

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY
ON 17 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 1.03 PM.

PRESENT

J. Barton, R. Pokoray, M. Macbeth, R. Barton, B. Langford

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
R. Scarlett (Councillor)
C.Ingle (CEO)
W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

S. Lowe, R. Sampson, G. Maw

M. Macbeth / B. Langford - Carried

BUSINESS

R. Scarlett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

R. Barton / B. Langford - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current up-to-date credit balance of approximately \$156,039.94. W. Moen drew attention to the figure of \$96,820 for contractor costs also Lidar Flying of \$20,000.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".***

B. Langford / M. Macbeth - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report for 2007 / 2008. He advised that a total of \$116,820.00 was spent during the reporting period.

W. Moen drew attention to the \$29,150 which is the Buller District Council's 50% share for works carried out at Captains Creek Road.

W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 27th of August 2008 with B. Langford, this was done via jet boat to allow good visual inspection of the riverbanks. The cost of proposed works for the 2008 / 2009 year is \$75,400 with \$28,000 included for unforeseen maintenance.

M. Macbeth asked where is Captains Creek Road, W. Moen confirmed the location and advised there is one house in this area. This is a Buller District Council roadway therefore costs for this work was subsidised by Buller District Council.

M. Macbeth spoke of the Good Earth Matters Report where it was reported that it is not a good idea to have large trees on stopbanks. W. Moen concurred with this.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved.***

M. Macbeth / B. Langford – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

RATES 2009 / 2010

R. Scarlett invited the meeting to express their views on future rate strikes. R. Barton was interested in hearing the council views on this. R. Scarlett advised it is a good idea to look at what has happened over the last five years, his personal view is that it should stay the same. B. Langford stated that he doesn't feel the rate strike needs to be increased as there is a good balance in the kitty. W. Moen commented that the balance last year was over \$200,000, \$96,000 was spent last year and proposed works for this year is \$75,000. W. Moen spoke of the importance in having a reasonable reserve in the account to combat a major problem if needed. W. Moen advised that his recommended rate strike for 2009 / 2010 is \$40,000.

C. Ingle clarified that the area is rated on capital value. He agrees with W. Moen that it is prudent to have a healthy reserve in the account.

R. Barton asked how many ratepayers are in the rating district. R. Scarlett confirmed there are 427 ratepayers in this scheme, he drew attention to the poor turnout at this meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding rating classifications and how the rate is shared.

R. Scarlett stated that any raising of the stopbank would be new capital expenditure.

C. Ingle clarified that the Council owns the stopbank but the landowner owns the land beneath it.

R. Barton spoke of the changes he has noticed with the river mouth. He stated it is moving towards the north.

R. Scarlett asked the meeting for a decision on the rate strike. M. Macbeth stated she feels the rate needs to go up but not to \$40,000. R. Barton stated that he does not know enough about the matter to make a decision. He is happy to go with what the chairman and experts recommend. He stated that these are interesting times and he feels that a

substantial reserve does need to be maintained so that it can be used to do the job as required.

W. Moen reminded the meeting that last year's rate strike was \$19,000. This year W. Moen recommends \$40,000.

R. Scarlett stated that his view is to leave the rate as it is and to look at it next year. This would also show if the works next year follow the same pattern and if so, that will then be for three years in a row.

B. Langford stated he feels the rate strike needs to rise a little bit, he suggested adding 10% to it this year and the same again next year if required, making it \$25,000 this year. The meeting agreed with this approach.

R. Barton suggested next year that attention is drawn to the matter of the rate strike to ensure that people consider this and make sure that they make an effort to come to the meeting. R. Scarlett concurred with this approach.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$25,000 (GST Excl)."

B. Langford / M. Macbeth – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R. Scarlett advised the meeting that K. Storer has now left the district and G. Maw is also leaving therefore they will be removed from the committee.

B. Langford nominated M. Macbeth; this was seconded by R. Barton.

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Moved: ***"That the present committee, namely:***

Darryl Simkin

Brian Jones

Margaret Macbeth

Roger Barton

Bevan Langford

be retained as the committee for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."

B. Langford / M. Macbeth - Carried

Moved: ***"That B. Langford be elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***

M. Macbeth / R. Barton - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen advised that some minor works will be done, this will be done out of the unforeseen maintenance budget.

M. Macbeth asked W. Moen if the price of rock has increased per tonne. W. Moen stated there has been no dramatic increase in rock price. R. Scarlett stated there is plenty of rock available in the area.

C. Ingle updated the meeting on recent research work in the rating district. He displayed maps from the recent LIDAR survey to the meeting.

C. Ingle advised that he has received a \$5,000 government grant to take the next step with analysis of the LIDAR survey data. He is hopeful of getting the river analysis done for free and is currently negotiating with NIWA.

C. Ingle advised that he is hoping to be able to present information showing a proper flood model for the entire valley.

R. Scarlett stated that all the options available would need to be costed so that the ratepayers know how much they are up for.

R. Barton asked what level is the stopbank currently up to. C. Ingle stated that currently the stopbank is up to a 20 year flood level.

R. Scarlett gave a history of the original floodbank construction done in the 1930's which was funded by the government.

C. Ingle spoke of emergency insurance that council has but this would only cover replacement costs not upgrades.

R. Scarlett spoke of previous floods in the 1970's and 1998.

R. Scarlett thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.58 pm.