

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 9.00PM ON 13 DECEMBER 2024

#### Present

R. Williams (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Cr B. Cummings (WCRC), Cr P. Haddock (WCRC), Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae), Cr A. Cassin (WDC), Cr G. Neylon (BDC), Mayor J. Cleine (BDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC)

#### In attendance

Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Barbara Phillips (WDC), Sarah Gunnell (Director of Urban Edge Planning Ltd), D. Lew (WCRC), J. Allen (WCRC), Doug Bray (WCRC), Max Dickens (WCRC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Stephen Blackneath (Public)

#### Welcome

### **Apologies**

Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Mayor H. Lash (WDC)

Moved (R. Williams/ Cr Haddock)

That the apologies of Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick and Mayor Lash be accepted.

Carried

## Report – Submission on Te Tai o Poutini Plan Variation 2 – Coastal Hazards

J. Armstrong noted that the TTPP Committee have requested that staff improve the useability of TTPP. The re-notification of Variation 2 provides an opportunity to make this part of the plan more usable. She suggested that one improvement would be to separate the objectives and policies for coastal hazards out from the general natural hazard provisions, and also align them with planner recommendations already made for other hazards, including alignment with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS).

Cr Gibson asked if point 2.1.7 of the submission includes buildings or stop-banks or any man-made structure.

S. Gunnell answered that they are more like sheds and less sensitive hazard activities.

One point in the submission relates to the maintenance and repair of existing natural mitigation structures as upgrades that do not increase the footprint or height of structure by more than 10% as a permitted activity'.

Cr Gibson asked if the rule framework enables people to fix a floodwall after a weather event, without having to apply for a resource consent.



D. Lew commented that people can repair lawfully established structures directly because they are already consented. Secondly, Mr. Lew pointed out that Section 330 of the RMA outlines emergency works and power to take preventive or remedial action. Finally, Mr. Lew noted that the 3 district councils on the coast will administer it through their normal consent and compliance functions once this plan is operative.

Mayor Cleine noted that the submission suggests substantial change to the plan, and wondered how safe the panel would be in adopting these changes.

Ms. Gunnell noted that they still do not know if the panel is going to accept the approach or not.

D. Lew commented that he trusted the hearing panel expertise legally to make decisions and keep them clear of judicial challenge.

Moved (Cr Haddock/ Cr Cassin)

- 1. That the Committee receive the report.
- 2. That the Committee approves the submission on TTPP Variation 2 Coastal Hazards and directs staff to lodge the submission on their behalf prior to 5pm on 19 December 2024.

Carried

The meeting then moved to a public excluded session at 9.24 am to discuss Contract Variations.

At the conclusion of the Public Excluded discussion of a paper on Planner Contract Variations, the Committee considered the following recommendations:

Moved (Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai/ Cr Haddock)

- 1. That the Committee receive the report.
- 2. That the two contract variations as appended for Urban Edge Planning and Barker and Associates be approved for signing by the Chief Executive West Coast Regional Council.

Carried

Meeting ended at 9.35 am.

**Next Meeting** 

Chairman

January 16, 2025