

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2022,  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,  
COMMENCING AT 10:30 A.M**

**PRESENT:**

A. Birchfield (Chairman), S Challenger, J. Hill, P. Ewen, D. Magner, B. Cummings (via zoom), L. Coll McLaughlin (via zoom).

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

H. Mabin (Chief Executive) via zoom, R. Beal (Operations Director), L McLeod (IT Support Officer).

**1. WELCOME**

Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

**2. APOLOGIES**

The Chairman called for apologies. There were no apologies.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman called for declarations of interest. Cr Coll McLaughlin noted she was an employee of Chris J Coll Surveying Limited, which is mentioned on page 22 of the agenda.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman called for any speakers for Public Forum. There were no speakers.

**PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Moved** (Challenger/Magner) *that the minutes of the Council meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

## **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **REPORTS**

### **6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman took his report as read.

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

*Carried*

### **7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

H. Mabin spoke to her report and took it as read. In response to a question from Cr Ewen, H Mabin clarified that Civica are the firm that provides Council's financial software. Cr Cummings asked how many Health & Safety Staff members were at Council? H Mabin confirmed there is only one, who was responsible to the Manager People & Capability.

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

## **8.0 REPORTS**

### **OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT**

R Beal spoke to this report and took it as read. R Beal stated that Stage 1 of the Greymouth IRG project was completed. Geotech was yet to happen, however Davis Ogilvie had advised that the entire wall needed to be upgraded. The design of the Hokitika floodwall works had been received from BECA and the consent was not yet lodged.

R Beal stated that Expressions of Interest had been received for Franz Josef. The Stage 1 focus had been on rock production and Stage 2 will focus on proposals and prices.

R Beal thanked ECAN and ORC who had provided support engineers during the recent weather event and praised WCRC who had stepped up. Significant flooding had happened on the southside of the Wanganui River and cost of damage was estimated to be \$250,000. The Rating District will pay 50% of surveying the Wanganui.

Cr Ewen enquired what flood damage had been sustained at Franz Josef. R Beal advised he had received no reports of damage to existing river walls and post-event inspections would be carried out. Franz Dairies had approached Council about flooding on their land and R Beal advised they are outside the Rating District.

Cr Challenger asked about who pays for the Wanganui Rating District flood modelling and cross sections. R Beal advised that this is paid for 50% by the Rating District, with the remainder coming from the general survey budget.

Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if all the telemetry was in place on the Buller River? R Beal confirmed it was.

Cr Coll McLaughlin noted she understood from previous minutes there was to be an update on flood protection for Westport later in February, and asked if there was any dates for that. R Beal advised that NEMA had appointed Rob Rouse to oversee Emergency Works at Westport, including the repairs to the river wall near O'Connor Home. The funding split would be 60:40 NEMA:Council and NEMA would only fund like for like, not betterment of infrastructure.

R Beal advised that the Joint Committee will be meeting in early March and Land River Sea Consulting would be presenting at the inaugural meeting. An Independent Chair would be appointed after a selection process. Council will write to the 2100 Working Group members to source two possible community members for nomination to the Joint Committee. In response to a further question from Cr Coll McLaughlin, H Mabin provided clarification of the roles of the Steering Group and the Joint Committee, and advised that John Hutchings had been allocated to WCRC to assist with preparing the business case. Cr Coll McLaughlin thanked R Beal and his team, and WCRC staff, for their work in the event and noted she had received positive feedback about the efforts put in by staff.

**Moved** (Magner / Hill) *That this report is received.*

*Carried*

Council discussed the selection criteria that should be applied to the Westport Rating District Joint Committee Independent Chair role and it was agreed that it needed to be someone that understands the Buller River. Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if the position would be advertised and Management confirmed it would be in the Westport paper.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

H Mabin enquired whether Council wanted to hold their March Council meeting at the marae in Bruce Bay. It was agreed to delay the visit until the COVID pandemic had passed.

The meeting closed at 11:15 a.m.

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Chairman

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