

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2021, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 11.41 A.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

H. Mabin (Acting Chief Executive), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), H. Mills (Planning Science & Innovation Manager), R. Beal (Operations Director), J. Armstrong (Te Tai o Poutini Project Manager) via Zoom, N. Selman (Financial Consultant) via Zoom, T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), C. Brown (WCCDEM), The Media.

WELCOME

Cr Challenger opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved (Birchfield / Douglas) *That the apology from F. Tumahai be accepted.*

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest. Cr Birchfield advised that his company's name is mentioned in the Consents Report.

PUBLIC FORUM, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There was no public forum.

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 (Ewen / Coll McLaughlin) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 13 July 2021, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

Cr Birchfield advised that there is now a fully consented dump site at Sewell Peak farm. C. Helem advised that the resource consent for this has only just been granted, and therefore does not appear in this month's Consents Report. He stated that a full range of demolition waste excluding asbestos and hazardous waste can now be dumped at Sewell Peak. C. Helem agreed to send Councillors further information regarding how much acreage is involved.

Cr Hill advised that Buller District Council has received government funding for a fully consented dump site.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Challenger reported that he attended the LGNZ conference in Blenheim recently. He stated this was very worthwhile and stated that consideration should be given to sending at least two representatives to this each year. Chair Challenger stated that one of the key things he noted was that every Council has the same issues with what is coming from central government. He stated that Council's need to decide on direction and keep the community involved in a positive way.

Chair Challenger advised that he has received phone calls from constituents in Franz Josef regarding last week's announcement.

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

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING AND RESOURCE SCIENCE REPORT

Chair Challenger noted that this is H. Mills' last meeting, he wished him well. H. Mills spoke to his report and highlighted various matters. He offered to answer questions.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Birchfield)

It is recommended that the Resource Management Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Agree with the updated staff advice in Appendix 1 about which national documents to submit on.*

Carried

5.1.2 SUBMISSION ON EXPOSURE DRAFT OF NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS BILL

H. Mills spoke to this report and advised that the submission was lodged on 4 August. Cr Coll McLaughlin thanked H. Mills and his staff for getting the submission through in such a tight timeframe. Cr Hill asked if all three district councils have signed up to the submission. H. Mills advised that Grey and Westland have signed the submission. H. Mabin advised that Buller District Council were very busy with the recent flood event, but have also endorsed the submission via email and are in support of it.

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

Carried

5.1.3 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J. Armstrong spoke to her report and stated that procurement for legal services and scientific research work has been carried out recently.

J. Armstrong work is progressing well with Short Term Residential Visitor Accommodation and Significant Natural Areas. She offered to answer questions.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Cummings) *That the report is noted.*

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and took it as read. He outlined various consenting matters and offered to answer questions.

Cr Birchfield stated that the opening of the mouth of Fagan’s Creek is already a permitted activity. C. Helem agreed but advised that the company did not comply with the rule at the time, as the rule requires that the mouth is re-opened at its existing location. He advised that a resource consent is required if the mouth is to be re-opened at a different location.

Moved (Magner / Birchfield) *That the July 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and outlined compliance matters.

Cr Coll McLaughlin asked if the Westport dump site could be another consented site for the future. C. Helem stated that the site is not suitable due to the proximity of a creek.

Moved (Ewen / Cummings)

1. *That the July report of the Compliance Group be received.*

2. *That the \$6,000 bond for RC-10273 Blacktopp Mining Ltd is released.*

Carried

5.2.3 INTENSIVE WINTER GRAZING REPORT

C. Helem spoke to this report and took it as read. He advised that today and next week, depending on weather conditions, compliance staff will be taking helicopter flights to survey winter grazing areas. C. Helem advised that staff are aware of the problem areas around the region.

Moved (Coll McLaughlin / Magner) *That the Intensive Winter Grazing report dated 1 August 2021 be received.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

H. Mabin stated that she would like to seek guidance from the committee as to the amount of information they want regarding the Three Waters Reform. She stated that there is a lot of email correspondence coming through each week on this. Cr Challenger stated that it is very important to know what is going on but he feels that the Three Waters matter does not have a large impact on this Council. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this information would be managed via Microsoft Teams. Cr Magner requested that should either H. Mabin or staff identify anything of particular relevance to the region, that it is passed onto to the committee as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 12.04 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date