

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2014, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOOUTH, COMMENCING AT 1.17 P.M.

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), P. Ewen, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell, T. Archer, S. Challenger, N. Clementson

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services 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 (Clementson / Archer) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 10 November 2014, 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 following the recent round of annual rating district meetings some works are being progressed. M. Meehan advised that there was discussion at the Wanganui and Taramakau meetings on whether some works are emergency works or urgent works. He stated that there have been concerns about delays in the tender process because there has been a flood again prior to these works being started. M. Meehan advised that he would like to try a system that Council's Quarry Advisor has experience with in Canterbury. M. Meehan explained how this system works and stated that he will investigate how this works in conjunction with Council's Procurement Policy.

M. Meehan advised that the emergency works carried out in the Franz Josef rating district did not cost the rating district any money as it was carried out on behalf of NZTA, Electronet Services, Scenic Circle Hotel Group and Westland District Council. M. Meehan advised that there is a lot of pressure on the north bank of the Waiho River at the moment with NZTA creating a diversion channel. M. Meehan advised that work is continuing with the parties involved to seek a solution in this area.

M. Meehan advised that work is continuing with the Buller River Flood Working Group and another meeting is scheduled for January.

Moved (Clementson / Ewen) *that this report be received.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. He advised that Council is starting to see a payoff in its investment in PCR Ltd.

R. Mallinson spoke to the Audit Management Report. He drew attention to page 18 of the agenda where the Auditors noted that there was council approval for \$60,000 recorded in the minutes for the additional capital contribution to PCR LP. The actual capital contribution was \$68,600. R. Mallinson stated that he felt that the extra \$8,600 is not a significant amount. Cr Archer asked whether Council could retrospectively approve this amount. R. Mallinson walked Councillors through the Audit Management Report and answered various questions from Councillors. Cr Archer requested a copy of the Audit Engagement letter.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That this report is received.*
2. *That Council retrospectively approves the expenditure of \$8,600 for PCR LP.*
3. *That Council adopts the Audit Management Report.*

Carried

R. Mallinson advised that the Long Term Plan project will take up a substantial amount of his and C. Ingle's time during December and January. R. Mallinson requested a waiver on preparing a financial report for the February meeting. Councillors agreed to this request.

R. Mallinson stated that the next monthly financial report would be for the seven months to the end of January which would go to the March council meeting.

4.3 FOUR MONTH REVIEW – 1 JULY 2014 – 31 OCTOBER 2014

C. Ingle spoke to this report and advised that the majority of targets are in progress as the financial year is not yet halfway through. C. Ingle stated that there is a lot going on at the moment, staff and managers are all very busy.

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

Carried

4.4 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2015

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. Cr Archer asked if Council would be prepared to move the February meeting from the 10th of February to Thursday 5 February. Councillors and managers agreed with Cr Archer's request.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer) *that this report be received, with the amended date of 5 February for the February Council meeting.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cr Robb spoke to his report and took it as read. He thanked everyone present for their support this year and stated that Council has covered a fair bit of ground this year. Cr Robb wished all present a Merry Christmas.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and spoke of the various meeting he attended during the reporting period including some rating district meetings. C. Ingle stated that the opening of the new marae at Arahura was a momentous event for the region.

C. Ingle reported that at the Civil Defence meeting in Wellington community resilience was discussed. C. Ingle stated that one of the early chapters in Council’s RPS talks about community resilience and sustainability; he stated that this is very useful and ties into the natural hazards and hazard avoidance areas. C. Ingle felt that this council has taken a lead in this area.

C. Ingle advised that the West Coast Civil Defence CEG meeting went well with the handover to the new Civil Defence Regional Manager, Chris Raine, being quite seamless. C. Ingle advised that secondment agreements are now in place for the civil defence officers in district councils now reporting directly to the regional manager. C. Ingle advised that one of the priorities for civil defence regionally is the Mokihinui River flood action plan.

C. Ingle suggested the Regional Policy Statement Review and the implementation of the Economic Plan are the two strategic projects for the Long Term Plan process. C. Ingle advised that changes to the Hokitika Seawall and Franz Josef rating districts will also be included in the Long Term Plan. C. Ingle stated that as a region it is important to identify the right projects and to ensure that the right debate is had with these communities. C. Ingle asked Councillors if they agreed with this approach. Cr Archer agreed with this approach.

Cr Archer asked for further clarification on the conditions imposed on the original \$7M that was gifted to Council in the early 90’s for investment in the region. C. Ingle passed a report to Cr Archer. Cr Archer read that report aloud and quoted “*that the \$7M share of the funding package provided to each of the four local authorities of the West Coast was given unconditionally.*”

Cr Robb asked the meeting if they are happy with the direction C. Ingle is taking with the Long Term Plan process. All present agreed with this approach.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *that this report is received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 2.19 p.m.

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