

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA, COMMENCING AT 12.02 P.M.

PRESENT:

J. Clayton (Chairman), B. Chinn, D. Shannahan, D. Davidson, P. Ewen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), S. Moran (Planning and Science Manager), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), T Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

Mayor Pugh and Cr Duckett from the Westland District Council were welcomed to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES:

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) That the apologies from R. Scarlett and K. Edwards be accepted.

Carried

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Chinn / Davidson) That the minutes of the Council Meeting 10 October 2006 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

S. Moran spoke to this report. The Inchbonnie Quarry Contract was let for flood damage. Rock was used at Camelback. Inchbonnie and Kiwi were shot in the interim.

The Regional Council now has responsibility for the maintenance of the Cobden Cut. This will be closely monitored as currently a pump station is not in use. Cr Ewen noted that there is a rock fall on the Cobden side of the river and queried as to whether this could be stored at the Cobden quarry for future use. Management will follow this up.

Moved (Davidson / Chinn) That this report be received.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report in A. Macalister's absence. The backlog of performance failures is now almost cleared.

A meeting of contractors will be held next week to discuss the performance failures of a few months ago.

Moved (Shannahan / Davidson) That this report be received.

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report.

Cr Shannahan noted that the report from Forsyth Barr for the September quarter relating to the benefits of diversification and currency hedging policies taken by Council was a good result.

Moved (Ewen / Chinn) That this report be received.

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman spoke about the following meetings he had attended:

- RAHC Meeting.
- Disaster Recovery Meeting.
- Rating District Meetings.
- Zone 5 LGNZ meeting in Timaru.
- Regional Affairs Committee

Cr Clayton discussed the issue at the Karamea Rating District Meeting regarding early publicity of the Flood Risk Report by the District Council.

Moved (Clayton / Shannahan) That the Chairman's verbal report be received.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He spoke of meetings he has attended including approximately half of the Rating District Meetings, he passed on his thanks to S. Moran for attending the rest of these meetings.

C. Ingle reported on the letter received from the Transport Minister and noted that the Arahura Bridge Replacement strategy is expected before Christmas.

Moved (Clayton / Chinn) That this report be received.

Carried

Moved (Clayton / Chinn) That the confidential minutes of the previous council meeting relating to the West Coast Development Trust be made part of the public record.

Carried

- Below are the minutes from the confidential part of the October Council meeting.

C. Ingle reported that Mike Copeland had tendered his resignation as Council's representative on the West Coast Development Trust. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Copeland from Council. Discussion took place on a replacement.

Moved (Scarlett / Shannahan) That John Clayton becomes the West Coast Regional Council Delegate on the West Coast Development Trust.

Cr Ewen expressed his concerns regarding the lack of information from the West Coast Development Trust regarding salary bands and that this should become public knowledge. He also stated that the West Coast Development Trust is now five years old and he feels that the probation period is over.

Cr Clayton declared an interest, Cr Shannahan chaired this part of the meeting.

Cr Davidson expressed his concerns relating to the involvement of Directors of the Trust becoming involved with businesses that the Trust deals with.

Cr Chinn stated that the West Coast Development Trust could be disbanded and the monies given back to the councils of the West Coast.

Moved (*Ewen / Davidson*) That Council writes to the Settlor to request further consultation on the Trust Deed noting that similar rules for transparency be adopted by the West Coast Development Trust, as are used by Councils.

Carried

Cr Davidson left the meeting at 12. 15 p.m.

Cr Clayton re-commenced chairing the meeting.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Shannahan reported that an invitation has been extended to Councillors to visit Kokiri Meat Works in February 2007.

The LAPP Fund was discussed. It was noted that this does not cover farmers who look after their own river protection works – only Council structures.

General discussion took place on whether or not the Taramakau area can claim for LAPP fund assistance for flood damage. Management will follow up on this matter.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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