

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 20 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 10.35 AM.

PRESENT

P. Cook, S. Keenan, B. Godfrey, G. Monk, R. Burdon, A. Godfrey, J. Michell (arrived 10.45), W. Diedrichs (arrived 10.45)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, D. Davidson (Councillors)
C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

K. Nolan, N. Monk, T. Burdon, B. Patterson

A. Godfrey / G. Monk - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr. Davidson 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 20 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

S. Keenan / P. Cook - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Keenan asked about the matter of DoC grazing leases raised at last year's meeting. His concern is that this land is rateable and that DoC take the rates. C. Ingle confirmed that this land is rateable. He agreed to follow up with R. Mallinson to ensure that DoC are paying rates to the Council for grazing lease land in Westland. It is understood that there is no grazing lease land within the rating district.

W. Moen reported that the cross section analysis has been carried out. The stopbank has a capacity greater than a 1 in 100 year flood level. He stated that parts of the the stopbank are thought to be silt and that it is recommended that core samples are obtained. W. Moen suggested a marker in the river for recording levels during a major event.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$75,815.66.

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

S. Keenan / A. Godfrey - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and advised that no works were carried out during the reporting period. He reported that the Good Earth Matters report is now to hand.

An inspection was carried out on the 22nd of August 2008, no works were identified but a proposed allowance of \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance expenditure for the following 2008 / 2009 year is recommended.

P. Cook stated that the spur between Paterson's and Bryant's is not a major.

RECOMMENDATION

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

P. Cook / S. Keenan – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

S. Keenan advised that C. Harris has sold his farm and moved out of the rating district. S. Keenan took the opportunity to express his thanks to C. Harris stating that he had sound knowledge of the area and a common sense approach. W. Moen agreed and also expressed his thanks.

It was agreed that C. Harris be removed from the committee and replaced by R. Burdon.

Moved: ***"That the committee consist of the following: -***

S. Keenan

R. Burdon

P. Cook

T. Taft

K. Nolan

A. Godfrey

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

S. Keenan / G. Monk - Carried

Moved: ***"That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

P. Cook / G. Monk - Carried

RATES 2009 / 2010

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen advised that the rate strike was \$10,000 last year and he recommends this amount again this year.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$10,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Keenan / G. Monk – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the works at the spur by P. Cook's property. It was agreed that W. Moen would view these works and report back to the committee spokesperson if required.

A. Godfrey raised the matter of gorse on the stopbank, he asked who is responsible for clearing this. W. Moen advised that if it is on the stopbank then it is the rating district's responsibility. It was agreed that S. Keenan would get the rating district committee to look into this and then work out the most efficient way to deal with it.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.55 a.m