

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**  
**THE COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH, 2001 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

J. Beynon, B. Jones, O. Norton, D. Preest, F. Riordan, H. Bradley, G. Gibson (West Coast Rugby League),

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
R. Lowe & W Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

T.Day, K.Braun, P. Berry (Grey District Council)

**BUSINESS**

R. Lowe opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**Moved:**            ***“That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 29 April 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting”.***

*B. Jones/ O. Norton - carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

B. Jones sought further information on the rebated West Coast Rugby League share of rates.

W. Moen pointed out that there was a statutory requirement under The Rating Powers Act, which allowed for such rebates for sporting bodies.

B. Jones asked if the Grey District Council could make up the shortfall in rates.

R. Lowe explained that this was not possible.

G. Gibson pointed out to the meeting that the Rugby League had limited funds.

Other speakers also included O. Norton, J. Foster and J. Beynon.

H. Bradley asked for clarification on the service fees.

R. Lowe explained that this was any staff time spent on scheme business.

This included: resource consents, contract documentation and supervision.

J. Beynon sought assurances on the quality and quantity of rockwork.

W. Moen explained checks that are normally carried out and also pointed out that the Council has only one responsibility and that is to the ratepayers of the rating district.

All ratepayers present felt that the value of The Grey District assets were not being recognized, given that the Runanga Water Supply was of immense importance and critical at times of water shortages. The fact that the Coal Creek Rating District was based on land value was not a fair reflection of the Grey District Council's financial input.

W. Moen spoke briefly on the Tranzrail Bridge proposal pointing out that no new dialogue had been forthcoming over the last 12 months.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 calendar year ending 31 December 2000.

**Moved:** *“That the Financial Report for the 2000 financial period be adopted.”*  
J. Beynon / B. Jones – carried

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

J. Beynon tendered his resignation as Chairperson of the Committee

**Moved:** *“That the new committee comprise of the following;,  
O. Norton – J. Beynon / B. Jones  
J. Beynon – B. Jones / G. Gibson  
F. Riordan – D. Preest / B. Jones  
B. Jones – J. Beynon / H. Bradley*

**Moved:** *“ That B. Jones be appointed as spokesperson for the 2001/ 2002 year.”*  
J. Beynon/ O. Norton - carried

**RATES:**

Discussion took place on the vulnerability of the scheme and the potential costs of upstream works.

W. Moen spoke on the rating levels and advised the committee of the dangers of lowering the rates.

R. Lowe pointed out the potential of further increased upstream erosion.

**Moved:** *“That the 2001/2002 rate be set at \$20,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive)”*  
B.Jones/ J. Beynon – Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

B. Jones sought answers on the situation with the LAPP Fund.

R. Lowe explained, that in his view, Central Government appeared to be backing out of a river control commitment. He also pointed out that as the LAPP Fund may be required to cover the damage to the 100% level, premiums could escalate.

The perceived “trigger point” of the LAPP Fund was again discussed.

O. Norton asked that the “trigger point” be clarified from the LAPP trustees.

O. Norton also asked if any insurance companies were interested in picking up the cover.

W. Moen offered to make some initial enquiries and report back to the next A.G.M.

J. Beynon asked if the Earthquake Commission could get involved.

R. Lowe explained that they only got involved in residential dwellings.

O. Norton asked if Council could find out how much money the LAPP Fund had in trust.

W. Moen said that he would check this out and report back to the committee.

R. Lowe advised that the committee wait until next year before making any decisions regarding future LAPP contributions.

R. Lowe also covered potential reclassification of the area. Questions were asked as to greater contributions from both the Grey District Council and Transit New Zealand.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30p.m.

W. Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer.