

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.47 A.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), J. Adams (Consents and Compliance 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 9 December 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 and advised minor works were carried out in the Taramakau, Coal Creek and Waitangitona rating districts during the reporting period.

M. Meehan reported that the mouth of the Karamea River was opened on the 14th of November. He stated that this work was completed just before a heavy rainfall event and the mouth is now where it should be.

M. Meehan stated that work is progressing well with the Buller flood modelling working group. He advised that options were run through and the Engineer has been asked to look into one more option and to investigate costs for the various options. M. Meehan advised that the Council's flood warning staff are working closely with Civil Defence staff on this matter to develop a strong flood action plan and to develop community response plans. He advised that the next meeting is scheduled for the 9th of March and estimated costs and an update from Civil Defence will be discussed at this meeting.

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

Carried

4.1.2 RATING DISTRICT LIAISON MEETINGS REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that of the 25 rating districts eleven had meetings. He advised that corrections need to be made to pages 10, 14 and 18 as the dates for the rate strike should be for the 15 / 16 year and not 14 / 15. Cr Archer requested that when the staff recommendation for the rate strike is different to what is recommended by the rating district meeting, that this well flagged so Council can debate this.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That the subheadings for the rate strikes on pages 10, 14 and 18 of the agenda are amended to reflect the correct dates for the rate strike.*

Carried

4.1.3 RED JACKS RATING DISTRICT REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He advised that generally Red Jacks rating district are rated \$5,000 per year but following the December 2010 flood event more money was needed to be spent to repair flood damage. M. Meehan advised that the maintenance rate was increased to \$10,000 to cover this cost. He advised that following Council's application to the Ministry of Civil Defence, Red Jacks rating district received just under \$15,000 which covered some of the cost of the works. There has also been discussed with Grey District Council and NZTA regarding contributions to the rating district. M. Meehan advised at the annual meeting members of the rating district raised concerns about the maintenance rate being too high at \$10,000. They made a submission at the meeting to have the rate strike cut back down to \$5,000. M. Meehan advised there is no major maintenance or capital works expected. He stated that NZTA via Grey District Council are looking at making a contribution to the rating district. M. Meehan suggested that the rate for the current year, 2014 / 15 year, of \$10,000 is cut to \$5,000. M. Meehan stated that the rating district will still have a positive account balance and once the contribution from Grey District Council is in the account this will increase the balance as well. Cr Birchfield stated that Grey District Council need to get onto getting this money to the rating district. R. Mallinson advised that he will remit the second installment on the basis of this decision.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council reduces the Red Jacks Rating District rate for the 2014 / 15 year from \$10,000 to \$5,000.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that he would be bringing a more detailed report to the March meeting. He stated that he has been spending a significant amount of time on budgeting and long term plan work. R. Mallinson requested that Council agrees to a workshop following the conclusion of the March meeting to discuss this recent work. R. Mallinson reported that the total income from the two Westpac portfolios for the six months is just over \$550,000. Councillors agreed to the workshop following the March Council meeting.

Moved (Ewen / Archer) *That this report is received.*

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT (VERBAL)

Cr Robb reported that he attended the meeting with the Australian High Commissioner.

The Chairman advised that he chaired the special meeting relating to the south side motels on the Waiho River on the 12th of December.

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

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

C. Ingle spoke to his report and offered to answer questions relating to the meetings he attended during the reporting period.

C. Ingle reported that the amendments to the Triennial Agreement have already been signed off by the Mayors and the agreement now needs to be adopted by each Council. C. Ingle stated that there is no policy change as it is documenting what is already in place.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

1. *That this report is received.*
2. *That Council adopts the new version of the Triennial Agreement, as attached.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.04 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date