

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2019, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.28 A.M.

PRESENT:

N. Clementson (Chairman), A. Robb, P. Ewen, A. Birchfield, P. McDonnell. F. Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), J. Horrox (Water Quality Team Leader), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Clementson / McDonnell) *That the apologies from Crs Archer, Challenger, & J. Douglas be accepted.*
Carried

2. MINUTES

Cr Clementson asked the meeting if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous

Moved (Birchfield / McDonnell) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 9 July 2019, be confirmed as correct.*
Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT

H. Mills introduced J. Horrox to the meeting and stated that J. Horrox will answer questions relating to the State of the Environment Report.

H. Mills stated that due to the Regional Policy Statement appeal, a one year extension is being sought. He reported that a reconvened hearing for Plan Change 1 will be held in early September.

H. Mills reported that it is hoped that Gayle Tipper will attend the next Grey Mawhera FMU meeting to discuss the aligning of culture values with freshwater attributes.

H. Mills reported that the first meeting for the Kawatiri FMU was held on Tuesday night, with the terms of reference discussed along with discussion on appointing a Chair, as well as legislative requirements for the group.

H. Mills advised that Council's Submission on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill was lodged on 16 July.

H. Mills advised that the State of Environment Report (SOE) is produced every three years, but this time all monitoring data is combined into one document to ease of reading. He stated that the report reveals that water quality and natural physical resources in the region are generally good and are in good shape compared to other regions, but there is work to do in other areas. H. Mills explained the report in detail and advised that maps were used to highlight data from each of the sites that are monitored.

H. Mills reported that three floodwarning alarms were triggered during the reporting period.

M. Meehan advised that there is a lot of data in this report and some is decades old. He stated that this is a snapshot of what is going on. M. Meehan stated that it is important that the SOE report is looked at holistically. J. Horrox answered questions from Councillors and provided additional information to the meeting. He spoke of timeframes and advised that most sites are monitored monthly. Cr Robb commented that the report is very good and an easy read.

Cr Birchfield stated that he and Cr Clementson had opposed the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill. Cr Birchfield stated that he does not support the intent of the Bill, and he does not support Council's submission, as he does not believe that carbon is causing any problem in the atmosphere.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield)

1. *That the report is received.*

2. *That the Resource Management Committee agree to seek an extension for releasing decisions on submissions to the proposed Regional Coastal Plan, 1 December 2020.*

Carried

5.1.3 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that there have been no exceedances of the NES for air quality in Reefton so far this season. He advised that the new Teledyne T640x machine is operational and Council is now receiving telemetry from the site. H. Mills reported that once the machine is validated it will measure PM₁₀ for the site and it will also measure PM_{10.5}. Cr Ewen asked if there had been any exceedance during the cold snap last week. H. Mills agreed to follow up on this and provide this information to Councillors.

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

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, and five changes to and reviews of consent conditions were granted during the reporting period.

Moved (Robb / Birchfield) *That the July 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 52 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. She stated that staff have been kept busy responding to complaints and incidents as well as the regular monitoring programme. H. McKay reported that there were 38 complaints or incidents were received with 13 non-compliances occurring during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that one abatement notice was issued during the reporting period.

H. McKay reported that two mining work programmes were approved during the reporting period and one bond is recommended for release. H. McKay answered questions from Councillor Ewen regarding non-compliances in the forestry industry. H. McKay agreed to provide additional information to Cr Ewen.

Moved (Birchfield / Robb)

- 1. That the August 2019 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
- 2. That the bond for RC-10239 BSK & KG Ferguson of \$18,000 is released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

Cr Clementson passed on condolences on behalf of the Resource Management Committee to J. Douglas on the sudden passing of her brother.

The meeting closed at 10.48 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date