

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 12.07 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer) R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager),
T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGY:

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved (McDonnell / Challenger) *that the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 13 November 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters arising

M. Meehan updated Councillors on the One Plan. Cr Ewen asked if the Local Government Commission (LGC) can force Buller District Council (BDC) to participate. The Chairman advised that the process now is for the LGC to do some consultation, hold a hearing and then make a decision. This should take around six months. The Chairman advised that Hon Shane Jones has stated that economic development is about the regions. He has mentioned the West Coast, and it is very important that the One District Plan approach is taken. The Chairman stated that progress needs to start now so that some of the opportunities can be captured.

REPORTS:

4.1 ENGINEERING OPERATIONS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that a good result was obtained from the work done at Cobden. He stated that work is progressing well at Whitehorse Quarry; work is also progressing well on the Punakaiki Seawall extension.

R. Beal reported that the drop in sessions held at Franz Josef were well received with the community appearing to be well informed and engaged and asking good questions.

M. Meehan advised that remediation work in the Whitehorse Quarry is going well and it is expected that the site will be listed for sale shortly.

Moved (Clementson / Archer) *That the report is received.*

Carried

4.1.2 FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT SURVEY

R. Beal spoke to this report and advised that 85% of respondents chose Option 1 which is to proceed with river training works.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council proceeds with the proposed river training works.*

Carried

4.1.3 BULLER RIVER FLOOD MODELLING

R. Beal spoke to this report. He advised he will be sending a letter shortly out to members of the Working Group which will include the new modelling data. Cr Archer asked what the expected outcomes are going to be. M. Meehan advised that local knowledge, the cut and dredging of the river have all been discussed by the working group and he is hopeful the working group will narrow down some options on where to from here.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That Council's Hazard Maps are updated to include the flood modelling data from the Land River Sea Consulting report.*
3. *That the information is made freely available on the Council website and to Buller District Council for town planning and LIM purposes.*

Carried.

4.1.4 RATING DISTRICT LIASION MEETINGS REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report. He stated that the 12 meetings were held during September and October. Cr Archer noted that the rate strikes recommendations are recommended to Council and are supported by staff. He stated that it is important that the rating districts are aware of this.

Moved (Archer / Clementson)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the rate strikes recommended be placed in the next Long Term Plan.*

Carried

4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that the surplus for the four months is \$927,000. He stated that this is a satisfactory result for the first four months of the financial year.

Moved (Challenger / Ewen) *That the report be received.*

Carried

4.2.1 AUDIT NZ FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2017

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and expanded on the management comment in various sections of the report. Cr Archer expressed concern regarding budgeting, balancing of budgets and budget variances. Cr Archer stated that if expected income levels are too low, this could then result in significant rate increases. Cr Archer stated he is concerned that this is a necessary or expected outcome. The Chairman stated that he has had this discussion with the Auditors and they are aware of Council's concern. R. Mallinson answered various questions from Councillors.

Moved (Archer / Birchfield) *That the report is received.*

Carried

4.2.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2018

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and took it as read.

Moved (Clementson / Archer)

That Council adopts the 2018 Schedule of Meeting Dates.

Carried

5.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report and took it as read.

Moved (Robb / Challenger) *That this report is received.*

Carried

6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

M. Meehan spoke to his report. He advised that he chaired the recent Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) meeting and stated that good progress is being made in this area.

M. Meehan spoke of other meeting he attended. He answered questions from Councillors.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.52 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date