

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10th APRIL 2007, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.32 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), T Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), N. Costley (arrived at 11.35 am, departed at 11.48 am), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson) that the minutes of the Council Meeting 10 March 2007 be confirmed as correct.

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

C. Ingle spoke to this report in S. Moran's absence. He noted that a lot of flood damage inspections have been carried out in the Karamea area following the heavy rainfall on the 17th of March. He noted that due to this event it has been a very busy month for staff. Regrading of the Cobden Cut is to be carried out sooner rather than later. Quarry work is progressing well and catch up work is being carried out. The Infrastructural Asset Register is currently being peer reviewed. The access agreement for the Whataroa Quarry has now been signed and the easement agreement for the Wanganui Quarry is now awaiting sign off. Cr Chinn queried as to whether tenders were called for the new gates installed at the Wanganui Quarry, C. Ingle agreed to follow up on this. Cr Ewen then asked if verbal quotes are recorded in writing.

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

4.1.1 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME

N. Costley spoke to this report and answered questions from Councillors. Cr Scarlett asked if this could be capped at any point. Cr Clayton stated that funding is available through the LTNZ. Cr Davidson commented that West Coasters could be disadvantaged if Council did not sign up to Phase One of the scheme. Cr Clayton mentioned that local authorities must spend

their share of total budget before qualifying for any increase. He then asked if we spend our total budget, and it was confirmed that we are running very close to it this year.

Moved (Chinn / Shannahan) that the Council approve signing up to the Phase One Agreement.

That the Council agrees to broaden the Total Mobility Service to assist Users of the Scheme to access medical appointments outside of the region.

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

C. Ingle presented this report in A. Macalister's absence. The annual ground control contractors meeting was held, with a good turnout of contractors. Cr Clayton expressed his thanks to A. Macalister for the professional way he went about managing the market. Good progress is continuing with the 2006-07 programme.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that the spending in the river, drainage and coastal protection areas is substantially under budget on the basis that the upgrade to the Greymouth Floodwall was going to be carried out during 2006 – 07, but as this is unlikely to happen it is now budgeted for the 2007 – 08 year.

Moved (Shannahan / Chinn) that this report be received.

Carried

4.3.1 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT RULES RELATING TO ELECTED MEMBERS

R. Mallinson spoke to this report.

Moved (Ewen / Scarlett) that the proposed elected member expense reimbursement rules be adopted by Council for submission to the Remuneration Authority

Carried

4.3.2 UPDATE OF RISKPOOL DEED

R. Mallinson overviewed this report and spoke to the letters attached to the report. He spoke of his main concern regarding this matter as being the "leaky home issue". Cr Scarlett asked R. Mallinson if he had contacted any other councils regarding this matter. It was agreed that this matter should be followed up with other regional councils via the Regional Affairs Committee.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson)

1. That Local Government Mutual Funds Trustee Ltd be advised that we are prepared to agree to all the proposed rule changes with the exception of the clause which would allow rule changes to the Trust Deed with the consent in writing of not less than 75% in number of members.
2. The Trustees to be advised that we would agree to a 90% rule, but not 75%.

Carried

4.3.3 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES & OBJECTIVES REVIEW

Moved (Scarlett / Ewen) that Council adopt the new Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives dated March 2007.

Carried

4.3.4 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007 /08

R. Mallinson briefly overviewed this report and the changes made to the draft document following the Councillor workshop of 21 March 2007.

R. Mallinson advised that the Draft Annual Plan "Summary of Information" will feature in the West Coast Messenger on the 2nd of May 2007.

It was agreed to make the change regarding the inspections of compliant farmers dairy sheds to every third year, and make a corresponding change to the "key Changes to LTCCP targets" section as well.

Moved (Shannahan / Ewen)

1. That Council adopts the Draft Annual Plan 2007/08 Statement of Proposal pursuant to section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. That the closing date for public submissions be Friday 18 May 2007.
3. That Council set the date of 25 May 2007 for the hearing of public submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2007/08 Statement of Proposal.

Carried

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle presented this report and spoke of the various meetings he had attended including the Envirolink Governance Committee Meeting, which the regional CEO's have asked Chris to join.

C. Ingle felt that the presentation made to the Rating Enquiry Commission meeting he attended with Crs Clayton and Shannahan was well received. This meeting was well attended by other councils from the top of the South Island.

The recent DOC meeting resolved outstanding matters regarding the Greymouth floodwall consent and the Westroads Blaketown Beach licence and the Conservator's role in managing these matters.

The CIMS2 Civil Defence training was attended earlier in the month.

C. Ingle attended a meeting with Granity residents regarding the proposed Granity sea protection scheme, but only two residents attended; there is concern as to the level of interest in this. A letter to the seven affected property owners was mailed out following the meeting. Once the response is to hand then a decision will be made on whether to continue with this.

A visit to Oceanagold Mine, Stockton Mine, Jones Creek and the Ngahere Dredge was made with the Compliance Team.

C. Ingle also visited Karamea with Graeme Smart from NIWA to investigate concerns regarding the Karamea flood risk. The Waimangaroa River was also visited by Mr Smart. Envirolink are funding these assessments.

The Fish & Game Liaison meeting, which was held during the reporting period, went well. C. Tonkin from Fish & Game reported that there has not been a single complaint from anglers during the season.

Moved (Clayton / Davidson) that this report be received.

Carried

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Clayton stated that most of his report has been covered by previous speakers. He commented on the announcement regarding the Spring Creek Mine from Solid Energy.

He also spoke of the Transport Committee meeting he attended and the progress with the Gates of Haast as Transit have agreed to seek R Funding.

Moved (Clayton / Davidson) that this verbal report be received.

Carried

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Shannahan spoke about the Marine Forum Roadshow scheduled for April in various areas of the West Coast and also Motueka. He tabled a schedule of meeting dates. It was agreed that these meeting dates would be emailed out to all Councillors. He reiterated the importance of this matter and urged follow Councillors to attend these meetings.

The meeting closed at 12.17 p.m.

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Date