

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2021, 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:

Vin Smith (Chief Executive), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), H. Mabin (Acting Corporate Services Manager), H. Mills (Planning, Science & Innovation Manager), H. McKay (Consents & Compliance Manager), C. Helem (Acting Consents & Compliance Manager), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager) via Zoom, R. Beal (Operations Director), N. Costley (Strategy & Communications Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

Cr Birchfield read the prayer.

WELCOME

Cr Challenger opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

V. Smith advised councillors that this is an opportunity for councillors to identify any conflict of interest that they may have with the content of an agenda item and to declare in advance of the item being considered.

Cr Challenger stated that he is working with some of the applicants who have been applying for resource consents. He also stated that he had also inquired about sediment in Hau Hau Creek.

Cr Coll McLaughlin advised that she also has some conflicts with the Consents Monthly 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 (Tumahai / Magner) *that the minutes of the previous Resource Management Committee meeting dated 8 December 2020, be confirmed as correct.*

Carried

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented that he has nothing to report over the Christmas period.

5. REPORTS

5.1 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS GROUP

5.1.1 PLANNING REPORT & HYDROLOGY REPORT

H. Mills spoke to his report. He advised that positive meeting regarding the Plan Change 1 appeal was held and he will be report back to the Environment Court on 15 February

H. Mills reported that work with the Freshwater Management Groups is progressing well with feedback awaited from the Kawatiri and Grey FUMU's on the proposed discretionary controlled activity consents.

H. Mills reported that the Government has announced that they will be moving forward with a full reform of the RMA based on the Randerson Report. He advised that the RMA will be replaced with three Acts which are the Natural and Built Environments Act, the Strategic Planning Act and the Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaption Act. H. Mills stated the new Acts will be more outcome focussed, rather than effects focused as the current RMA framework is. He advised that the first draft is expected in the first half of this year.

H. Mills reported that there were three rain events during the reporting period which triggered flood warning alarms, but there was nothing of major concern.

H. Mills offered to answer questions from Councillors.

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

Carried

5.1.2 CONTACT RECREATION MONITORING UPDATE

H. Mills spoke to this report and took it as read. He advised that some results that came back as moderate to high risk coincided with rainfall events.

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

Carried

5.1.3 TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN UPDATE

J. Armstrong introduced herself to the meeting. She provided an update on progress with the Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) to date and explained how the TTPP was put in place via the Local Government Commission who decided to streamline governance on the West Coast. J. Armstrong advised that a combined district plan is to be put in place as is now known as the Te Tai o Poutini Plan. J. Armstrong confirmed the representation on the TTPP to the meeting and outlined the actual planning process. J. Armstrong advised that the role of the Technical Advisory Team is to give advice to the TTPP Committee. She advised that each Council and Runanga have a voice on the TTPP Committee. J. Armstrong advised that the obligation to develop and maintain the TTPP on an ongoing basis was transferred to the West Coast Regional Council from the three district councils and from there the West Coast Regional Council has delegated those duties to the TTPP Committee.

J. Armstrong advised that the funding obligation is on the West Coast Regional Council via a regional rate. Progress to date was explained with zoning rules, community and West Coast needs covered. She stated that there is a very strong focus on stakeholder engagement, including big players such as lines companies, Federated Farmers and other large agencies as well as treaty partners, farmers and miners, environmental and heritage groups. J. Armstrong stated that a number of workshops have been held along with a roadshow from Karamea to Haast. J. Armstrong advised that a website has been developed and contains updates as well as background information. J. Armstrong advised that a draft plan is in expected to be ready by the end of April next year and this will then be taken out to communities for consultation. She spoke of the importance of decision-makers being well informed.

J. Armstrong advised that the TTPP agenda is always placed on the TTPP website as well as Council's website. Cr Cummings asked if the rate for the TTPP has been set. V. Smith responded that this will be set via the Long Term Plan process. He advised that a rate has already been struck for the TTPP and the quantum and how the TTPP is funded will be worked though as the Long Term Plan is developed. J. Armstrong clarified matters relating to the Order in Council and advised that TTPP and the Regional Council is responsible for any plan changes.

Cr Coll McLaughlin noted that until the TTPP has progressed further, district plans are still operational, she also stated that is good to see this report included in the RMC agenda. The Chairman thanked J. Armstrong for her report and noted that this report will be included in the RMC agenda each month going forward.

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

Carried

5.2.1 CONSENTS MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay stated that this is her last RMC meeting. She introduced C. Helem to the meeting, who was the Compliance Team Leader and has now been appointed Acting Consents & Compliance Manager.

H. McKay requested that the dates on the report are amended to December 2020 – January 2021. She outlined recent consenting activity during the reporting period.

H. McKay drew attention to the site visit at Charleston, and stated that this consent application triggered the new NES regulations around wetlands. H. McKay offered to answer questions from Councillors. Cr Ewen asked if the consent site visit on page 15 of the agenda relates to the Reefton Powerhouse. H. McKay confirmed this.

H. McKay confirmed to Cr Ewen that whenever a disturbed area is increased, then the bond is increased accordingly.

It was agreed that there is no requirement for councillors who have declared an interest to abstain from voting.

Moved (Birchfield / Magner) *That the December 2020 – January 2021 report of the Consents Group be received.*

Carried

5.2.2 COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

H. McKay spoke to this report and outlined compliance activity during the reporting period. She noted that the pollution hotline is usually quiet during December and January.

Cr Ewen queried as to why the bond for Butlers Mining Ltd is so low. H. McKay responded that is the bond for a very small activity.

Cr Birchfield commented on continual complainant at Stafford.

Moved (Cummings / Tumahai)

1. *That the February 2021 report of the Compliance Group be received.*
2. *That the \$5,000 bond for RC-05172 held by Peter Fielding, the \$24,000 bond for RC-2018-0088 held by John Dunbier, the \$1,000 bond for RC RC13149 held by Butlers Mining Ltd and the \$10,000 bond for RC10109 held by Butlers Mining Ltd are released.*

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Douglas stated that some complaints have been passed on to the runanga regarding the Lake Kaniere development. She asked if the complainants have been in contact with the Compliance Department. H. McKay advised that email correspondence has been received containing a number of questions and points of view regarding this matter. H. McKay advised that Compliance team will respond to will respond to matters that are relevant under Council’s plans.

The meeting closed at 11.02 a.m

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Chairman

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Date