



WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 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 TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 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	Kw Tumahai (via Zoom)	
	Geoff Gabites, Chair, West Coast Wilderness Trail (via Zoom)	Jackie Gurden, Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail
Also in attendance	John Strange, Stantec	

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

His Worship the Mayor
Kw Madgwick
Cr Haddock
T. Brownlee
N. Kunzmann

Moved J. Gurden, seconded Kw Tumahai and **Resolved** that the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Kw Madgwick, Cr Haddock, T. Brownlee, 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; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor; M. Smith, Committee Secretary.

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 – 11 June 2020**

Moved Kw Tumahai, seconded G. Gabites and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee Meeting held on the **11 June 2020** be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Davidson, Chair, **Approved** that his digital signature be added to the confirmed West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of **11 June 2020**.

5. **NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS**

- **Shantytown Verbal Update**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail (WCWT) spoke to the Shantytown Loop Project. A meeting was held with members of the Grey District Council, Shantytown and John Strange from Stantec that looked at the potential options for access to the loop and areas for the trail pathway. A business case is to be formulated and brought back to the Grey District Council with the aim to have it included in the Long Term Plan.

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

- **Gentle Annie Verbal Update – NTGR Application**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail spoke to the Gentle Annie Verbal Update and advised they had been working with the Kumara Community and the Stakeholders involved to compile and send a funding application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). This application has since been declined. Moving forward the community are now looking to fund this locally.

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

- **Seven Golden Gullies Presentation**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail spoke to this presentation about the Ross Wilderness Trail Extension – Seven Golden Gullies. The trail would look to traverse the seven significant gold mining gullies from the 1860s mining era. The purpose of the project is to help promote Ross as a Destination Town, encouraging visitors to stay longer and therefore provide an increased economic benefit to the Ross Community.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Kw Tumahai and **Resolved** that the presentation from Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail be received.

6. **PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS**

• **Milltown Weir Crossing Verbal Update**

Group Manager: District Assets spoke to this item and advised that Council is working with John Strange from Stantec, and have preliminary alternate routes mapped out address the flooding issues onto the WCWT from the Weir. Once the proposed routes have been fully assessed the options will be presented to the Subcommittee for discussion.

Action: Alternative routes to be presented to the Subcommittee for discussion.

Moved G. Gabites, seconded J. Gurden and **Resolved** that the Milltown Weir Crossing Verbal Update from the Group Manager: District Assets be received.

• **Final Elements to the 10 Year Plan**

The Chief Executive and the Group Manager: District Assets spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this update is to advise of changes to the Long Term Plan. The project changes are noted below:

- Kaniere Cycle Trail Stage 3: still assessing the route. Proposed budget to be confirmed. Stage 2, the budget is locked in at \$1.4m.
- Mahinapua Loop: Budget has been locked in at \$3.7m.
- Wainihinihi Wet Weather Route: Funds budgeted for \$320k, will need further funding if the project goes ahead.
- Mahinapua Viewing Platform: The budget has been increased by \$50k based on current costings supplied by the Department of Conservation. Discussions are proceeding with a potential co-funder.
- Seven Golden Gullies has been added to the project list for the year 2027/28.

The Chief Executive (CE) reiterated that the costings are provisional estimates and still need to be assessed against the Long Term Plan for affordability and that the safety elements of the trail would take priority.

The Chair mentioned he had received a lot of positive feedback from users of the track and credited the team for their work.

Action: The CE to provide an update to the Subcommittee about progress made on a safer crossing at the Mahinapua Historic Bridge, across the highway from the golf course.

His Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 3.36pm.

Moved J. Gurden, seconded G. Gabites and **Resolved** that the Final Elements to the 10 Year Plan verbal report from the Group Manager: District Assets be received.

**DATE OF NEXT WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
- 3 DECEMBER 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.39PM

Confirmed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. G. Davidson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date: 03.12.20