

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

R. Mallinson (Acting Chief Executive), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), M. Schumacher (IT Support), The Media (via Zoom)

**Cr Birchfield read the prayer.**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

#### **2. MINUTES**

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

**Moved** (Birchfield / Cummings) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 September 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

*Carried*

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

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

The Chairman advised that he attended the Hokitika drop in sessions relating to potential seawall and river protection works, which were well attended. He also attended a drop in session at Franz Josef and has dealt with a few phone calls and visits relating to the drop in sessions.

#### **5. REPORTS**

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

##### **5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT**

H. Mills spoke to his report and provided an update on the Plan Change 1 Appeal. He advised that an Ecologist has visited Lake Kini, and a meeting with Makaawhio is scheduled for tomorrow. H. Mills advised that wetland maps with changes have been removed. He offered clean copies of the maps to those present.

H. Mills advised that the rest of Plan Change 1 (outside of Lake Kini) can now be made operative as of 22 October. He stated that once the recommendation is carried, the Chairman will affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Plan

H. Mills reported that staff are seeking an extension of time through until July 2021, to release the decisions for the Coastal Plan due to a number of events that have occurred over the last year.

H. Mills advised FMU work is on track and progressing well.

H. Mills advised that any private plan changes made to the operative district plans are a regional council responsibility. He advised that initially there was some confusion and legal advice was sought to clarify this.

H. Mills advised that costs are passed on to the applicant, and a Consultant will be hired to guide the process.

H. Mills advised that a re-zoning proposal at Moana was the trigger for this process.

H. Mills reported that there were a number of weather events during the reporting period which triggered flood warning alarms across the region. He stated that overall winter was pretty quiet in terms of flood alarms which allowed staff to get quite a bit of maintenance done.

H. Mills answered questions from Cr Coll McLaughlin regarding how the Order in Council specified administering the District Plan. H. Mills advised that Council has not sought legal advice on this and the assumption is that the district councils administer the plan. It was agreed that H. Mills would seek legal advice on this for clarification purposes.

Cr Ewen stated that after the wetlands process was gone through and after consultation was closed, the Ministry snuck in further restrictions which could cause problems for industries such as mining. He asked if they is a way Council could make a submission on this as there was no consultation. H. Mills advised that there are a few regulations within the NES for freshwater that he would like to discuss with central government. He stated that he and H. McKay are seeking some influence on these. H. McKay advised that there is stated that there is no submission process open for this at the moment as the legislation is set and it has been gazetted.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Magner)

1. *That the report is received.*

2. *That the Resource Management Committee adopts the Plan Change 1 changes to the Land and Water Plan, and adopts the map document titled:  
"Plan Change 1: Schedule 1 and 2 wetland maps showing changes to wetland boundaries, excluding the Lake Kini wetlands KAGP008 on Maori reserved land under appeal", and approves that they be made operative on 22 October 2020.*

3. *That the Resource Management Committee grant an extension of time for releasing decisions on submissions to the proposed Regional Coastal Plan, to 1 July 2021.*

*Carried*

### **5.1.2 REEFTON AIR QUALITY SUMMARY**

H. Mills advised that there have been no breaches of the NES for air quality in Reefton over the reporting period. He spoke of the gaps in data that were due to a power outage and a malfunction to the air quality machine which required a part. H. Mills stated that there are still some issues being experienced with calibrating the new monitoring machine. He advised that a third machine is in use to try to rationalise the different readings.

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

*Carried*

### **5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that four site visits were undertaken during the reporting period. She reported that 21 non notified resource consents were granted during the reporting period and two changes of conditions to consents were granted with one of these being the outstanding Rockies Mining Ltd consent. H. McKay answered questions from Councillors.

**Moved** (Coll McLaughlin / Ewen) *That the October 2020 report of the Consents Group be received.*  
*Carried*

**5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

H. McKay spoke to this report and advised that 44 site visits were carried out during the reporting period. She stated that 14 complaints or incidents were reported, six non-compliances were confirmed and eight complaints or incidents were investigated.

H. McKay reported that several enforcement notices have been issued in relation to the dumping of demolition materials at the Hokitika airport. She advised that compliance staff are following up on this to ensure that abatement notices are complied with.

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

H. McKay advised that ten work programmes for mining were received and all were approved during the reporting period. She reported that two bonds are recommended for release.

Cr Ewen commented that there is going to be a lot of plantation harvesting happening in the immediate future and he suggested that a flyer is sent to stakeholders advising them of what is required. Cr Ewen is mindful of what occurred at Tolaga Bay. H. McKay stated that forestry is an area where compliance is a lot more active than in the past following the NES for plantation forestry when came in during 2018. She agreed that it is worthwhile engaging in some education in this area.

H. McKay answered further questions regarding the dumping of demolition materials at Hokitika airport. She also answered questions relating to the disposal of deceased livestock. She advised that Council engage a contractor to remove these animals at very little cost.

H. McKay advised that the protection works at Maruia are in relation to NZTA work. She will be bringing a further update on this to next month’s meeting.

**Moved** (Ewen / Cummings)

1. *That the October 2020 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the bond of \$12,000 for RC-2016-0100 for Phillip Hampton and the bond of \$12,000 for RC-2019-0036 Elect Mining Limited are released.*

*Carried*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 10.53 am

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Chairman

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Date