

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 28 APRIL 2020, HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19
COMMENCING AT 12.00 P.M.****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), S. Schumacher & J. Hawes (IT Support)

Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

M. Meehan advised that due to Covid 19 this meeting was held via Zoom and was live streamed via Council's Facebook page.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES

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

Moved (Birchfield / Coll McLaughlin) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 10 March 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

Cr Challenger stated that he signed a document for H. McKay, but otherwise it was a quiet month.

5. REPORTS**5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP****5.1.1 PLAN CHANGE 1 DECISION AND PLAN CHANGE 2**

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that L. Sadler is present to assist should there be technical planning questions. He advised that this paper lays out the steps to move Plan Change 1 across the line and to capture the gains that have been made for landowners and the community. It also lays out the

steps to proceed into another plan change, Plan Change 2. H. Mills advised that the proposed Plan Change 2 would have the aim of removing all Schedule 2 wetland designations on private land, or at least, to attempt to. H. Mills advised that a project plan will be required to map out how this will be done and to work through the associated costs involved. H. Mills advised that an extension of time to the Plan Change 1 decision is required as it has lapsed under the RMA. He advised that the resolution that was made on 20 February now needs to be revoked. M. Meehan advised that a third of the committee wrote to him requesting this matter is placed on today's agenda requesting that the decision is revoked. H. Mills read out each of the recommendations. He advised that currently the environment court is not at full capacity due to Covid 19. H. Mills answered questions from Councillors.

Cr Birchfield advised he has a slight addition to recommendation 3. He read this to the meeting.

Moved (Birchfield / Hill) *That Cr Birchfield's amendment to recommendation 3 is included in the 3rd recommendation.*

*Against F. Tumahai, J. Douglas,
Carried*

Moved (Birchfield / Hill)

1. *That the report is received.*
2. *That the Resource Management Committee revokes the resolution of the 20 February 2020 meeting to reject the recommendation to adopt the Hearing Panel's Recommendations as the Council's Decisions on Submissions to the proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Land and Water Plan.*
3. *That the Resource Management Committee adopts the Hearing Panel's Recommendations as the Council's Decisions on Submissions to the proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Land and Water Plan, for public notification. A statement is included with the Decisions for notification, with words to this effect, advising that "By accepting the Hearing Panel's Recommendations, the current Council does not support the original Environment Court decision in 2011-12 which added 200+ scheduled wetlands to the West Coast Regional Plan, for various reasons. The Environment Court process also did not recognise and provide for Poutini Ngāi Tahu cultural values and roles, including as kaitiaki over the designated wetlands on their land. The Environment Court process did not allow for private landowners impacted by the courts decisions to take part due to the constraints of the court process. Council will embark on a further plan change to rectify these issues, by allowing private landowners impacted by the Environment Court decision to submit and be part of the process. Council recognises that in accepting the Hearing Panel's Recommendations on submissions, this will bring relief and benefit to landowners and the sphagnum moss harvesters affected by the wetland designations."*
4. *That Council agrees to address the issues raised by Poutini Ngāi Tahu, regarding the Lake Kini wetlands at the 20 February meeting, in another plan change process, or (Plan Change 2).*
5. *That Council directs planning staff to create a project plan to map out the process of initiating Plan Change 2 to remove Schedule 2 wetland designation from private land.*
6. *That Council approves a further extension of time under section 37 of the RMA to release the Decisions on Plan Change 1 to the Regional Land and Water Plan, to when the Environment Court reopens.*

in favour Crs Coll McLaughlin, Hill, Birchfield, Magner, Challenger

Against J. Douglas, F. Tumahai, Cr Ewen, Cr Cummings

Carried

5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION WATER QUALITY SAMPLING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that there were no results of concern but there was moderate to heavy rain in the week prior to sampling.

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

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 12.24 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date