

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 19 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM.

PRESENT

K. Nolan, M. Hyde, S. Keenan, B. Godfrey, G. Monk, R. Burdon, A. Godfrey, J. Michell, T. Burdon, N. Monk, P. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

B. Paterson, R. Williams & T. Little, T. Taft

G. Monk / A. Godfrey - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr. Chinn 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 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

A. Godfrey / S. Keenan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He reported that the opening balance at 1 July 2008 was \$75,815.16. The rate strike during the reporting period was \$10,000 and total expenses were \$5,551.01. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$83,765.18. W. Moen reported that the \$3,372.52 charged for staff time includes his time for the updating of the Asset Management Plan for the Kowhitirangi Rating District. This is done every three years, it is a summary of what is included in the rating district and involves around three or four days work.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted"***.

T. Burdon / J. Michell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. He reported that \$2,178.50 worth of work was carried out up until 30 June 2009. W. Moen advised that he and S. Keenan carried out an inspection on the 12th of August 2009 and \$19,000 worth of works were identified. This includes the topping up required on the hook groyne and \$10,000 of this amount is for unforeseen maintenance.

W. Moen advised that tenders have been advertised for the required works, the estimated costs of the work are \$9,000. W. Moen advised that Taylors Contracting Ltd have put in a price of \$4,400 which is half price, they are currently carrying out work in the quarry. It is expected that this work will commence either later this week or early next week.

It was noted that there is a spur near where the comes into the river which is cutting in and needs rock placing in. It was suggested that the contractors could place the spare rock that is out in the river on the spur while they are working in this area.

W. Moen agreed to look at this tomorrow morning with A. Godfrey and S. Keenan.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.

G. Monk / N. Monk – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

W. Moen advised that the rate strike was \$10,000 last year and therefore the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of 2010 / 2011 is likely to be approximately \$78,500. W. Moen recommends that \$10,000 be the rate strike for the coming year also.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$10,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Keenan / G. Monk – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee.

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

S. Keenan

R. Burdon

P. Cook

T. Taft

K. Nolan

A. Godfrey

be re-elected as the committee for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."

S. Keenan / G. Monk - Carried

Moved: ***"That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

G. Monk / P. Cook - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Keenan spoke of the item on water quality and dairy effluent, which featured on the front page of the recent West Coast Regional Council circular. S. Keenan stated that he lives downstream from Mr Tom Taft and he feels that the fine imposed on Mr Taft of \$50,000 for effluent discharge was extreme and not fitting for the offence. S. Keenan feels that farmers in particular dairy farmers are being penalised too severely by the Environment Court. S. Keenan stated that he is not a dairy farmer but he is annoyed that a farmer could receive such a high fine when Pike River Coal and OceanaGold are not treated the same way. Cr Chinn asked the Chief Executive to respond. C. Ingle responded that he was also surprised at the level of the fine imposed but stated that levels of fines are not imposed by the Regional Council they are decided by the Judge in the Environment Court. He also said that taking matters to court was a full Council decision, not the Chief Executive's decision and that it was not taken lightly and was used as a last resort only.

Cr Chinn invited S. Keenan to make a presentation to the next full council meeting to discuss his concerns further, as they are not matters this rating district has authority over.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.59 a.m