

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**  
**THE INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE INCHBONNIE HALL**  
**ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2004, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.**

**PRESENT**

Warwick Gault, Lester Adams, Maree Rivers, Paul Rivers, Joe Keeney, O. Shaffrey, R. Shaffrey (arrived 10.30am).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

David Horn (CEO)  
Dennis Shannahan (Councilor)  
Wayne Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

R. Adams, B.Brensell, M. McPhail  
Peter Ewen, (West Coast Regional Council)

**BUSINESS**

Dennis Shannahan opened the meeting introduced David Horn as CEO and welcomed all present.

**Moved:**            ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 3 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."***

*Paul Rivers / Joe Keeney –Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

Wayne Moen confirmed he had made preliminary costings to raise the level of the main stopbank.

This was to be discussed in the works report.

He also outlined the situation regarding Joe Keeney's property re fish analysis. This had been carried out by T. James who had advised that the results would be conveyed back to J. Keeney. This was confirmed by Joe Keeney.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the Calendar year from 1 January 2003 to December 2003.

**Moved:**            ***"That the financial statement for the 2003 year as presented be adopted."***

*Maree Rivers / Joe Keeney -Carried*

W. Moen pointed out that the scheme account was effectively financially breaking even. He outlined his concern that there was no surplus to cover unforeseen events.

W. Moen explained that the second rate installment was to be added and the recently completed works were to be deducted.

This left a current up to date credit balance of approximately \$6,600.

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10-year works expenditure programme.

He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meetings should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

### **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years and also outlined possible future flood protection works, in the form of raising the stopbank, by 1.5 metres over 2,000 metres.

He outlined possible estimated costs (\$380,000), possible contributors and possible funding options if the project developed.

W. Moen indicated that the costings were very approximate and that detailed cross section information was required in order to give a more accurate figure.

D. Horn suggested that Council staff carry out preliminary design work prior to the October meeting to give an indication of the current situation.

Concern was raised about how accurately the budget needed to be given likely changes in circumstances.

D. Horn explained that the Plan could be worded to take into account any change in conditions and could be changed if required.

It was assumed that The Grey District Council will contribute towards half of maintenance costs, but would need to be consulted on the raising of the stopbanks.

Some negotiations with Grey District Council would be required to confirm this if any proposal was advanced.

It was also suggested that if such works progressed further, that other utility holders e.g. power generating companies, railway operators etc. be consulted for possible contributions.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** ***"That Warwick Gault be re-elected as the Chairperson/ spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2004 / 2005 financial year."***

*Lester Adams / Joe Keeney – Carried*

### **RATES 2004 / 2005**

Discussion took place on rating levels.

W. Moen again reiterated that the scheme account was barely "breaking even" given recent works and a rating level should reflect some longer term financial planning.

Wayne Moen suggested that a rate strike of \$25,000 per year would be a realistic level to allow a gradual build-up of funds.

**Moved:** ***"That the suggested rates strike for the 2004/ 2005 financial year be set at \$25,000 + G.S.T."***

*Maree Rivers / Joe Keeney - Carried*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The issue of stopbank spraying was discussed.

Wayne Moen and Warwick Gault are to collectively report back to the October 2004 meeting.

Paul Rivers enquired asked if Council was monitoring the level of Lake Poerua, as he was concerned that the lake level was rising.

He was advised that the West Coast Regional Council does not monitor the lake level and it was suggested it might be done by the Department of Conservation.

It was suggested that the next meeting be arranged for late October 2004.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.30 am.