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### THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2020, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**Moved** (Coll-McLaughlin/Birchfield) To set aside standing orders to allow for the remote participation by Councillor D. Magner.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), C. Brown (Civil Defence Regional Director), A. Grigg (NEMA), L. Sadler (Planning Team Leader), A. Melrose (Policy Planner) A. Mahuika (Minutes Clerk), J. Hawes (IT Support), The Media,

Also in attendance: M. Kennedy, Bruce Truman, Ian Anysley, Andrew Thompson

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Bruce Truman and Andrew Thompson spoke about how the harvesting of sphagnum moss helps to maintain wetland areas as wetlands, including protecting indigenous biodiversity of the Schedule 1 and 2 wetlands included in the Land and Water Plan. They also spoke about the benefits of using moss products in various industries and that Councillors agreeing to the hearing panel's recommendations would help to support indigenous biodiversity and the local sphagnum moss industry.

M. Kennedy, B. Truman and A. Thomson left at 10.38 am.

#### **2. MINUTES**

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

Cr Birchfield referred to a correction on page 2 - Cr Birchfield stated that approximately 500 hectares of private land have effectively been put into DoC Estate. The amount should be 5,000.

**Moved** (Ewen/Cummings)

*That the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 11 February 2020, be confirmed as correct with the minor amendment as above being made.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## 2.1.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 20 FEBRUARY 2020

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

J. Douglas said that she had declared a potential interest rather than an interest on behalf of Te Rūnanga Makaawhio so would like the wording changed.

**Moved** (Cummings / Birchfield)

*That the minutes of the Special meeting of the Resource Management Committee dated 20 February 2020, be confirmed as correct with the minor amendment as above being made.*

*Carried*

### **Cr Ewen voted against the motion**

Cr Ewen said he did not believe the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting as he had quite a bit to say at the meeting and he had to look at the agenda to see if he had attended it because there was not one mention of what he said. He said there is only one record of such meetings and that is the minutes and as much as possible on such an important issue as this should have been included in the minutes. He said having the tape recording of the meeting is fine and he is happy with that. He stated he has addressed the issues of what he said in another way and will continue to do so if they are absent from meetings. Cr Ewen wants his vote recorded against accepting the minutes.

Cr Birchfield said the minutes are very one sided and agrees with Cr Ewen. He said it was an hour-long discussion and he couldn't see Cr Ewen's name mentioned. M. Meehan asked Cr Ewen what he would like to see added to the minutes. Cr Ewen stated that he had said his piece and had addressed it in another way. Cr Coll asked whether it would be appropriate to have the meeting transcribed. Cr Challenger said it was an option. He said if we are having issues like this where we are having conversational points which aren't put in the minutes, which should be there, then perhaps we might need to start looking at doing that. He said that the minutes are a summary of what happens however if there are important pieces missing then feels we should really get them put back into the minutes.

Cr Coll-McLaughlin said she believed it wasn't appropriate not to have a unanimous accepting of minutes and feels we need to amend that before we have those minutes committed as a written record of the meeting. She doesn't feel it appropriate it not being unanimous and there needs to be more discussion on it.

M. Meehan said he could get the recording transcribed and have the transcribed version as well as the summary of the meeting ready for the next meeting. Cr Challenger said he agreed with that.

R. Mallinson made the comment that local government minutes are never meant to be a Hansard transcript of everything that was said but that doesn't stop us doing that if councillors direct us to do that for a meeting.

Cr Coll-McLaughlin said she had strong feelings that if we are ever going to have a unanimous decision about anything that a true and accurate record of a meeting is the point at which you should draw the line. Cr Birchfield said it was an hour-long meeting and there is going to be a lot of paperwork and he doesn't know whether it would be worthwhile. He said Cr Ewen has made his point and we should just move on. Cr Coll-McLaughlin said she has very strong feelings about the subject, particularly on something that has been so controversial. Cr Challenger said he agrees particularly when Cr Birchfield said the minutes were one sided.

**Moved** (Coll-McLaughlin/Challenger) *That a transcription be prepared and tabled at the next meeting.*

*Carried*

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Challenger stated that he received numerous phone calls regarding the plan change.

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

### 5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT

H. Mills spoke to his report. He there were no real updates regarding the RPS as the Joint Memorandum was still with the Environment Court and he is unsure how long the process will take. He reported on the Freshwater Management Units. He said that the Grey FMU was holding its last meeting on 31 March and finalising their recommendations to go to the Resource Management Committee. He said Kawatiri FMU have had their seventh meeting and had worked through cultural values. He informed that membership for the Hokitika FMU had closed and there is a staff recommendation for Councillors to appoint 7 to the group. He said there were 15 applications and staff went through each application and then conducted interviews on 9 applicants. H. Mills said staff would be recommending 7 be appointed to that freshwater management unit. He spoke on the process for choosing the best candidates. They thought about their interests in the community and considered their likelihood to constructively work within the group and their ability to communicate with their community. He said staff feel the list put in front of Council is a well-balanced group of people. He said it was proposed that the first meeting be on the 24<sup>th</sup> March

H. Mills spoke on the NPSIB Submission. He said there had been a workshop regarding this issue with the Resource Management Committee members on the 25 February. He thanked Cr Magner and Cr Coll-McLaughlin for providing comments which have been integrated into the submission, which he said would strengthen the submission.

H. Mills said the Improving Whitebait Management Discussion Document was also talked about in the 25 February workshop. He said they are thinking of supporting most of the changes with regards to the fact that these changes will bring whitebait regulations into line with West Coast regulations. H. Mills said the part Council will strongly oppose is around having the additional refuges for whitebait within rivers and is also concerned around the lack of evidence to justify closing rivers for refuges.

H. Mills spoke on two National Environmental Standards open for submission. The first was the NES – Outdoor Storage of Tyres. He said the staff view on this one is that we probably wouldn't submit but it is up to Councillors. He said the storage of tyres requires a discretionary resource consent whereas this new NES would make it a permitted activity so would make things a little easier for staff. H. Mills spoke on the NES – Air Quality changes and the Hydrology report.

**Moved** (Ewen / Coll-McLaughlin)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the Resource Management Committee approve the Implementation Team's recommended applicants for membership of the Hokitika Freshwater Management Unit Group.*
3. *That the Resource Management Committee approves the joint West Coast Council's submission on the Draft (proposed) National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.*
4. *That the Resource Management Committee approves the submission on the "Improving Whitebait Management: Te Whakapai ake I te whakahaere inanga Discussion Document".*
5. *That the Butcher Creek flow recorder is permanently closed.*

*Carried*

### 5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report.

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

*Carried*

### 5.1.3 CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

C. Brown spoke to this report. Then C. Brown and A. Grigg gave a presentation on Civil Defence Emergency Management and Councillors responsibilities.

**Moved** (Coll-McLaughlin / Ewen) *That the report is received.*

*Carried*

**5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to the report.

**Moved** (Birchfield / Tumahai) *That the March 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.*

*Carried*

**5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report.

**Moved** (Coll / Cummings)

1. *That the March 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bond of \$5000 for RC04290, Graeme Hobbs, be released.*

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.48 a.m

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