



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
GREYMOOUTH AT 9.00AM ON 10 OCTOBER 2024**

**Present**

R. Williams (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Mayor H. Lash (WDC); Cr B. Cummings (WCRC), Cr P. Haddock (WCRC)

Online: Cr A. Cassin (WDC), Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae), Cr G. Neylon (BDC), Cr Joanne Howard (BDC)

**In attendance**

Joanne Soderlund (GDC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), D. Lew (WCRC), Tracy Fitzgerald (WCRC), Doug Bray (WCRC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Adrianna de Ruiter-James (Public)

Online: Michael McEnaney (GDC), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Olivia Anderson (WDC), Bob Dickson (Public), Desna Bruce Walker (Public)

**Welcome**

**Apologies**

Mayor J. Cleine, Cr A. Gibson (GDC)

**Moved** (Cr Haddock/ Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick)

*That the apologies of Mayor J. Cleine and Cr A. Gibson be accepted.*

*Carried*

**Public – Adriana de Ruiter - James**

A. de Ruiter – James presented on some concerns she has with coastal hazards mapping and the Committee’s communication of information. She asked questions during the meeting which she will email to TTPP, and asks that they be responded to in writing.

D. Lew thanked A.de Ruiter – James’ for her presentation and said he will make sure that the staff answer her written questions.

**Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 2 August 2024**

Cr Haddock pointed out a correction on Page 5 of the agenda. The agenda said ‘Councillor Dooley confirmed that he and Mr Lew will be...’ should be revised as ‘Chairperson Haddock confirmed that he and Mr Lew will be...’

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

*That the minutes of the meeting held 2 August 2024 be confirmed.*



*Carried*

**Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 7 August 2024**

**Moved** (Chair Williams / Mayor Gibson)

*That the minutes of the meeting held 7 August 2024 be confirmed.*

*Carried*

**Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 29 August 2024**

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

*That the minutes of the meeting held 29 August 2024 be confirmed.*

*Carried*

**TTPP Financials Report – Life to Date**

Cr Haddock noted that the background information on TTPP is useful for refreshing how it all happened from 2019. Cr Haddock asked how Point 7 of the Report would be addressed in the future when there are two councils that haven't provided funding, he asked if there would be a credit back to those councils that did contribute or will that contribution be coming.

J. Armstrong answered that there is no expectation that the money will be coming, the councils noted it was to be funded through a regional rate, and those two councils felt strongly that was the best way to do it.

J. Armstrong noted that additional spending is expected to complete the hearings process, including for planning resources and expenses for commissioners this year.

Tracy Fitzgerald provided details about the financial Life to Date table for the project on page 17. She pointed out the overall deficit of \$2.5 million to date. Ms Fitzgerald noted that WCRC will set targeted rates for the TTPP, and these figures will be brought to the next meeting.

J. Armstrong noted that there is ongoing work in the next financial year after the decision-making on the Plan, including appeals, mediation, and possibly Environment Court processes. She noted that some of these things can take a lot of time, but the majority of the Plan should be operative if accepted without appeals. Mrs Armstrong noted that the Plan is a permanent plan requiring ongoing administration which will incur costs.

**Moved** (Chair R. Williams / Mayor T. Gibson)

**1. That the Committee receive the report.**

*Carried*



## July and August 2024 Financial report

J. Armstrong noted the level of expenses in the last two months which resulted from the many hearings held during the period. She pointed out that any additional funding requirements will be met by the loan. Mrs Armstrong also noted that there is a possibility that additional funding will be needed for consultants/contractors this financial year.

Cr Haddock commented the commissioners have put a lot of effort into making sure they are fully aware of what they are looking at and what they are recommending, and that all comes at a cost.

The Committee discussed options for sharing the history and costings of TTPP with the public

Mayor Lash raised concerns about the public not understanding the process.

R. Williams wondered if it should be pointed out that running in parallel to the Plan are the RMA obligations and responsibilities.

Mayor Gibson felt that people seldom read information until it affects their property in some way, and information is not always easily understood.

Cr Cummings suggested having a glossary of terms to add understanding.

