range Creek lagoon is installed. He suggests that as the bund effectiveness is being monitored, the blocking of the ditch could be delayed and the repair of the floodgate at Range Creek will go ahead. J. Strange advised that he has had discussions with R. Beal and P. Birchfield and reviewed the NIWA report and the flood management review document. J. Strange explained in detail, the function of the floodgate and the importance of monitoring it during a flood event along with operating the floodgate during a flood event. T. Kokshoorn asked R. Beal how effective the small bund is. R. Beal responded that it was very effective during the recent event and did what it was designed to do for tidal, wind and storm surge but it won't cover every scenario. It was agreed that the bund stopped properties from flooding during this event. It was agreed that the budget for the floodgate needs to be added to rate strike. R. Beal displayed a video of water coming into and out of the lagoon from the river. Discussion took place on the costings for the upgrade to the Range Creek culvert and options to

control water coming into the lagoon from the Grey River. P. Pretorius asked how Range Creek could be controlled. P. Birchfield advised that ponding has been allowed for but the floodgate is helpful in this area. Cr Robb stated that the whole area needs to be looked at holistically and any money that is spent anywhere, is on behalf of ratepayers. He spoke of the recent flood which affected businesses in the CBD and stated that these are all the same ratepayers that are paying into the Greymouth Floodwall rating district. Cr Robb stated that it is important that any money that is spent, is done so with very good engineering advice. P. Birchfield explained the heights of the bunds and flood level protection heights. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this work is not full protection for all houses in Cobden. M. Sutherland spoke of the work that GDC will be doing around Jellyman Park and the old dump site. M. Meehan stated that WCRC is supportive of the work being done by GDC and is good to see that this work is part of the recovery from Cyclone Fehi. P. Birchfield advised that although the cut has not worked in the past, NIWA reports have advised that there does need to be an outlet in this area. M. Sutherland agreed with P. Birchfield, he stated that he has seen the cut working but agreed that it is not effective at high tide when there is a massive amount of back up water in the lagoon. M. Sutherland stated that the effectiveness of the cut entirely relies on the tide. M. Meehan agreed, and stated that there are so many different scenarios that can play out in this area, and it is quite complex.

M. Sutherland drew attention to item 4c of the report which should read "replacement of flood pump columns", not pumps.

R. Beal advised that the next step, once the Range Creek flooding recommendations are fully implemented, should be to review the use of the Cobden Cut, as the earlier reports were done without the floodgates being in place. All agreed that future work needs to be guided by the advice received from engineers.

FINANICAL REPORT

R. Beal reported that following on from recommendations at the annual meeting, the Cobden bund has been completed at a cost of \$36,440. He stated that bund is 185 metres and there are also additional culverts.

Moved: *That the financial report and updated works report is received.*
T. Kokshoorn / P. Ewen - Carried

RATE STRIKE – GREYMOUTH FLOODWALL

Moved: *That Council recommends a maintenance rate strike for the 2018 / 2019 financial year of \$100,000 Excl GST.*

That Council recommends a loan repayment rate strike for the 2018 / 2019 financial year of \$223,000 Excl GST.

Cr Robb / Cr Ewen - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.54 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date