

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 1.14PM**

PRESENT: B. Cummings (Chair), A. Campbell, F. Dooley, P. Ewen, A. Birchfield

IN ATTENDANCE: D. Lew (Chief Executive), F. Tumahai (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae), J. Field (Group Manager Office of the CE), S. Morgan (Operations Manager), S. Genery (Principal Planning & Reporting Officer), A. Pendergrast (Acting Corporate Services Manager (via Zoom)), T. Hopkins (Group Manager - Catchment Management), J. Allen (Group Manager - Regulatory & Policy), S. Tripathi (Governance Advisor), B. McMahon (Media)

1. Welcome (Haere mai)

In the absence of the Council Chair Cr P Haddock, the meeting was chaired by Cr B Cummings, Deputy Chair of the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies (Ngā Pa Pouri)

The Chair called for apologies. An apology was received by Cr Peter Haddock.

Moved (McIntyre/ Dooley) *that the apology from Cr P Haddock be accepted.*

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair called for declarations of interest. There were none.

4. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (He Huinga tuku korero)

There were no public forums or deputations.

5. Confirmation of Minutes (Whakau korero)

5.1 Minutes of Council Meeting 7 May 2024

The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes of 7 May 2024 meeting. There were none.

Moved (Dooley/ Ewen) *that the minutes of the meeting are confirmed true and accurate.*

Carried

Matters Arising

A discussion was held on consents matters and additional costs imposed on consent applicants, particularly regarding the involvement of the Iwi in the consent process. The CE clarified that the costs associated with obtaining technical assessments, including cultural assessment from Iwi, are standard practice and are borne by the applicants.

J. Allen presented a paper detailing the status of consent applications. The document highlighted that not all consents required Iwi approval and were not delayed for that reason.

It was noted that a list of all consents provided to Ngāti Waewae for affected party approval over the past six months would be emailed to Cr Birchfield.

5.2 Minutes of Council LTP Meeting 21 May 2024

The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes of 21 May 2024 meeting. There were none.

Moved (Ewen/ McIntyre) *that the minutes of the meeting are confirmed true and accurate.*

Carried

Matters Arising

It was noted that three Rating District meetings remain to be held – Greymouth, Wanganui and Southside Hokitika.

6. Actions List

The actions list was discussed, and updated as follows –

- Item 1 – Ongoing.
- Item 2 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 3 – Ongoing.

- Item 4 – Deferred for consideration during the future of the RD and overall funding of flood protection schemes.
- Item 5 – Cr Dooley raised concerns about the financial implications of emergency works on the Buller River and the cost allocation to the Westport Rating District. He referenced the 3 May 2022 Council meeting, suggesting the \$2.5 million loan allocation to the Westport Rating District was not adequately discussed or agreed upon. The CE acknowledged the need for a thorough review and proposed presenting a detailed paper at the July meeting to clarify the history and financial details. It was noted that the staff should review the minutes of the Westport Joint Committee meeting and present a comprehensive investigation report to the Council.
- Item 6 – Completed. To be deleted.

Moved (Dooley/ Haddock) *that the Council receives the Actions List for information.*

Carried

7. Chairs Report

There was none.

8. Reports

8.1 Additional Updates to Part D Financial Delegations, Delegations Manual

It was determined that financial delegations have been thoroughly reviewed and are current. Non-financial delegations will be presented to the Council in upcoming meetings.

Moved (Dooley/ Ewen) *that the Council –*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Adopts the following revisions to Part D Contracting, Financial, Rating and Property Delegations in the Delegations Manual:*
 - (a) increase the financial delegation to the CEO and the relevant Group Manager to jointly approve contracts for vector control services operations, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000;*
 - (b) introduce a new financial delegation for the Chair and CEO to jointly approve contracts for emergency works up to \$1,000,000; and*

(c) provide for the use of credit cards by the Group Manager Office of the Chief Executive and the Manager West Coast Emergency Management of up to \$10,000.

Carried

8.2 2024 Representation Review

Moved (McIntyre/ Ewen) that the Council –

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Accept the recommendation for 'status quo' for the 2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal,*
- 3. Direct that this Initial Proposal is publicly notified in accordance with the Act.*

Carried

8.3 Amendments to Staff Recommendations to the Draft Long-term Plan as a Result of Council Deliberations

S. Genery spoke to the report, providing updates on amendments to the Significance and Engagement Policy to incorporate climate change considerations. Additionally, discussion was held on the efforts to secure external funding for the Predator Free Te Kinga project, emphasizing the importance of exercising caution in establishing trust.

Moved (Ewen/Dooley) that the Council –

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Accepts the recommendation that the Significance and Engagement Policy is amended to include new text, stating that climate change is a specific matter of interest for Council.*
- 3. Accepts the recommendation for amending the current text of the draft Long-term Plan, to use rates to support continued delivery from year three of the Predator Free Te Kinga project and investigate establishing a trust or explore third-party funding to continue the project.*

Carried

Cr Birchfield voted against the motion.

8.4 **Decisions on Submissions to the Regional Public Transport Plan**

The CE noted the absence of a wheelchair facility hoist in Greymouth and had instructed the staff to arrange a meeting with relevant stakeholders to address this matter.

Moved (Ewen/Campbell) that the Council –

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Declares the Hearing and Deliberations on the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan closed.*
3. *Receives the Decisions Report of the Resource Management Committee on submissions on the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.*
4. *Accepts the Decisions of the Resource Management Committee on submissions, and adopt the Decisions Report;*
5. *Adopts the West Coast Regional Public Transport Plan 2024.*

Carried

8.5 **LGNZ Membership**

The Council debated the value of maintaining membership with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). It was suggested that one Council on the West Coast should represent all four Councils to share the cost and ensure representation. The CE noted that this proposal would be discussed at the next Mayors, Chairs, and Iwi meeting.

Moved (Cummings/ Dooley) that the Council –

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Recommends the Chair and the CE to discuss this in MCI Forum and update the Council.*

Carried

Cr Birchfield voted against the motion.

9. General Business

A brief discussion was held regarding the Whataroa River bridge, with the note that P Blackwood will inspect the spurs during his upcoming visit to the West Coast.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

Moved (Cummings/ Dooley) *that:*

1. *the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – **agenda items 10 and 11 (all inclusive)**.*

Agenda 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
10.1	Minutes of Council Meeting 7 May 2024	The item contains information relating to commercial, privacy and security matters	To protect commercial and private information and to prevent disclosure of information for improper gain or advantage (s7(2)(a), s7(2)(b), and s7(2)(j)).
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and that

2. *Darryl Lew and Jo Field be permitted to remain at the meeting after the public have been excluded due to their knowledge of the subjects. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed; and that*

3. *The minute taker also be permitted to remain.*

The meeting moved into a public-excluded session at 2.05pm.



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Chair

9 July 2024

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Date