

MINUTES OF THE GREY DISTRICT RESILIENCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Tuesday 13 February 2024 commencing at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair), Councillor John Canning

IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Haymes (Group Manager Operations), Claire Brown (Group Manager WCCDEM), Joanne Reid (Emergency Management Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GDRSC 24/02/001

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the apology received from Cr Tim Mora be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE GREY DISTRICT RESILIENCE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GDRSC 24/02/002

Moved: Cr John Canning

Seconded: Mayor Tania Gibson

That the minutes of the Grey District Resilience Sub-Committee held on 28 November 2023 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously**3 AGENDA ITEMS****3.1 WEST COAST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Refer to page 11 of the agenda.

The GMWCCDEM spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and explained the West Coast Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Partnership Agreement. She explained the purpose of the agreement, examples of what the agreement sets out were displayed along with staff training and their involvement in civil defence exercises and equipment requirements. She stated that a lot of work was put in the Partnership Agreement at the time especially around roles and responsibilities.

The EMO advised that the EOC and ECC have been joint for the last few years but in 2022 a report recommended that they be separated to different locations. She stated that discussions have been had with FENZ around the option for the ECC being located at the expanded facility in Greymouth. The options were outlined to the meeting.

Option 1 - No change in the location for EOC. – Pros and cons were outlined

Option 2 - Return the Activity Room to the management of GDC for internal use. - Pros and cons were outlined.

Option 3 – Return the Activity Room to the management of GDC and hire out the facilities for training, meetings and conferences. – Pros and cons were outlined.

Her Worship advised this matter was discussed at last week's meeting of the Joint Committee. It was confirmed that if the EOC is relocated, Council would become the funder but this would be a decision made by full Council. The GMWCCDEM stated that currently WCCDEM rent the Activity Room from Council on a monthly basis. Cr Canning asked if a local event happened where would the EOC be set up as Council would not be the tenant. The GMO advised that the current status is during a local event Council would take full control in the current facility. Cr Canning commented that the WRC is one of the few level 4 buildings around the area. The GMO advised that he visited the proposed new building with an engineer who carried out a seismic assessment of the FENZ building. The GMO advised that they had a good walk through the building and nothing of significance was revealed. A basic report and budget is to be prepared. Cr Canning asked about the timeframe. It was confirmed that the property has already been purchased and concept drawings have been done, and work should commence this calendar year. Her Worship stated that she likes the idea of staying at WRC but the third option with a revenue stream is also a good option. Cr Canning commented that prior to Covid, the Activity Room was hired out at times but it was never a big earner. It was noted that with the new Pounamu Pathway facility and a new library in the future, these will both provide conference and meeting facilities for the town. The GMO advised that in view of the changes in weather patterns and weather events it is important to have a facility that is almost set up and ready to run. The GMWCCDEM stated that prior to Covid the Activity Room was an empty space and the intention of options 2 and 3 is to keep it as it is as a workable space for conferences and meetings. Discussion took place on the issue of public access during a civil defence event and how the current EOC needs to be managed as it is not appropriate for the public to have access to this area. Cr Canning gave the example of the Hurunui Library being used as an EOC and it being open to public during this time and how it did not work. The GMO advised that there is a lot of personal information displayed in an EOC during a civil defence event and it is most important that privacy is not compromised.

Lifelines Spreadsheet –The GMWCCDEM provided this to Council before Christmas. It was agreed it would be provided to Cr Canning.

Her Worship asked if any more AF8 type of presentations are planned. The GMWCCDEM responded that the National Exercise is scheduled for June / July.

It was confirmed that community engagement is going well, with staff re-engaging now that school is back. Community engagement sessions are scheduled for Taylorville this week and Moana next week.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the Grey District Resilience Sub-Committee,

1. Receives the report and notes the presentation by West Coast Emergency Management staff.

Carried Unanimously

Her Worship thanked WCCDEM staff for their presentation.

4 SUB-COMMITTEE RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 2.21 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date