



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 1.00PM ON 12 NOVEMBER 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), Cr A. Cassin (WDC), Cr G. Neylon (BDC), Mayor J. Cleine (BDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC)

**In attendance**

Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Michael McEnaney (GDC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), James Beban (Director of Urban Edge Planning Ltd), D. Lew (WCRC), J. Allen (WCRC), Doug Bray (WCRC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Deborah Patterson (WDC), Alice Balme (Wynn Williams), Adrianna de Ruiter-James (Public), Desna Bruce Walker (Public), Susan Norgart (Public)

**Welcome**

**Apologies**

Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae)

**Moved** (R. Williams/ Mayor Cleine)

*That the apologies be accepted.*

*Carried*

**Public – Adriana de Ruiter - James**

A. de Ruiter – James presented three queries she had about: letters sent to the committee members; the voting from the last meeting; and a query about renotification.

**Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held 10 October 2024**

**Moved** (Cr Cummings / Cr Haddock)

*That the minutes of the meeting held 10 October 2024 be confirmed.*

*Carried*

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

None raised

**Report – Variation 2 Renotification Options**

J. Armstrong noted that the TTPP Hearing Panel issued Minute 53 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November strongly recommending that the TTPP Committee renotify Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazard Mapping and



extend the scope to include Natural Hazards objectives and policies and the rules for the Coastal Hazard overlays.

Mrs Armstrong suggested three options: 1. Do nothing; 2. Withdraw Variation 2; 3. Renotify Variation 2. The risks/costs and benefits are tabled on Page 8 of the Committee Meeting Agenda.

James Beban clarified that withdrawing Variation 2 does not mean the coastal hazard provisions/maps disappear, they just go back to those notified at the time when the proposed plan went out.

Mr Beban pointed out that Option 3 – Renotify Variation 2 can fix current mistakes, and that the increased administration costs would be the only disadvantage of this option while the benefits to the submitters are significant.

Mr Beban provided a brief background of natural hazards in the RMA. He highlighted Section 31 – local council authority requirements, Section 106 which relates to subdivisions, and as a matter of national importance in Section 6. In addition, the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement provides a clear directive to Councils that they must manage their natural hazard risk within the coastal environment.

Cr Neylon asked if anyone can submit if they are not a property owner covered by the overlay.

Mr Beban replied yes, any party can submit on this.

Cr Gibson raised concerns about the level of information available to the public, and asked if it is going to be any better this time.

Mrs Armstrong responded that staff will send a two-page letter out, the first page will be in plain English explaining what's happened so far, where we are going, and what options are available to people; the second page will cover the more technical RMA content.

J. Armstrong noted that staff would send letters to original submitters to let them know that their submissions are still valid, and submitters can add more to them.

Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick was pleased that the commissioners have stepped in and said what needs to happen here.

Cr Cummings and Cr Haddock commented on the renotification, and both supported this motion.

Mrs Armstrong confirmed that everyone on the West Coast, in New Zealand, or even overseas is able to submit on the Variation.

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

- 1. That the Committee receive the report.*
- 2. That the Committee accept Option 3 and direct staff to renotify Variation 2 – Coastal Natural Hazard Mapping on or before 21 November 2024, calling for submissions on*



*the updated coastal hazard maps, Natural Hazards objectives and policies, and the rules for the Coastal Hazard overlays.*

*Carried*

#### **TTPP Committee Work Programme for 2025**

Mrs Armstrong noted that there are likely to be variations or plan changes on natural hazards and historic heritage next year. She noted that plan hearings are due to finish in the middle of March, and the commissioners have already started working on the recommendation reports, which will be delivered to staff in tranches. Mrs Armstrong noted that the hearings were divided into 22 topics and the committee members will get separate reports on each of these.

Mrs Armstrong commented that staff will bring some legal advice to the committee members early next year, and pointed out the table on Page 13 of the meeting agenda identifying different topics and when they might be coming through for Committee consideration.

Cr Gibson asked if the committee got the final say when it comes back from the commissioners.

Mrs Armstrong answered that that is correct.

Mrs Armstrong also noted that the variations they are looking at are to amend coastal hazard and flood hazard overlays in Greymouth, the historic heritage schedule, land instability hazards and to accommodate recommendations from hearing commissioners.

**Moved** (Cr Neylon / Cr Cummings)

*1. That the Committee receive the report.*

*Carried*

#### **Financial Report to 30 September 2024**

J. Armstrong noted that there were no unanticipated expenses this month.

**Moved** (R. Williams / Cr Cummings)

*1. That the Committee receive the report.*

*Carried*

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

Mrs. Armstrong noted that the Ministry for the Environment has acknowledged receipt of the Committee's letter providing further information to support its application for a time extension, but no response has been received to date.

J. Armstrong also said that a draft version of the re-notification letter will be circulated to committee members for comment prior to its release.



**Closing comment**

Mr Williams noted that there are no further meeting dates set for 2024.

Mrs Armstrong confirmed this and said a half-hour online meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January will be scheduled to accept Variation 2 submissions, prior to notifying further submissions on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 2.04pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Chairman

January 16, 2025