

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2013, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 12.19 P.M.

PRESENT:

R. Scarlett (Chairman), B. Chinn, A. Robb, T. Archer, D. Davidson, A. Birchfield, I. Cummings

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), J. Adams (Consents & Compliance Manager), M. Meehan (Planning & Environmental Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (Chinn / Cummings) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 13 August 2013, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that emergency works to the floodwall in Lower Waiho rating district has been completed. A small amount of repair work to the sea wall in the Okuru rating district was also done.

M. Meehan drew attention to the photographs in his report of the Hokitika foreshore erosion protection work. He stated that the placement of the filter fabric is a crucial part of the job. M. Meehan advised that the milestones have been worked through with engineering staff and the contractor and the expected completed date is the 5th of December. Work is on track to achieve this target.

M. Meehan reported that the majority of the work being done in the Camelback Quarry is to supply rock for the Hokitika sea wall. M. Meehan stated that there are good supplies of rock in other council quarries at the moment with work underway in the Whataroa Quarry to increase the stockpile of rock in this quarry.

Cr Birchfield asked M. Meehan if he is happy with the progress and the quality of the work on the Hokitika sea wall. M. Meehan responded that he is pleased with progress to date and work is being surveyed as it goes to ensure that the levels are good. M. Meehan advised that the contractor has installed a GPS device into the digger which is proving to be very accurate and helpful. Cr Cummings commented that the rock that is being supplied for this job is very good quality, it is of a good size and looks to be very durable.

Moved (Robb / Archer) *that this report be received.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to his report advising that this report is very brief as he has been focussing on the Annual Report. He advised that the auditors are currently on site. R. Mallinson stated that the unaudited surplus is very close to what he reported on last meeting. He advised that the investment portfolio made good gains in August.

Moved (Chinn / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and advising that he attended a meeting with Crown Public Health on the 22nd of August to discuss the Reefton Oeko trial. He stated that he is very pleased that Crown Public Health has provided some funding for the trial although more funding is required.

C. Ingle advised that the SOLGM meeting he attended on the 26th of August was very interesting with the possibility of a merger with LGNZ discussed.

C. Ingle reported that he met with Ian Goss, a Coastal Engineer on the 29th of August to discuss the groyne field at Hokitika Beach. He said this was a very good meeting with the district council engineers present. Mr Goss is to provide a report on what is required for the unprotected part of the beach at the north end which is still eroding.

C. Ingle reported that he attended the Civil Defence Recovery workshop on the 3rd of the September which was run by Grey District Council. He stated that this was an excellent workshop with several local businesses in attendance.

Yesterday's Mayors and Chairs Forum discussed the Regional Policy Statement document that council has just adopted. They were pleased to see the intention of the council to move forward on creating jobs for the region rather focusing solely on environmental matters. C. Ingle stated it is important that people realise that it is a sustainable community that we want and not a declining community. This means we need more industry and more jobs to attract people to the region.

C. Ingle stated that the changes to the Local Government Act are unlikely to affect regional councils very much. He advised that a 30 year infrastructure strategy will be required in the next long term plan. C. Ingle stated that this will not be hard for our council to do for its flood control structures.

C. Ingle advised that the CEO of MfE will be responsible for National State of Environment Reporting with a report coming out every six months on this matter. Regional Councils will have to supply their monitoring information to MfE for this but if MfE want us to collect more data than we collect now, then that extra cost will have to be met by MfE. He feels that if it is a government report then it should be a national cost and not a regional cost.

Moved (Archer / Cummings) *That this report be received.*

Carried

6.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Scarlett reported that he attended the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington last Friday. He stated that this meeting was a review of the past three year’s progress. He stated that the Hon Chris Tremain, Minister of LGNZ, addressed the meeting and advised that there is a real thrust to develop efficiencies with a strong push to get things in place and progressed before the next election.

Cr Scarlett stated that he will be attending a meeting of the South Island Freight Alliance Group next week. He advised that the focus is on where money should be spent and where is the most efficient use of developing roads for the betterment of regional economies as the south island is lacking in this area. Cr Scarlett stated that good progress needs to be made in this area.

Moved (Scarlett / Birchfield) *that this report be received.*

Carried

C. Ingle advised that Westland District Council have resolved to transfer their mining functions under the RMA to this council. He stated that this is now being formalised by Westland District Council with the drafting of a deed and having the deed legally reviewed. C. Ingle advised that once the deed has been sent to him he will then arrange for a legal review and get council together to decide whether to accept this transfer of services or not. C. Ingle advised that a special meeting may need to be called to adopt this as the full council is required to adopt this.

Cr Scarlett wished everyone well for the elections. Cr Scarlett thanked Cr Chinn for his contribution to council over the years and wished him well for the future.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.38 p.m.

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Date