**Moved** (Mayor Lash / Cr Cassin)

**1. That the Committee receive the report.**

*Carried*

## Report – Coastal Hazard Mapping Variation 2 Summary of Submissions

Doug Bray refreshed the Variation 2 background:

1. Three Coastal Hazard Overlays: Severe, Alert and Setback
2. The Variation did not affect the Coastal Tsunami Overlay or any other of the Plan's Natural Hazard Overlays and made no changes to the provisions of the Plan's Natural Hazards Chapter
3. This Variation was publicly notified via Newspaper and over 4,000 letters were sent to coastal properties
4. The initial closing date for submissions was Friday 16 August 2024, but this was extended to Friday 30 August 2024 in response to public requests. It was agreed that posted submissions would be accepted up to and including the end of the following week, being Friday 6 September 2024
5. Two public meetings were held, in Westport on Tuesday 30 July 2024 and an online Zoom meeting for South Westland coastal property owners on Thursday 8 August.

Mr Bray noted that 112 submissions were received, and two Summaries of Submissions Tables have been provided. He commented that eight submitters whose submission points related to the Natural Hazards Objectives and Policies, were invited to appear at the October 2024 hearings.



The Committee discussed the difficulties with communicating planning and scientific information clearly to the public. Plain English documents and public meetings were considered.

Cr Neylon noted that they have handed everything over to the commissioners and noted that the recommendations come back to this committee before a final decision is made.

Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick wondered if it is possible to allow more time to deal with Variation 2 more fully and address it as a plan change in the future.

Cr Cummings asked if they could pause once they have got recommendations from commissioners, because the committee members do not know what the commissioners are going to recommend

Cr Haddock noted that the final decision comes back to the TTPP committee to make.

Cr Howard said the West Coast really needs things to progress, for example Resilient Westport has done a lot of work with the community about where they may like to settle in the future, and she thought they need to move along and support that body of work.

**Moved** (Cr Neylon / Cr Howard)

1. That the information be received.
2. That in accordance with Clause 7(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, the Summary of Submissions contained within Appendix 1 be accepted and publicly notified for the receipt of further submissions.
3. That in accordance with Clause 7(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, copies of both public notice and the Summary be served on those who lodged submissions.
4. That the required two-week period for receipt of further submissions open on 11 October 2024 with a closing date of Friday 25 October 2024.
5. That the Committee:
  - 1). Accepts Submission points included within Appendix 2 as Late Submissions on the TTPP generally; with
  - 2). Those Submission points relating to the Objectives and Policies of the Natural Hazards Chapter addressed at the upcoming Coastal Environment and Natural Hazards Hearings, scheduled for 30-31 October 2024 in Hokitika; and
  - 3). Remaining Submission points from Appendix 2 being heard with all other submissions and further submissions received on Coastal Natural Hazard Mapping and Coastal Natural Hazard Rules, at the Hearing for Variation 2, scheduled for 17-21 March 2025.

*Carried*

### **Project Manager's Report**

J. Armstrong noted that Minutes put out by the hearing commissioners are available on the TTPP website. R. Williams suggested that watching the recordings of the hearings could help get a tone or a

sense of what's going on and it is a way of keeping in touch with how the commissioners are progressing and the approach commissioners are bringing to those hearings

J. Armstrong noted that, under the RMA, once the Committee notified the plan, they were supposed to have an operative plan within 2 years. The Committee has made a request to extend this timeframe. The Ministry for the Environment is seeking further information, and J. Armstrong asked if committee members are comfortable with the draft letter responding to the Ministry's further requests.

Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick thought the letter was fine.

**Moved** (Mayor Gibson / Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai)

*1. That the Committee receive the report.*

*Carried*

Closing comment

R. Williams noted that the next meeting is on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 1pm via Zoom. Mr Williams said the agenda is principally a report from Lois Easton about the work programme for the next nine to 12 months, where they are going, where the plan is going, what the timetable is etc.

Meeting ended at 10.41am.

**NEXT MEETING**



Chairman

November 12, 2024

Date