

## **THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 MARCH 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.32 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

N. Clementson (Chairman), A. Robb, T. Archer, P. Ewen, P. McDonnell, A. Birchfield, S. Challenger (arrived 10.35), J. Douglas

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

**Moved** (Clementson / Archer) *That the apology from F. Tumahai be received.*

*Carried*

#### **2. MINUTES**

**Moved** (Archer / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 12 February 2019, be confirmed as correct, with the amendment requested by Cr Ewen.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

Cr Ewen requested an amendment to page 3 of the minutes in relation to the last sentence of the compliance report as he feels the context of his question is not included. Cr Ewen stated that the bonds should be reassessed due to increased areas of mining as this has not been happening in the past and this is a statutory requirement. M. Meehan asked Cr Ewen if he is saying the Council has not reviewed bonds. Cr Ewen stated that there have been cases where people have worked outside their consented area. M. Meehan advised that this potentially triggers enforcement action and a review of the bond. Cr Ewen stated that he has not seen any evidence of this and that if a bonded mining area has an increase in the legal area, whether by legal licencing process or through operator error, the bond on an increased area should accordingly be increased to cover the potential that would become a ratepayer liability, should the licence holder go under. It is a mandatory requirement to have a bond adequate for the rehabilitation of an area worked. Council is responsible for this. H. McKay stated there are two parts to this process, one is when someone applies for a variation to their consent to increase their area and Council can then increase bonds but if they are have worked outside a consented area and Council is going through an enforcement pathway then this is a different avenue.

#### **3. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

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

There was no Chairman's report.

M. Meehan advised that representatives from the Franz Josef rating district committee are here but have not requested speaking rights. Cr Robb advised that he has spoken to them and after the report on Franz Josef has been discussed he will put this matter to Councillors to ascertain whether or not they can address the meeting.

## **5. REPORTS**

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

#### **5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT**

M. Meehan advised that H. Mills and N. Costley are attending the Regional Policy Statement mediation today. He stated that the RPS mediation is expected to take three days.

M. Meehan reported that work continues to progress well with Grey Freshwater Management Unit Group. Buller and Hokitika FMU Groups are also getting underway.

M. Meehan advised that additional security for the Mokihinui and Te Kuha flood warning sites is being considered following the theft of flood warning equipment.

M. Meehan answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Ewen / Birchfield) *That this report be received.*

*Carried*

#### **5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE**

M. Meehan spoke to this report. He stated that overall it has been a good summer for this programme with pleasing results from the five sites that staff are doing extra monitoring in. These sites are two in Buller, Nelson Creek, Grey River and Lake Brunner. M. Meehan advised that the results for Lake Brunner are showing very low risk.

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

*Carried*

#### **5.1.3 VARIATION 5 TO THE WEST COAST REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2015 – 21**

M. Meehan spoke to this report and advised that there are no funding implications for Council.

**Moved** (Archer / Robb)

*1. That Council approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 21 for the inclusion of the Lake Brunner Road Level Crossing Safety Impact Assessment; and*

*2. That Council submits the variation to the West Coast Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 21 to the New Zealand Transport Agency.*

*Carried*

#### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that four site visits were carried out, 12 non-notified resources consents were granted, three changes to consent conditions, and one limited notified resource consent were granted during the reporting period.

H. McKay advised that any impacts relating to the removal of gravel from the wet bed of the Buller River at Organs Island are likely to be short term and temporary and would have been part of the assessment prior to the granting of the resource consent.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Archer) *That the March 2019 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

## 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 61 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. H. McKay reported that there were eight non-compliances during the reporting period, along with 12 complaints / incidents were reported with 15 of these resulting in site visits.

H. McKay reported that three formal warnings were issued during the reporting period, four infringement notices and two abatement notices were issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that 21 work programmes were received with only one yet to be approved. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

Cr Clementson requested that in cases where there are duplicate place names, that the district be named and put in brackets in the reports to avoid confusion.

**Moved** (Ewen / Archer)

1. *That the March 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the \$100,000 surety bond for RC09084 held by Xin Xin Mining Ltd is released.*

*Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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