



MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 10.00AM ON 7 AUGUST 2024

Present

Rex Williams (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Cr A. Cassin (WDC), P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC);
Online: Mayor J. Cleine (BDC), Cr G. Neylon (BDC), Cr B. Cummings (WDC), Cr P. Haddock (WCRC),

In attendance

Scott Baxendale (WDC), J. Allen (WCRC), P. Pretorius (GDC), Chu Zhao (WCRC)
Online: J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Michael McEnaney (GDC), D. Lew (WCRC), Simon Pickford (BDC), Mia Turner (Public)

Welcome

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 19 June 2024

Moved (Cr A. Cassin/ Mayor J. Cleine)

That the minutes of the meeting held 19 June 2024 be confirmed

Carried

Confirm minutes of emergency meeting held online on 26 July 2024

Moved (F. Tumahai / Cr A. Cassin)

That the minutes of the meeting held online on 26 July 2024 be confirmed

Carried

Matter arising from previous meeting

Mayor T. Gibson asked a question about mapping: the mapping for the Grey District in previous minute stated that it was still offline, and people were wanting to view it and download at the moment and being a backup.

J. Armstrong noted that she has put a link under Technical Reports on the TTPP website.

Cr A. Gibson asked if there is any way we could make it easier for people to understand the mapping.

J. Armstrong responded that there is a lot of information on those maps, but the TTPP info line is available and staff are happy to step people through the process while they are online.

R. Williams added that Doug Bray responds a lot to the public's questions. R. Williams said that getting in touch with Doug would be his suggestion. If in doubt.

P. Madgwick suggested the staff could use plain English for writing letters.

R. Williams said he has read the letter very carefully to make sure that he is comfortable. He said he would do better in the future by using plain English.

P. Madgwick said sometimes the mapping on the website is not working.

J. Armstrong replied that they occasionally hear the same issue, but they don't have any trouble when they go to open it. She was not sure if it's a matter of overload or connections, but would follow up.

R. Williams added that he has found that using an IPAD is quite difficult and it's somewhat better if he tries his laptop.

Updated Te Tai o Poutini Plan Standing Orders

J. Armstrong noted that during the Committee Meeting in June 2024, committee members agreed to tabled amendments being made to Te Tai o Poutini Plan Standing Orders, and approved a recommendation that the amended Standing Orders would be presented at this meeting, to take effect from 1 October 2024. J. Armstrong has appended the final version of the standing orders and accepted the track changes from the version that committee members saw at the last meeting, and updated sections that committee members approved relating to attendance by electronic link.

Moved (Cr A. Gibson/ Cr P. Haddock)

That the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Standing Orders (attached) be adopted, to take effect from 1 October 2024.

Carried

Delegation to hear Variations 1 and 2

J. Armstrong noted that TTPP Committee approved the notification of Variation 1 - Activities on the Surface of Water, and Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazard Mapping at its 29 April 2022 meeting. Both variations were notified on 27 June 2024, and hearings for them have been scheduled for 26 November 2024 and the week of 17 March 2025. J. Armstrong noted the timing for this provides an opportunity for commissioners who have a really good understanding of the TTPP to continue with those variations and providing recommendations all at once. J. Armstrong pointed out one of the benefits of delegating to the current commissioners is that there is no need to amend the current contracts because they are engaged until all of the recommendation reporting is made.

Cr G. Neylon asked if people are submitting to the variation of the maps, are they entitled to submit to the rules that may come out of the variation.

J. Armstrong answered no, as the rules are not changing and rules were put out with the Proposed TTPP a couple of years ago, so they've already been out for submissions.

Cr G. Neylon asked if people who suddenly find that they're within the hazard zone don't have any opportunity to submit on the rules.

J. Armstrong answered they could try a late submission, and it's acceptable.

Moved (F. Tumahai/ Mayor H. Lash)

1. *That the Committee receives this report*
2. *Acting under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, and clause 10 of the Local Government Reorganisation Scheme (West Coast Region) Order 2019 Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee delegates to Dean Chrystal, Anton Becker, Paul Rogers, Sharon McGarry and Maria Bartlett, all functions powers and duties necessary to hear submissions and evidence on Variations 1 and 2 to the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan, including the exercise of any powers conferred by RMA sections 41 (a) and 42 (a).*

Carried

Extension Request for Te Tai o Poutini Plan Decision

Cr A. Cassin asked the reason for applying for an extension after the end of the two-year period, instead of prior to the end of the two-year period.

