



PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING, WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Martin	
Committee Members	His Worship the Mayor	
	Cr Davidson	Cr Kennedy
	Cr Hartshorne	Kw Madgwick
Also in Attendance	Cr Keogan	
Ngā Whakapaaha Apologies	Kw Tumahai	

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the apology from Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; F. Scadden, Planning and Customer Services Manager; D.M. Maitland, Executive Assistant and Committee Secretary, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor; Te Aroha Cook, Regulatory Services Manager, V. Morris, Engineering Assistant; M. Dixon, Team Leader, Compliance.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register was circulated and one amendment was noted:

Kw Madgwick

Editor, Greymouth Star and Hokitika Guardian.

3. ADOPT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE

Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Hartshorne and **Resolved** that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference for the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee subject to the following amendment:

“(2) Iwi Representatives”.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Freedom Camping

The Regulatory Services Manager introduced Vern Morris, Engineering Assistant and Mark Dixon, Compliance Team Leader who then provided an update in terms of the Freedom Camping season and noted that this was an opportunity for a free and frank discussion with the Committee regarding freedom camping in the

Westland District and the associated legislation with regard to self-contained campervans.

Various freedom camping sites were discussed, including an update on funding that has been applied for. It was noted that there has been delays experienced in getting some of the sites completed due to the adverse weather conditions.

Positive feedback has been received with regard to the freedom camping sites that are situated on private land.

Cr Kennedy and Cr Hartshorne expressed concern regarding:

- Dochertys Creek
- Okarito which is deemed a "no go" area for freedom camping.
- Whataroa Gorge site.

Cr Kennedy and Cr Hartshorne advised that the current campsite at Dochertys Creek, Franz Josef, is deemed to be a significant health and safety issue, and asked that this site have gates installed immediately to restrict access to the area.

Kw Madgwick expressed concern regarding freedom camping near waterways.

His Worship the Mayor advised that feedback to date had been that the Franz Josef Community would like the freedom camping site at Franz Josef closed, there is currently inappropriate use of legal road, and that the site is close to a creek.

The Committee asked that with effect immediately, vehicle access to Dochertys Creek at Franz Josef be blocked and gates erected restricting access to the site.

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Hartshorne and **Resolved** that Cr Kennedy, Kw Madgwick, Cr Keogan, Cr Davidson be appointed to the Freedom Camping Working Group Sub-Committee.

Moved Cr Hartshorne, seconded Cr Kennedy and **Resolved** that vehicle access be restricted effective immediately to Dochertys Creek at Franz Josef.

- **Franz Josef Masterplan**

The Planning and Customer Services Manager spoke regarding the concept work in relation to the Franz Josef Masterplan. A consultant has been contracted by Council to look at options for Franz Josef.

One option is to produce a Masterplan for the area, looking at potential hazards, future development, option 2 is looking at Plan Change 7 (exclusion of development in the earthquake prone area) and the third option to not do anything.

Dave Brash, Consultant, was appointed by MBIE to do a review of Franz Josef. This work has now been presented to the Hon Naia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government and also to the committee overseeing the work. The current update is that the work is still going through the review phase.

- **Plan Change 7**

The Planning and Customer Services Manager then provided background to the proposed Plan Change 7 that had been withdrawn.

- **Legacy Landfills**

Cr Kennedy asked what work is currently being done on identifying legacy landfills in the Westland District.

The Chief Executive advised that work on identifying legacy landfills is still being undertaken and in particular, a replacement site for a landfill at Fox Glacier is being explored. A report will go to the Capital Projects and Tenders Committee on a way forward with regard to the Fox Glacier Landfill.

**DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 12 MARCH 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA**

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.45 PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Martin
Chair

Date