

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8 AUGUST 2006, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.40 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents & Compliance Manager), A. Macalister (Vector Programme Manager – Arrived @ 11.46 a.m. - Departed @ 12.15 p.m.) J. Butcher (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Ewen/Scarlett) That the minutes of the Council Meeting 10 July 2006 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

R. Mallinson indicated that a late item regarding the quarry pricing structure was available for Councillor consultation.

Moved (Ewen/Scarlett) That the late item as indicated by R. Mallinson be formally added to the agenda for the August Council meeting.

Carried

4. REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

C. Ingle presented this report on behalf of S. Moran who is on leave, including an update on the final price of the Taramakau Rating District emergency works, which was a significant \$183,000. The price was pre-approved by the Rating District. Special mention was made on the Granity erosion control meeting. The NIWA expert will be evaluating feasibility of options for this area.

Cr. Shannahan asked for an in-depth explanation of the LAPP fund status. R. Mallinson commented that the fund is trying to "ring fence" the Regional Council's risk in comparison to the District and City Council's risk. 80% of payments from the fund to date have been to Regional Council's, while these Council's only pay 20% of the premiums. A more realistic assessment of the premiums will be undertaken. Cr. Clayton suggested that the District Council assets are protected to an extent by the Regional Council assets e.g. flood protection works, and R. Mallinson commented that a single significant earthquake could also singularly change the premium/claims ratio.

Cr. Chinn asked if the easement in relation to the Wanganui Quarry had been signed. C. Ingle will check this and return to Council with an answer.

Cr. Ewen questioned the frequency and necessity of verbal quotes in use. C. Ingle answered that this process was used for minor contracts and where time is an issue. Also, the Delegations Manual does allow for this process. Cr. Scarlett suggested that a file note of verbal quotes should always be used.

Cr. Ewen requested that the Department of Labour Inspector be referred to as Mr. Taylor, and not "Bill" as stated in the report.

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

Carried

LATE REPORT – COUNCIL QUARRIES AND ROCK PRICING

R. Mallinson overviewed this report, with time given to the Councillors to read it through.

Cr. Scarlett questioned the methodology behind the price rises in relation to the comparison prices. R. Mallinson indicated that historical tonnage sales were evaluated and the new price structure based on the individual Council quarries being financially self-sufficient. Councillors embarked on a discussion regarding the individual quarry foibles and relative pricing issues.

Cr. Ewen asked if the pricing structure precludes the Wanganui Rating District from making a lump sum payment of the bridge and access road debt. R. Mallinson suggested that this was still a viable option. A discussion took place regarding the Wanganui quarry specific issues, including any consultation with the Rating District.

The pricing of decorative rock will be presented in a further Council report to the September meeting. A brief discussion took place about the commercial pricing possibilities of the decorative rock option. It was suggested that a premium pricing structure be enforced for significant tonnages.

Moved (Scarlett/Shannahan) That Council adopt the pricing structure below, effective 9 August 2006 (all prices exclusive of G.S.T.):

- Miedema rock deposit remains at \$6 per tonne.
- Okuru Quarry raised to \$8 per tonne.
- Blackball, Kiwi, Inchbonnie, Camelback and Whataroa Quarries raised to \$7 per tonne.
- Wanganui raised to \$7 per tonne plus \$2.50 per tonne for recovery of road and bridge costs (with stockpile costs added for stockpiled resource).

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Macalister spoke to this report, including an update on the Karamea Stoat Survey. There has been one reported case of a stoat with Tb. This is one case out of 115 stoats caught. Although this catch is of negligible significance, it has proven the possibility of stoats being a potential carrier.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson presented this report.

Cr. Davidson expressed his disappointment at the budgetary deficit but also commended the returns from the investment portfolio. Councillors gave general agreement to these comments and suggested that the next budget round would require more policy decisions around fees etc.

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

Carried

4.4 ANNUAL REVIEW – TWELVE MONTH REVIEW 1 JULY 2005 – 30 JUNE 2006

R. Mallinson overviewed this report, having taken it as read by Councillors.

A brief discussion was undertaken regarding the Vector Control Business Unit status. Cr. Scarlett asked for expansion of the fourth performance target for the Vector Control Unit, to include an actual end of the year result. R. Mallinson stated that this information would be added into the 2006 Annual Report.

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

Carried

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

J. Clayton gave a verbal Chairman's report, including an in depth mention of the Gravity erosion meeting.

C. Dall indicated to Council that he had recently received a positive memorandum from Terry Archer (Buller District Council), thanking the Council for the co-operation.

Cr. Davidson asked Councillors to consider a donation from the civil defence budget, to the Karamea community group who are currently raising money for a satellite telephone, to be used in emergency situations where the community becomes geographically isolated. Cr. Scarlett declared an interest in this discussion but on request, explained the rationale for the telephone. C. Ingle will investigate the route for the approved donation.

Moved (Davidson/Shannahan) That Council donate \$200 to the Karamea community group raising money for the purchase of a satellite telephone.

Carried

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

Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to this report, expanding on the Water Programme of Action meeting issues discussed, attendees and results.

Cr. Clayton commented further on the Water Programme of Action meeting, including a point he had made at the meeting regarding the allocation issues surrounding the different regions and the imposition of conditions (National Policy Standards) on the West Coast Regional Council on that basis, with no direct correlation to our region. Cr. Clayton considered this a successful forum.

Cr. Scarlett expressed Council's appreciation and best wishes to the Executive Assistant on her resignation.

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

Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.34 p.m.

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