R. Williams answered that this was overlooked in the change of staff.

Mayor H. Lash asked should they be looking to have more time than 12 months.

J. Armstrong said it was possible, and it might be prudent to at least ask for 18 months.

Moved (Mayor H. Lash/ Cr A. Cassin)

1. *That the Committee receives this report 2.*
2. *That the Committee direct and approve staff to prepare an application to the Minister for the Environment for an 18-month extension, to 14 January 2026, for giving a decision on the TTPP.*

Carried

June 2024 Financial Report

J. Armstrong noted that this is the end of the financial year statement, and the expenditures are tracking below expected, with a favourable variance of \$393,105. J. Armstrong noted that the deficit in the budget line for Pokeka Poutini Ngāi Tahu Limited is offset against lower costs for other budget items. The Pokeka Poutini Ngāi Tahu contract is to secure the ongoing detailed and valuable input from them for the remaining hearing topics s42A reports. They will also prepare and provide more information on the SASM in Schedule 3 that were not submitted on and combine all SASM information into one report. J. Armstrong noted that the variance for the Consultant Planners and Contractors items is still \$75,000. J. Armstrong noted that the borrowing requirement to the end of the period for the whole process so far is \$1,783,330.

Moved (Cr A. Cassin/ Cr G. Neylon)

1. *That the Committee receive the report*

Carried

Project Manager Update

J. Armstrong noted that the link to coastal variation maps for the Greymouth Coastal Hazards is available in response to Mayor Gibson's query. J. Armstrong pointed out that commissioners are doing a lot of site visits at the moment in all three of the districts. J. Armstrong noted that the Hearings Chair issued Minute 33 on 18 July 2024, which explained that coastal hazard rules will no longer be heard with the other natural rules in October. These rules will now be heard along with Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazard Mapping in the week of 17 March 2025. J. Armstrong corrected that five submissions were received for Variation 1, not four submissions. J. Armstrong pointed out that staff held a public information session on Variation 2 in Westport on 30 July 2024, in response to public calls for further information. It was attended by over 100 people. J. Armstrong suggested that monthly Committee meetings get reinstated from now on and would get some dates into Committee members' calendars.

Cr A. Cassin passed on the thanks of the people of South Westland for offering the second public information session from the staff.

P. Madgwick noted that it's important to make sure that the public has the opportunity to understand coastal hazard variation. P. Madgwick added that we should have the maps on display in libraries in the three main towns.

J. Armstrong noted that maps are in the libraries and the district councils alongside the variation information in submission forms.

Cr G. Neylon asked if we could have a drop-box at the council when would submissions need to be received there.

J. Armstrong noted that they have an agreement with the Buller District Council, that council staff will seal the box at 5pm, and it will be collected in the following week.

Cr B. Cummings asked is there any possibility that area maps could be put up in the information centres like Haast, Punakaiki and Karamea.

J. Allen said she is going to check that.

Moved (Mayor T. Gibson / Cr P. Haddock)

1. *That the Committee receives the report.*

Carried

Motion about Extraordinary Meeting on 2 August

J. Armstrong pointed out the background of the motion, and reasons why the Ecosystem and Biodiversity hearing was rescheduled to August. J. Armstrong noted that the hearing panel has



carefully considered the TTPP committee's request to postpone the August hearing date to November. J. Armstrong noted that this will incur additional costs, require the rescheduling of outstanding matters in variation one hearing, and ultimately will delay the release of the hearing panel's decision next year. J. Armstrong noted that postponing the hearing will not enable the parties to provide further evidence. The Hearing Panel asks that the TTPP Committee urgently advise the Hearing Panel if it still requests the August hearing be postponed, in light of the consequences outlined above in Minute 36.

Mayor T. Gibson proposed that:

1. The Hearing Panel be advised that, whilst the implications of the delay as sought are duly noted, it is outweighed by the social and financial implications to the three District Councils of having to proceed with the process of identifying and protecting SNAs:
 - at a time that landowners are under a distinct impression that the District Councils are precluded from doing so.
 - at a time that the Government, per advice provided even over the past few days, remain committed to drastically modify the obligation of Councils in relation to SNAs.
2. On that basis, it be confirmed to the Hearing Panel that the Committee still requests the postponement of the August 2024 Hearing on the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter of TTPP to the week of 18th November 2024.

Moved (Mayor T. Gibson/ P. Madgwick)

Carried

Closing comments

R. Williams noted that we will have a brief meeting in September (the end of August), and we've got a full meeting on the 10th of October at Grey District Council at 9am.

Meeting ended at 11.35am.