



CYCLING & WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 3PM

The Subcommittee Meeting was live-streamed to the Westland District Council Youtube Channel and presentations are made available on the Council Website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson	Cr Davidson	
Members	Her Worship the Mayor	
	Cr Baird	Cr Neale
	Kw Madgwick	Kw Tumahai
	Cr J. O'Connor, Grey District Council	O. Kilgour, Department of Conservation
	L. Anderson, Westland Mountain Bike Club (via Zoom)	I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail; T. Brownlee, Manawa Energy; J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail; Cr Gillett.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the apologies from J. Wood, T. Brownlee and J. Gurden be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; S. Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets; T. Cook, Group Manager: Regulatory and Community Services; L. Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services, Risk and Assurance; D. Maitland, Executive Assistant; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via Zoom); P Coleman, Governance Administrator.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated to the Committee.
There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

3. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no urgent items of business not on the Agenda.

4. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the previous meeting were included in the Subcommittee Agenda.

- **Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 16th November 2023**

It was noted that the Minutes of the 16 November 2023 needed an amendment made to the attendees of the meeting. The minutes stated that Cr Burden was in attendance which was incorrect, this should have stated that Cr Baird was in attendance. The minutes have been amended accordingly.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded, O. Kilgour and **Resolved** that the Amended Minutes of the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting held on the 16th November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the confirmed Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 16th November 2023.

5. ACTION LIST

Scott Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets, spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

- Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing.
 - No further progress.
- West Coast Wilderness Trail exiting onto stated highway 6.
 - No further progress.
- Pine Tree Road Connection
 - No funding for this project.
 - Inger Perkins has spoken to many local businesses and has initial support, will work further on this in regard to finding funding to get this project done. Will keep the committee updated on any progress.
- Track Realignment behind the Hokitika Racecourse.
 - Funding for this was denied.
 - Recommend this item be removed from the Action List.

Moved Her Worship the Mayor, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the updated Action List be received and the item relating to the track realignment behind the Hokitika Racecourse be removed.

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Economic and Performance Report, West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Update**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail, was unable to attend the meeting. Simon Bastion, Chief Executive spoke to this item.

- A family event is being planned for the very near future on part of the West Coast Wilderness Trail.

- Charging stations are not required to be added to the Trail.
- West Coast Wilderness Trail is performing above the average for trails in New Zealand.
- The trail has a direct return of \$15 million per year.
- Kumara and Ross townships have benefited from the trail as visitor numbers have increased with great accessibility.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that Jackie Gurden be invited to a Council meeting to report on the economic impacts of the West Coast Wilderness Trail.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Economic and Performance report, West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust update from Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail be received.

- **Grey District Council**

Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council, provided the following update:

- Congratulated Department of Conservation on opening their Pike 29 Memorial Trail on 16 February 2024.
- The new trail will potentially enable visitors to make return visits to the Coast.
- Lake Brunner Scenic Trail from Moana is pushing forward to Bain Bay. There are potential future plans to carry this track towards Kumara. The scenic trail is currently a shared biking and walking track, has great visuals, and is very flat. This is a local asset, not a council asset.
- Blackball school flow track, a great community effort in building the cycling network.
- Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa funding is open for applications from February 12th – March 1st for – Play, Active Recreation and Sports projects. This funding is available to Councils.
- Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Area. This extension will link to the flood wall. This will not extend the official route of the cycle trail, but it will link in. Funding for this will be under the Grey District Council.
- Vandalism of trails is an ongoing issue.

Moved I. Perkins, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Grey District Council report from Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council be received.

- **Manawa Energy**

Tim Brownlee, Generation Site Leader West Coast, Manawa Energy Limited, was unable to attend the meeting. 'Scott Baxendale read out Mr Brownlee's report for the subcommittee.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded I Perkins and **Resolved** that the Manawa Energy report from Tim Brownlee, Generation Site Leader West Coast, Manawa Energy Ltd be received.

- **Department of Conservation**

Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager, Department of Conservation, spoke to this item as follows:

- The Department of Conservation has been working closely with NZ Police regarding the vandalism that has been happening around the West Coast.
- Westland has seen a very busy summer season for visitors to the District.
- Hans Bay at Lake Kaniere has been at full capacity and beyond most of the summer period.
- Hokitika Gorge has been very busy, in discussions with Council on managing the traffic and parking. The engineering survey has been completed for the swing bridge. The project is running as scheduled, next is the design phase.
- Wadeson Island Stage Two work is finished. Working with Development West Coast looking for commercial sponsors to help maintain Wadeson Island in the future.
- Mahinapua bridge work will be mainly around the piles if there is any work to be done.

- Estimate Hokitika Gorge project will be finished for Summer 2025.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded I. Perkins and **Resolved** that the Department of Conservation Report from Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager, Department Of Conservation be received.

- **Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission**

Inger Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission, provided the following verbal update:

- Pine Tree Road Connection. There is value in that connection but as noted in the Action list there is no funding. ¹A couple of local businesses have pledged their initial support, will work further on this in regard to finding funding to get this project done. Will keep the committee updated on any progress.
- Work has begun on the two new gates that will allow access over the unformed legal road at Ruatapu.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Verbal Report from the Inger Perkins, Herenga Ā Nuku Aotearoa, The Outdoor Access Commission be received.

- **Westland Mountain Bike Club**

Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club, joined the meeting via Zoom. Items discussed included:

- The Westland Mountain Bike Club have started the biggest track project to date at Blue Spur Forest linking Reg Cox Drive with the main track area of the forest. Currently halfway through digging the track, this will be almost 1.5km when it is finished.
- A track will be formed over the unformed legal road which will need to be fenced as it is currently land that is being grazed.
- Bikers will be encouraged to park their vehicles on the main road, and this may have to be made more usable if numbers increase.

Moved I. Perkins, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Westland Mountain Bike Club from Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club be received.

**DATE OF NEXT CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ²WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.43PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date:

¹ Amended at the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting of 21 August 2024. Corrected.

² Amended at the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting of 21 August 2024. Updated date for the next meeting.