



WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

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	T. Brownlee, Trustpower	
	Kw Madgwick (joined via zoom at 3.13pm)	J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail
Additional Attendees	Guinny Coleman – Representative from the Department of Conservation	

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

His Worship the Mayor

Cr Haddock

Cr Hay – Currently acting on behalf of Cr Haddock

J. Wood – West Coast Wilderness Trail Chair (New)

N. Kunzmann

ABSENT

Kw Tumahai

Moved T. Brownlee, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Haddock, Cr Hay, J. Wood and N. Kunzmann be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services; L. Sparks, Group Manager District Assets; M. Teasdale, Asset Manager; D. Maitland, Executive Assistant; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor; M. Smith, Committee Secretary (via zoom).

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and available on the Council Chambers table. 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 KAUNIHĒRA MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were circulated separately via Microsoft Teams.

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 13 October 2020**

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded J. Gurden and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee Meeting held on the 13 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the confirmed West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 13 October 2020.

5. **ACTION LIST**

The Chief Executive spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

Milltown Weir Crossing

A site visit has been completed, the design is under evaluation. A new route has been proposed.

Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing

Site visit to be organized with NZTA and with Committee representation in 2021.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr T. Brownlee and **Resolved** that the updated Action List be received and accepted.

6. **NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS**

- **New Zealand Cycle Trail Conference Verbal Update**

Geoff Gabites, Board Member from the New Zealand Cycle Trail (NZCT) spoke to a powerpoint from the New Zealand Cycle Trail Conference and covered the below topics:

- What NZCT have achieved over the last year.
- Great Ride User Numbers.
- Overall Trips: Pedestrians and Cyclists.
- Cycling most/all of the Great Ride.
- Great Ride Users – Pedestrian vs Riders.
- Regular Maintenance Awareness.
- Cycle Tourism Strategic Governance Group.
- NZCT Funding & Funding Update.
- MGR Funding – 2014 onwards.
- MGR Extreme.

Kw Madgwick joined the meeting via zoom at 3.13pm and apologised for lateness.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded T. Brownlee and **Resolved** that the verbal update from Geoff Gabites, Board Member from the New Zealand Cycle Trail be received and accepted.

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail – Verbal Update**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager from the West Coast Wilderness Trail spoke to this item and provided updates on works that have been done recently:

- Signage: New information panels are about to go out in the Grey area, 8 are going out around the river mouth. Looking to include another sign at the exit to the Tree Top Walk, this is to avoid confusion and for clear direction for visitors.
- Mahinapua area: Working on flooding issues that affect the track and how to divert riders when this occurs. Needs a lot of attention.
- Consideration of the disabled rider: Investigating ways to make more of the trail accessible.

General Updates:

- Seven Golden Gullies, the Mahinapua Loop and the Gentle Annie Project have been put through to Chris Hickford to potentially be considered for the Jobs for Nature Initiative. This is in its early stages.
- Work has started around the proposal for the business case for the Weirs. The application is to go through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). This is for the construction side of the project.
- The monthly survey data has been received from New Zealand Cycleways, there was strong feedback, due to the wet weather, around needing more shelters as well as making the signage clearer around Hokitika itself and the Hokitika Bridge.
- West Coast Tourism and Development West Coast have had Marketing Campaigns post Covid-19 which have focused on targeting specific locations to attract potential visitors from others regions.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded T. Brownlee and **Resolved** that the verbal update from Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager from the West Coast Wilderness Trail be received and accepted.

7. **PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS**

- **Revised West Coast Wilderness Trail 20 Year Workplan**

The Chief Executive took the lead on this report and provided an update to adjustments made to the Draft Asset Management Plan Capital Program. The updated adjustments have focused on what projects to prioritise, and then balancing those projects against affordability in relation to the size of the Council.

The Chief Executive noted that should funding become available, projects could be brought forward. The next 5 years are focused on the safety elements of the projects.

Councils overall commitment for the 20 Year plan is currently set at \$4.7 million dollars towards the cycleway with a major component coming from Major Great Rides and additional funds being provided by The Department of Conservation (DOC) and the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA).

Moved T. Brownlee, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the Revised West Coast Wilderness Trail 20 Year Workplan from the Chief Executive be received with the below requested updates:

1. Mahinapua Creek Track Board Walk: To be brought forward due to safety issues from flooding causing riders to divert off the track to the main highway– Bring forward to 2022/23
2. Move the Totara Bridge Project out to allow for the Mahinapua Creek Track Board Walk to be brought forward. The Totara Bridge Project risk will be reassessed.

The Chief Executive announced that funding to complete the work for the Kawaka Settling Basin Bridge and the Wainini Bridge has been received from MBIE and thanked Tim Brownlee and Trustpower for the work they have done in this space.

**DATE OF NEXT WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – TBC
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.55PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date: 13.04.21