

WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH COMMENCING AT 9.30AM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. Lew (Chief Executive), J. Douglas (Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio), J. Field (Group Manager – Office of the CE), A. Pendergrast (Acting Corporate Services Manager (via Zoom)), J. Allen (Group Manager – Regulatory & Policy), F. Love (Chief Advisor (via Zoom)), M. Dickens (Manager Policy), P. Miller (Corporate Services Manager), T. Wyndham-Smith (Principal Communications and Engagement Advisor), S. Tripathi (Governance Advisor)

1. Welcome (*Haere mai*)

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

2. Apologies (*Ngā Pa Pouri*)

The Chair called for apologies. Apologies were received from Cr Peter Haddock and Francois Tumahai.

Moved (McIntyre/ Ewen) *that the apologies from Cr P Haddock and F Tumahai be received.*

Carried

An apology for lateness was noted from Cr F Dooley.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair called for any declarations of interest for the meeting. There were none.

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

There was no public forum, petitions, or deputations scheduled for this meeting.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of Resource Management Committee meeting 8 October 2024

The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes of the Resource Management Committee meeting held on 8 October 2024. There were none.

Moved (McIntyre/ Birchfield) *that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were none.

6. Actions List

The actions list was reviewed, and the following updates were noted.

- Item 1 – Ongoing.
- Item 2 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 3 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 4 – Completed. To be deleted.
- Item 5 – Ongoing.

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

Carried

7. Chairs Report (verbal update)

There was none.

8. Reports

8.1 Planning and TTPP Report

J Allen spoke to the report and highlighted the following key points –

- Air Plan Review
 - Progressing well with issues and options under consideration.
- Coast Plan workshop was cancelled due to staff illness and will be rescheduled for next month.
- Regional Transport Committee (RTC) Update
 - Meeting held on 30 October 2024.
 - RTC agreed to formally withdraw the Speed Management Plan.
 - Supported the transition of the total mobility system to a digital card system.
- Flood Protection Bylaw Update
 - Further reports to be drafted by mid-January 2025.
 - Setbacks to be considered and presented at the RMC workshop.

- National Legislative Updates
 - Fast-track Approvals Bill:
 - Environment Committee presented its report on 18 October.
 - Committee recommended all amendments by majority.
 - Resource Management Bill No 1:
 - Select Committee's recommendations released.
 - Proposal to remove the hierarchy of obligations pertaining to Te Mana o Te Wai remains under consideration.
 - Bill still needs to go through its Second and Third Reading in Parliament.
 - Replacement of Resource Management Act (RMA):
 - Government plans to replace the RMA with two new Acts – One focusing on infrastructure and significant projects and another on environmental effects assessment.
 - Draft expected by mid – 2025.
 - NPS for Highly Productive Land:
 - Amended to ensure consenting pathways do not inhibit large infrastructure projects.
 - TTPP Hearings:
 - Hearings on natural hazards held in October at Reefton, Westport and Hokitika.
 - Upcoming hearing on ecosystems and biodiversity scheduled for 18 November.

Cr Dooley joined the meeting at 9.38am.

J Douglas noted that Ngāi Tahu disagreed with the government's proposal to remove the hierarchy pertaining to Te Mana o Te Wai.

A brief discussion took place regarding the reversion of speed limits on SH6 between Inangahua and Nelson. It was noted that Councillors will be updated on the potential return of the original speed limits on SH1, following changes made after the Kaikoura earthquake. Also noted that these issues will be further discussed at the upcoming Regional Transport Committee meeting in Christchurch.

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

Carried

9. General Business

Concerns were raised regarding Paroa flooding and the river mouth's proximity to breaching near the school, highlighting the need for proactive monitoring and prompt action, with increased local involvement.

The CE confirmed that the river mouth was open during the flooding event, as reported by staff, and acknowledged the need for further discussion. This issue was noted as an action for detailed discussion for the Operations Committee.

The rock shelter issue on SH6 was briefly discussed and will be raised for further discussion at the Regional Transport Committee meeting to seek a permanent engineering solution and develop a plan moving forward.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

Moved (Cummings/ McIntyre) *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 – 8 October 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	Compliance Matters (Verbal Update)	The item contains Information relating to commercial,	To protect commercial and private information and to prevent

		<i>privacy and security matters</i>	disclosure of information for improper gain or advantage (s7(2)(a), s7(2)(b), and s7(2)(j)).
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2. *Darryl Lew, Chris Barnes, 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. *That the minute taker also be permitted to remain.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9.52am.

The meeting reconvened and moved into the public-excluded session at 11.05am.



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Chair

10 December 2024
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Date