

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2018, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

The Chairman welcomed Matthew Ross, Philippa Lynch and Treena Davidson, Ngai Tahu planning staff to the meeting.

#### **1. APOLOGY**

There were no apologies.

#### **3. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 12 December 2017, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

Cr Archer asked if the Conflict of Interest Policy was going to be discussed as per item 5.2.3 of the minutes. M. Meehan confirmed that this policy would be workshopped.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman spoke to his report and stated that it was quiet over the Christmas break. He stated that following Cyclone Fehi he and Cr Archer have visited Granity to survey damage. They have visited Carters Beach and Elley Drive numerous times over the past few days.

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

*Carried*

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP**

##### **5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that once summary work is completed for the Franz Josef options, a business case will be prepared for the preferred options, this information will then be passed on to Councillors.

Discussion took place on the appointment of councillors to the hearing panels for the Proposed Regional Policy Statement hearing and the Proposed Plan Change 1 hearing. Cr Robb advised

that he is about to sit his recertification course. Cr Archer spoke of the likely timeframes for the hearings and deliberations and confirmed his availability.

**Moved** (Challenger / McDonnell)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That two qualified Councillors, Cr Archer and Cr Robb, be appointed to sit on the hearing panel for the Proposed Regional Policy Statement hearings and deliberations, with the three independent commissioners.*
3. *That Council agree to the hearing panel structure for the Proposed Plan Change 1 hearings.*

*Carried*

Cr Archer spoke of the assurance given by iwi, at the December meeting, that they would prepare and present a workshop to Council on what the cultural landscapes were likely to be prior to the hearing for the Regional Policy Statement. Cr Archer asked where this matter is at. J. Douglas invited the Ngai Tahu attendees to respond. Matthew Ross advised that Ngai Tahu would provide examples of what has worked well with other regions. M. Meehan stated that F. Tumahai has confirmed that the workshop would be held prior to the hearing. M. Meehan advised that staff will work with the Ngai Tahu team to get the workshop underway.

### **5.1.2 BATHING BEACH WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. E. Perrin-Smith answered questions from councillors relating to the Lake Brunner catchment low risk threshold results. She advised that the amount of water fowl around at the time could be responsible but noted that results have now improved again. J. Horrox stated that increased boat activity over the holiday period could impact as there is a strong relationship between E coli and sediments. It was noted that the lake was quite low during this time. M. Meehan advised that there is no trend at Lake Brunner and this was a one off sample. Cr Archer stated that it is heartening to see investigation processes getting underway in the Buller catchment.

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

*Carried*

### **5.1.3 GEOTHERMAL HOT WATER REPORT**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. Discussion took place and it was agreed that funding would be considered but work would continue with GNS and other funding agencies. Cr Ewen moved that \$20,000 be granted to GNS to fund Phase 1 Definition Study. Cr McDonnell is against this as he stated that this report is brief and this is more in line with Development West Coast's functions.

**Moved** (Ewen / Clementson)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That \$20,000 is granted to GNS to fund Phase 1 Definition Study.*

*Against Cr McDonnell*

*Carried*

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 14 non notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period along with two changes to consent conditions and three limited notified resource consents were granted.

H. McKay advised that staff have processed some of the first Westland District Council mining consents under the delegation function. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Archer / Birchfield) *That the February 2018 report of the Consents Group be received.*  
*Carried*

## **5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report. She advised that 149 site visits were undertaken during the reporting period. H. McKay advised that there were no major issues over the whitebait season. H. McKay advised that one formal warning and two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Robb) *That the February 2018 report of the Compliance Group be received.*  
*Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.12 a.m.

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