

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH COMMENCING AT 9.31AM

PRESENT:

B. Cummings (Chair), F. Dooley, A. Campbell, A Birchfield, P. Ewen, M. McIntyre

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. Lew (Chief Executive), F. Tumahai (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae), J. Douglas (Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio), J. Field (Group Manager Office of the Chief Executive), L. Sadler (Planning Team Leader), S. Morgan (Operations Manager), A. Pendergrast (Acting Corporate Services Manager (via Zoom)), S. Selvarajah (Acting Consents, Compliance and Policy Manager (via Zoom)), S. Genery (Principal Planning & Reporting Officer), C. Mills (Project Accountant), J. Horrox (Manager Environmental Quality), J. Allen (Group Manager - Regulatory & Policy), T. Thorp (Senior Policy Planner), Dr C. Brunton (Medical Officer of Health, West Coast), Dr I. Longley (Principal Air Quality Scientist, NIWA), B. McMahon (Media)

1. Welcome (*Haere mai*)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced the meeting with a prayer.

2. Apologies (*Ngā Pa Pouri*)

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

Moved (McIntyre/ Campbell) *that the apology from Cr P Haddock be received.*

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair called for any declaration of interests. There were none.

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

There were no public forums or deputations.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of Resource Management Committee meeting 7 May 2024

The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes. A few corrections were noted to the minutes of the meeting.

Moved (Dooley/ Campbell) *that, with the noted corrections, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2024 are approved as a true and correct record.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were none.

6. Actions List

The following was noted/updated on the actions list.

- Item 1 – Additional information was requested from Development West Coast (DWC). This action item was noted as completed and to be deleted.
Action item – Copy of the final submission to be sent to Cr Dooley.
- Item 2 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 3 – Ongoing. Waiting to hear from P. Madgwick.
- Item 4 – Ongoing.
- Item 5 – Ongoing.
- Item 6 – Ongoing.
- Item 7 – Ongoing.
- Item 8 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 9 – Ongoing.

Moved (Campbell/ Ewen) *that the report be received.*

Carried

7. Chairs Report (verbal update)

The Chair noted progress on Rating District meetings, with three remaining. Concerns from Okuru and Neils Beach were raised regarding the cost of consents for opening river mouths. It was clarified that the engineering team, acting as applicants, must seek consents, and the Council is exploring a global consent approach for cost efficiency (to be verified). There were also concerns about inadequate consultation with TTPP inundation zones, exacerbated by a mailing error during initial consultations and no further engagement since LiDAR charges. Community feedback highlighted perceived neglect of flood mitigation efforts.

Sound quality issues during meetings were addressed, with a suggestion to enhance technical setup for improved audio clarity during remote participation.

Discussions included concerns about driftwood removal from beaches, with calls to halt removal and seek clarity on associated rules and bylaws regarding signs and fires on the beach.

Lastly, the Committee emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to river management, particularly for the Waiho and Wataroa rivers. Action items were identified for Infrastructure Governance Committee, including confirmation of additional information required by DWC for Cr Dooley's application.

Other issues highlighted included misshapen spurs at Whataroa and significant rock accumulation downstream of the Waiho bridge, causing blockages.

Moved (Dooley/Birchfield) *that the report be received.*

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Planning and TTPP Report

J Allen spoke to the report and took the report as read.

The report provided an update on changes to the Resource Management Act (RMA) and implementation of the NPSFM and the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity. Updates on the TTPP hearings and the proposed variation of mapping of coastal habitats in the Proposed TTPP were also provided.

It was noted that J Allen would email an update to Cr Birchfield regarding the requirement of the ecological reports under TTPP for all the mining consents.

A brief discussion was held on TTPP and consenting functions of the District Councils.

Moved (Dooley/ Campbell) *that the Committee*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Accepts the invitation from the three District Councils to support the joint West Coast submission on the funding of the Emergency Works in the National Land Transport Fund.*

Carried

8.2 Alignment of TTPP with Te Whanaketanga

M Conland spoke to the report.

The report informed the Committee of the alignment of TTPP with Te Whanaketanga and the value it will provide to the West Coast region.

It was noted that the support was being sought from DWC for a grant to develop the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP). As part of the grant application, an assessment was conducted to ensure TTPP aligns with Te Whanaketanga's goals. Te Whanaketanga envisions a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous West Coast by 2050, addressing challenges like economic diversification, demographic changes, and community resilience. The assessment found that TTPP was crucial for achieving these goals by offering a comprehensive framework for economic development, environmental stewardship, and community resilience.

It was noted to circulate the response back to DWC, which aligns their objectives with TTPP, and await their feedback on the additional information requested.

Moved (Ewen/ Dooley) *that the Committee receives the report.*

Carried

Cr Birchfield voted against the motion.

8.3 Update on Taylorville Resource Park Ltd Consent Process

S Selvarajah spoke to the report and noted that the paper an update on the process of the Taylorville Resource Park Ltd (TRPL) resource consent applications.

Three applications were submitted by the applicant in March 2024: one for varying consents to grant Stage Class 3 landfill status, and two for new consents to discharge landfill leachate into water and manage odour and contaminants in the air. The Council-commissioned report under the RMA, conducted by appointed experts, had been completed. The next step involved requesting additional information on these applications. The report suggested that due to potential significant adverse effects, the applications were likely to be publicly notified and decided by an independent hearing panel.

The CE noted that the hearing panel would include an Iwi hearing commissioner. Discussion was held on the complaints regarding the breaches of odour discharge and leachates. It was noted that S Selvarajah will email Cr Birchfield regarding the number of complaints of leachates and odour discharge and the last recorded discharge of leachate.

Moved (Campbell/ McIntyre) *that the Committee receives the report.*

Carried

8.4 Air Plan Review 1: Air Quality and Home Heating Issues Report

T Thorp presented this report along with J Horrox, Dr I Longley and Dr C Burton.

The report aimed to brief the Committee about air quality and home heating issues to aid a review of the Air Quality Plan. The presentations highlighted the importance of addressing air quality issues, particularly those related to home heating, to improve the health and well-being of West Coast residents.

J Horrox presented the air quality monitoring results for the West Coast.

Dr I Longley from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) discussed indoor air quality. He presented on "Heating and its Health Impacts Presentation about indoor leakage from wood, coal and multifuel burners to inform air quality planning on the West Coast".

Cr Dooley left the meeting at 11.13am and joined the meeting at 11.17am.

Cr McIntyre left the meeting at 11.53am and joined the meeting at 11.58am.

Dr C Burton, the Medical Officer of Health for the West Coast, presented on the health impacts of air pollution, particularly focusing on PM10 and PM2.5. - Public health impacts including respiratory problems (coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, asthma, pulmonary disease); cardiovascular disease; and specific impacts on children and vulnerable populations from home heating.

J Douglas left the meeting at 12.13pm and joined the meeting at 12.20pm.

It was further noted that a workshop would be arranged to consider issues and options on air quality and home heating in July 2024.

Moved (Dooley/Douglas) *that the Committee receives the report.*

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.37pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.00pm.

9. General Business

It was noted that the consents and compliance quarterly report would be presented to the Committee in July 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS


Moved (Dooley/ Campbell) that:

1. the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – **10 and 11** (all 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
10.1	Confidential Minutes of 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)).
11	Actions List	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)).

2. Darryl Lew, Jocelyne Allen and Jo Field be permitted to remain at this 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
3. The minute taker also be permitted to remain.

The meeting moved into public excluded at 1.06pm.



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Chair

9 July 2024
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Date