

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8 MAY 2007,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD,
GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.36 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), S. Moran (Planning and Environmental Manager), A. Macalister (Vector Programme Manager), T Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM (if required)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Carried

Matters arising

Cr Chinn requested an update on the sale of the Whataroa Quarry. S. Moran reported that we have heard that the Friend's have on sold parts of the farm. Cr Clayton asked if this affected the access agreement. S. Moran advised that the access agreement is binding on all subsequent owners for 35 years and has now been lodged with LINZ.

Cr Chinn queried the tender process for gates for the Whataroa Quarry. This matter was followed up and the standard procedure for tenders explained to Council. S. Moran confirmed that tenders over the value of \$5000 were obtained in writing. Cr Ewen expressed the value of using local contractors wherever possible.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

S. Moran spoke to his report and provided an update on the Inchbonnie Quarry. The drilling rig is not yet operational due to a problem with the gearbox. A smaller rig has been contracted for the Wanganui contact.

Future Works: The contract for the re-grading of the Cobden Cut has been let. A site meeting is to be held on Friday with work commencing within the next week.

Greymouth Floodwall – Resource Consent: Four parties have submitted in opposition. Management is hopeful of resolving this matter relatively soon.

Considerable discussion regarding the quarry truck and drilling rig took place. S. Moran agreed to investigate the status of this equipment and report back to Council at the July meeting.

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

Carried

4.1.1 LTCCP MONITORING AND REPORTING STRATEGY

C. Ingle spoke to this report. He explained that this is a requirement under the Local Government Act. It requires Council to monitor and report on community outcomes. This information is then available for the Annual Report.

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

Carried

4.2 VECTOR PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Macalister spoke to his report. He spoke of restrictions placed on the programme by DoC in terms of control methods. In particular Feratox is not allowed to be used on DoC land. Traps are required to be set at 700mms off the ground on all DoC land. Management is working with Landcare Research to develop proposals for these matters. Outcomes are not expected for at least a year. Management is hopeful of some movement on these restrictions.

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

Carried

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report noting that the environmental monitoring group of activities expenditure is less than budgeted. Management expects these to come to charge before the end of the financial year. River, drainage and coastal protection activities expenditure on the Greymouth Floodwall (\$750,000) and river cross sections is not expected to appear until next financial year.

Cr Scarlett concurred with management that this is a very satisfactory result compared to last year when we were heading towards a deficit.

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

Carried

4.3.1 AUDIT NEW ZEALAND – LETTERS OF UNDERTAKING

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. Cr Davidson commented that the 4% increase each year highlights another increase that Council needs to absorb.

Moved (Ewen / Davidson) That the Chairperson be authorised to sign the Letter of Undertaking.

Carried

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT

C. Ingle presented this report and spoke of the various meetings he had attended including the Rating Commission meeting held in Christchurch.

C. Ingle also attended the Local Government Shared Services Conference in Wellington. There were a lot of very good examples of shared services that councils use including sharing of software which our council is involved with. The Palmerston North City Council provided information on their model of the after-hours call centre service which this Council is considering joining.

The RAC meeting was attended in Wellington. Our bid to host the RAC meeting in February 2008 was accepted.

The Zone 5 & 6 Meetings in Christchurch were attended. A presentation on climate change was made by Environment Canterbury.

An Industry Advisory Committee meeting at The West Coast Development Trust was attended.

The Regional CEO's meeting was attended in Wellington yesterday.

C. Ingle provided a summary to Council of the Rating Commission Submission with the main point of the submission being the amount of Crown Land that dominates our region. In addition to the CEO's written report he also provided a verbal update on the proposed Granity Coastal Protection Wall. Following the mail out sent to residents, three people have sent in written returns and three verbal returns. Three residents have asked that the project go ahead but one of these residents has mentioned that they may not be able to afford to pay for this. Three have declined to join and one person has not replied. It was noted that some of these properties are rentals and others have recently been sold. It was agreed that C. Ingle would provide a written report regarding this matter for the June Council meeting.

Moved (Scarlett / Davidson)

That this report be received.

That the Rating Enquiry submission (attached) be adopted.

Carried

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Clayton spoke of the Zone 5 meeting he attended in Christchurch. The Canterbury Manufacturers Association provided a presentation on electricity consumption. The presentation can be viewed on www.cma.org.nz.

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

Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.26 p.m.

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