

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL / GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

**THE GREYMOUTH RATING DISTRICT
JOINT FLOODWALL COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON THE 18th SEPTEMBER 2007, AT THE OFFICES OF
THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH,
COMMENCING AT 10.33 A.M.**

PRESENT:

T. Kokshoorn (Chairman), J. Clayton, D. Shannahan, P. Ewen, P. Berry,

IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Pretorius (GDC Chief Executive Officer), C. Ingle (WCRC Chief Executive Officer),
W. Moen (WCRC River Engineer), S. Moran (WCRC Planning and Environmental
Manager) K. Beams (GDC Property Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk),

APOLOGIES:

D. Truman, M. Sutherland

J. Clayton / P. Ewen - Carried

BUSINESS

T. Kokshoorn welcomed all present to this meeting. P. Pretorius pointed out that the formal name of the committee is the Joint Floodwall Committee. He clarified that GDC are a member of the rating district as floodwall owners but the West Coast Regional Council members represent the ratepayers. GDC's view is that they do not represent the view of the ratepayers as such and that their interest is only managing the floodwall. They do not agree or disagree with the rate that is to be struck. He further clarified that this is a committee set up by both councils for the floodwall.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

***Moved: That the minutes of the Joint Floodwall Committee meeting
17 October 2006 as circulated, be confirmed as correct.***

J. Clayton / P. Berry - Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising

PUBLIC FORUM TIME – SPEAKING RIGHTS

There was no request for public speaking rights.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the financial period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 noting that the balance is \$814,178.83. W. Moen spoke of the telemetry station that has been set up now that responsibility for the Cobden Cut has been shifted to the regional council. He explained that this is an advance flood warning system for the Cobden Lagoon.

C. Ingle explained that whoever is on call from the regional council's flood warning team receives a page to warn of an alarm. T. Kokshoorn commented that this is

good progress. T. Kokshoorn asked W. Moen if he was happy with the work in the Cut. W. Moen responded that he is happy with it. He advised that the lesson learnt when the Cut was opened recently was that it should be closed as soon as possible to avoid the sea leaving debris behind which then needs to be cleaned out. S. Moran added that it will take a couple of events to get the process fine-tuned but a good start has been made.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted."***

J. Clayton / D. Shannahan - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. He advised that given the issues around the resource consent the top up works would be deferred until the major works are contracted out later this year.

Discussion ensued regarding the clearing of vegetation on the stopbanks and on Cobden Island. P. Pretorius suggested that funding for the clearance of vegetation on the island be put in place at this meeting. S. Moran advised that 80% of this area has been identified as being able to be cleared of vegetation.

He also outlined an estimated maintenance allowance of \$34,900.00 for the 2007 / 2008 financial year

Moved: ***"That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted and the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved including the vegetation clearance of Cobden Island be added into the works programme"***

P. Berry / J. Clayton - Carried

2008 / 2009 RATE STRIKE

Moved: ***"That a recommended rate strike of \$150,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive) for the 2008 / 2009 financial year be forwarded to the West Coast Regional Council for inclusion in the 2008 / 2009 Annual Plan."***

J. Clayton / D. Shannahan - Carried

PORTABLE FLOOD STRUCTURES

W. Moen provided information that was requested at last years meeting relating to portable flood structures that included water-filled bladders and sheet metal barriers. W. Moen stated that from an engineering perspective he would rather see permanent structures in place so that manpower is not required to place them. .

C. Ingle reported that he attended a demonstration on the portable flood structures. He reported that they are more intended for individual shop fronts doorways rather than whole town protection.

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE

W. Moen provided an update on the resource consent that WCRC has applied for to allow for the future raising of the Greymouth Floodwall. There were four submissions opposed to the application. PB Davy was opposed because of the impact on vehicle access to his business. W. Moen advised that a design for the road has been put in place and Mr Davy is now in agreement.

The Historic Places Trust objected on the grounds that it would impact on archaeological and cultural resources. The District Plan identified a historic village at the bottom of Cobden Island. Agreement has now been reached.

DoC objected on the grounds of adverse effects on whitebait spawning areas. Agreement has been reached.

OnTrack made a submission on the grounds that there could be potential impact on proposed works. MWH have been engaged to design plans and to provide costings for rail infrastructure. This is the only outstanding objection. W. Moen advised that this would interfere with off street car parking planned for the heritage park.

Cr Clayton asked if some of the cost will be borne by gravel extractors rather than the rating district. Discussion ensued regarding access to gravel areas.

S. Moran advised there is no legal or paper road in place in this area. K. Beams suggested creating an access agreement for contractors extracting gravel.

Cr Clayton stated that if contractors want a more expensive access road then they should be prepared to contribute. W. Moen agreed to investigate these options further.

GENERAL BUSINESS

P. Pretorius raised the topic of the insurance of the floodwall. Stating that Ian Young advised previously that GDC insure the floodwall. P. Pretorius concern is that it is insured for an adequate sum. W. Moen explained the role of asset management plans which he uses for all other rating districts. He advised that WCRC originally did a very scant asset management plan for the floodwall but GDC retained ownership of it and therefore technically they are responsible for preparing the asset management plan. W. Moen also stated that the asset management plan needs updating. K. Beams stated that it is adequately catered for in the joint agreement between councils and that WCRC is responsible for the asset management plan. K. Beams stated that the floodwall sits on GDC's balance sheet. He stated it would benefit from sitting under one council's control.

S. Moran stated that rather than debating where the responsibilities fall under the agreement an easy way through is for WCRC to prepare an asset management plan. However it would need to be peer reviewed by GDC before they adopt it for their asset. K. Beams stated a budget needs to be put in place for this.

P. Pretorius clarified that GDC insure the floodwall but if something happens to it then WCRC repair or rebuild it. The issue remains is if the floodwall is insured for the right amount. It was agreed that W. Moen would check the insurance and he will also update the asset management plan. Peer review of this will also be arranged.

P. Berry stated that in the future the floodwall is to be raised to a 1 in 150 year flood and it is important that the rating of the floodwall stays in place to fund this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.22 a.m

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Chairman

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Date