

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.08 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk).

1. APOLOGY:

Moved (Robb / Archer) *That the apology from N. Clementson be received.*

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 11 December 2018, be confirmed as correct, with the amendments listed below, made.*

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Ewen stated that he had no concern regarding the Terrafirma report being in the tender documents but he was concerned that Mr Ellis's report was not included in the tender documents. Cr Challenger drew attention to the incorrect numbering in the minutes.

3.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 DECEMBER 2018

Moved (McDonnell / Archer) *that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated 21 December 2018, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal reported that the sending out of the survey to Carters Beach ratepayers was delayed as investigations on the suitability of material from Holcim Cement Works for coastal protection work was

completed. R. Beal advised that investigations revealed that the material is only suitable for fill behind an armoured seawall.

R. Beal reported that the resource consent for beach nourishment at Rapahoe has been issued, and the design for a low cost protection option has been completed.

R. Beal advised that the tender for the sale of Blackball and Kiwi quarries has been extended as no tenders were received.

M. Meehan advised that it has been difficult to maintain the access ramps on the Hokitika Seawall following weather events. He advised that this matter may need to be discussed with the Hokitika Seawall Committee to ascertain how they wish to deal with this.

Cr Ewen asked which section of the seawall at Punakaiki has slumping occurred. R. Beal confirmed that this is at the southern end. Cr Ewen stated that this is the area NZTA carried out work. He stated that the rating district should not be paying for any repair work in this area if it was caused by NZTA works.

M. Meehan answered questions relating to the material from Holcim.

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

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that the total revenue for the six months is just over \$5.5M and total expenditure is \$6.4M, with an operating deficit of \$835,000. R. Mallinson advised that the deficit is almost totally attributable to the decline in the investment portfolio value during November and December (\$311,000) which was on top of previous substantial declines in value during September and October. R. Mallinson advised that general funded activities and tracking close to budget for the six month period.

Discussion took place on the investment portfolio. R. Mallinson advised that he is hopeful of at least a two percent rebound during January. He stated that JB Were are keeping in close contact with him. R. Mallinson advised that he will be carrying out some research going back to the creation of the portfolio back to the early 2000's and will bring a report on this to a future council meeting. It was agreed that a long term view of the investment portfolio needs to be taken. M. Meehan stated that the investment portfolio has been a huge benefit to the community over the years in keeping rates rises down and funding work.

It was agreed that R. Mallinson would not bring a monthly report to the March Council meeting as he is heavily involved with Annual Plan work. It was noted that Councillors will still receive the monthly investment portfolio report.

R. Mallinson reported that documents for the transition to the Local Government Funding Agency will require signing following today's meeting. He advised that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman were to sign but due to Cr Clementon's absence another Councillor will be required to sign. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Cr Archer would carry out this task.

Moved (Birchfield / Challenger)

- 1. That the report be received.*
- 2. That Council appoints Cr Andrew Robb and Cr Terry Archer to sign the various documents required to be signed by "two elected members".*
- 3. That the Corporate Services Manager, Robert Mallinson, be authorised to sign the "Register and Paying Agent Services Agreement".*

Carried

4.3 SIX MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2018 – 31 DECEMBER 2018

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that the majority of targets are either in progress or achieved. He stated that the timeline for the Audited Annual Report was not met.

M. Meehan drew attention to the performance target not being achieved for macroinvertebrate health index at five sites out of 29. M. Meehan advised that H. Mills' team will be looking into this along with the Freshwater Management Groups who will also look closely at this data.

M. Meehan answered questions from Councillors relating to water quality. M. Meehan advised that the State of Environment four yearly report will be complete in a month's time and will provide in depth information and further information should be to hand by April.

Cr Ewen stated he would like to know the names of the sites where water quality has declined. M. Meehan agreed to provide this information.

R. Beal answered questions relating to the delivery of various vector control contracts, which are often weather dependent.

Cr Archer advised that the hearing for Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Land and Water Plan reconvened and has now been adjourned.

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

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report. He advised that the Terms of Reference were set at the first meeting of the Transitional Board for the One District Plan.

The Chairman reported that work is progressing very well with the Grey Mawhera Freshwater Management Group.

The Chairman provided an update on the Regional Sector Group Sub Water Group meeting, he stated that Minister Parker is engaging with the sector. The Chairman advised that there are nine seconded staff from the Ministry for the Environment working for this group.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He advised R. Beal and his staff are pursuing a project in the Lake Brunner catchment in conjunction with Predator Free 2050, DoC and various other agencies which potentially has huge benefit to Council and the community.

M. Meehan reported that the meeting with Department of Internal Affairs, Westland District Council and MBIE staff is looking at options for a long term approach for Franz Josef.

M. Meehan reported that the recent CEG meeting went very well with West Coast CDEM working very well. He stated there are good systems in place. Some staff are currently in Nelson assisting with the fire event.

M. Meehan reported that there is a lot of work being put into the RSG Water Sub Group to ensure that good information is in front of the right people.

Cr Challenger asked M. Meehan if he is aware of what Westland District Council's view of the long term plan for Franz Josef is. M. Meehan responded that during last year's LTP process Council proposed that a holistic rating district be formed but this did not get across the line. M. Meehan advised that Westland District Council supports this approach and there is strong support for this but in there are funding constraints. M. Meehan advised that Westland District Council has set up a Governance Group for Franz Josef which includes all agencies currently involved, including representatives from this Council. He stated that any proposals are put to this group for discussion, then onto the community for consultation. Extensive discussion took place, M. Meehan advised this will be discussed further at the end of today's meeting.

Moved (McDonnell / Birchfield) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Ewen brought up the matter of whether or not the DoC is looking a wetlands extension to pakihi land. Cr Ewen stated this has implications of biodiversity as pakihi land has a lot of corrals on it as

such land cannot be utilised without DoC consent. Cr Archer stated that this matter has not been raised in terms of DoC representatives at the Plan Change hearing. M. Meehan advised Cr Ewen that his query may be better directed via the NPS Biodiversity submission.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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