



# Te Tai o Poutini PLAN

*A combined district plan for the West Coast*

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10.30AM ON 12 OCTOBER 2023

### Present

Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor J. Cleine (BDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Cr A. Cassin (WDC), Cr P. Haddock (WDC), R. Williams (Chairman).

Via Zoom- Cr B. Cummings (WDC), Cr J. Howard (BDC)

### In Attendance

P. Morris (GDC), D. Lew (WCRC), S. Bastion (WDC), S. Gibling (BDC), B. Douglas (WCRC), T. Mehrtens (WCRC), F. Thomson (WCRC)

Via Zoom - L. Easton (Kereru Consultant, on behalf of WCRC)

### Welcome

### Apologies

F. Tumahai (Ngati Waewae), Cr G. Neylon (BDC)

**Moved** (Cr Haddock/Mayor Gibson) *Carried*

### Confirm previous minutes of the previous meeting held 29 August 2023.

The draft minutes were amended to note.

A. Gibson was present at the last meeting but was not recorded as present in the last minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> August meeting.

S. Gibling was recorded as present but should be recorded as in attendance in the last minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> August meeting.

**Moved** (Cr Gibson/Mayor Gibson) *Carried*

### Matters arising from previous meeting.

No matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

### Report – Proposal for Variation to Activities on the Surface of Water Chapter

L. Easton reported on this matter seeking the Committee's approval for the proposal.

The report noted that the rules based around the lakes and rivers have unintentionally "caught" Westport and Greymouth Ports.



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She suggested adding a new policy and new rule to enable the use of Greymouth and Westport Ports and provided a timeframe including consultation and submissions for a variation to introduce them.

Cr Gibson: Does any of this effect recreational use.

WCRC: Commercial activities are what they are focused on.

K. Madgwick: Does it include Jackson Bay.

WCRC: Jackson bay is in the coastal marine area. Only the ports at Greymouth and Westport are included in this variation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That the information be received.*

2. *That staff proceed with the steps outlined in this report to progress a Variation for Activities on the Surface of Water in relation to Greymouth and Westport Ports*

**Moved** (Mayor Gibson/Mayor Lash)      *Carried*

## Report – Update to Proposal to Prepare a Coastal Hazards Variation to the Plan

Since the preparation of the plan, NIWA updated the coastal hazards data. The TTPP data in the plan is significantly different to the new data. It is proposed to update the maps to the most recent data supplied by NIWA.

Mayor Gibson: Wants a firm date of when the updated mapping will be completed.

WCRC expect it to be completed by the end of this year. They will confirm.

ACTION: WCRC to confirm when updated mapping will be completed.

Mayor Cleine - Does it affect any outskirts of towns given the new data?

L. Easton wants to look at the wider Westport again. She would be considering this latest advice with upcoming hearings.

Cr Cummings- Will the people who had been affected be notified of recent discovery?

L.Easton- Yes, they would be notified.

L.Easton noted people will have good news and bad news depending on their location.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

3. *That the information be received.*



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4. That the consultation on a draft Variation for the Coastal Hazard Overlays be undertaken in accordance with the steps outlined in this paper.

**Moved** (Mayor Cleine/Cr Haddock) *Carried*

## **Report - Implications of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and Te Tai o Poutini Plan**

L. Easton outlined her paper in relation to the NPSIB and noted key points:

- The NPSIB is now in effect and therefore we are legally required to implement it
- Where there is scope within the existing submissions on TTPP, changes to comply with the NPSIB will be able to be put into place. This is likely to be around objectives, policies, and some rule amendments.
- The NPSIB requires the identification of SNAs using specific criteria.
- We have until August 2028 to undertake the SNA evaluation process and to have notified a Plan Change to add these SNAs to TTPP
- In Grey District we also have to get an ecologist to confirm that all the currently identified SNAs meet the NPSIB criteria by August 2027.
- As well as identifying SNAs in Buller and Westland, the NPSIB requires us to confirm that there are no additional SNAs within the Grey District that meet the NPSIB criteria.
- SNAs are also required to be identified on public land, but this can be just through a desk top assessment. This assessment has already been undertaken, so unless the Committee wants some field assessment of SNAs on public land, no further assessment is required.
- SNAs are also required to be identified on Māori Land, but there is a mechanism enabling the Councils to identify this as “Specified Māori Land” and treat the management approach to SNAs differently.

Moved (Mayor Cleine/Cr Gibson) *Carried*

## **Financials – July, August**

F. Thomson introduced the report noting the incomplete nature of the report at this stage. There have been a change in codes and some miscoding.

After some brief discussion the Councillors agreed not to accept this report.

Moved that the Committee does not accept the financial report and looks forward to an actual report to the end of October. This report is to be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

## **Project Manager Update**

F. Thomson reported that she is the acting project manager. She reported that the Project Manager position looks nothing like it did previously. She proposed that the job will be joint with another role and F. Thomson suggested a highly skilled planner instead of a project manager. Chair Williams commented project manager skills and full understanding of the plan is needed. F. Thomson is proposing some of the salary be used to get some contractors to fill in until staff become available.

P. Morris and B. Cummings spoke in support F. Thomson’s proposal



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Hearings on the plan commence on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. There has been good communication from the hearing commissioners. The Section 42A reports prepared by L. Easton and Barkers are being received. The Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori will be held at the Arahura Marae.

Moved (Mayor Cleine that the report be received/ Cr Cassin) *Carried*

Meeting closed 11.56am

Next meeting scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.