

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 15 MAY 2017, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), T. Jellyman  
(Minutes Clerk)

#### **1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

**Moved** (Ewen / Challenger) *That Council suspends Standing Orders to enable Crs Archer and  
Clementson to join the meeting via teleconference.*

*Carried*

#### **2. ANNUAL PLAN 2017 / 2018**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that in accordance with the current legislation the document that goes out for public consultation is the Consultative Document. He stated that Council is only required to consult with the public if there is significant or material difference between the Annual Plan and the Long Term Plan. R. Mallinson advised that the protection work for Neil's Beach, Cobden and Punakaiki, and the Regional Emergency Management proposal were not foreseen in the 2015 / 25 Long Term Plan, and therefore public consultation is required. R. Mallinson stated that at the time of writing this report the Annual Plan still had a few pages to complete, he advised that this work will be completed by the close of business today. R. Mallinson spoke to matters relating to capital expenditure and advised that loans will need to be raised for Kaniere (\$130,000), Cobden (\$160,000) and Punakaiki (\$356,000) if the three projects go ahead.

R. Mallinson advised that there are minor changes to staff chargeable rates in the Annual Plan for this year along with an amendment to the gravel charge agreed to by Councillors in September 2016. He stated that Section 95A of the Local Government Act requires Council to formally adopt the information relied on by the content of the consultation document prior to adopting the consultation document. R. Mallinson answered various questions from Councillors regarding the proposed works for Punakaiki and Kaniere and it was agreed that once tender prices are to hand further consultation would be arranged. Extensive discussion took place on rock prices. R. Mallinson advised that make safe costs for Kiwi quarry were significant at around \$76,000. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that rock prices would be increased incrementally over the next three years. Extensive discussion took place on quarries and the work that is now required to meet health and safety regulations and make safe requirements. R. Mallinson explained the financial requirements for the running of quarries. He encouraged Councillors to consider wiping the accumulated quarry deficit as this could be offset against general equity. R. Mallinson stated that by staggering the increase in rock prices and with realistic price per tonne this will ensure the quarries future viability. M. Meehan stated that usually the setting of rock prices per tonne is an operational matter but in view of the implications for the budget the significant rise in rock prices it has come to Council for their input. Discussion took place and it was agreed that funds from would be put aside from this year's surplus to go towards the Make Safe work for quarries. Cr Challenger stated that it may be that there is a loss for a couple of years but once the rock price levels out then a profit could then be made. Cr Challenger stated that it is important that the rock prices catch up over the next three years. R. Mallinson suggested that staff do further work on quarry budgets and

report back to Councillors with the amended analyses. Discussion took place on the future of quarries. R. Mallinson advised that he will be working on identifying deficits that will need to be run this year and next year on the basis that they will be recovered subsequently. R. Mallinson advised that the writing off of the quarry deficit will not have any impact on the 2017 / 18 budgets.

M. Meehan answered questions regarding resource consent fees for septic tanks.

All present agreed with the dates for the special meetings for the hearing of submissions on 27 June and the confirmation of the Annual Plan on 30 June.

R. Mallinson stated that he would report back to the Councillors as soon as possible on the impact of increasing the rock price to \$17.00 per tonne once he has completed this work.

**Moved** (Challenger / Birchfield)

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Council formally adopts the budgets, financial strategies and other information (including proposed protection scheme works and the associated rating impacts) that are relied on in the consultation document.*
3. *That once tenders are received for works in Punakaiki and Kaniere, further consultation with residents will be held to inform them of the accurate costings.*
4. *That the Consultative Document be approved for public consultation.*
5. *That the Consultative document be made publically available via the "Messenger" feature on 24 May 2017.*
6. *That the closing date for submissions be 23 June 2017.*
7. *That the hearings on submissions on the consultative document take place on Tuesday 27 June 2017.*
8. *That decisions be made on submissions and the final Annual Plan for 2017/18 be confirmed at a Special Council meeting on 30 June 2017.*

Cr Robb thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 10.38 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date