

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATAINUI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATAROA ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

M. Nolan, V. Northcroft, R. Squire (DOC), J. Batchelor, K. Arnold, M. Komen

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
J. Wood, (Councilors)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, R. Lowe, D. Davidson, D. Horn, A. Nolan, G. Blackburn

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 17 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

J. Wood / W. Moen - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

J. Wood explained that in his view, the quarries were now running at a “break even” situation and that rock was in good supply on the floors for the contractors. He explained that a couple of the non-paying quarries had been relinquished and two quarries in Karamea and the Taramakau Settlement had been placed in abaiance in order to preserve the areas.

M. Nolan asked a close watch should be kept on the works downstream of the State Highway.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 financial year.

Moved: *“That the Financial Reports for the 2002 financial period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002 be adopted.”*

M. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the Council now viewed the LAPP Fund premium as of regional benefit and so had decided to pay the annual premium out of general rates in the future.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That Max Walker be elected as Chairperson/Spokesperson for the Matainui Rating District for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”*

J. Batchelor / K. Arnold – Carried

Moved: ***“That the following people, namely:***

K. Arnold

M. Nolan

V. Northcroft

J. Batchelor

R. Squire (DOC)

be the committee for the 2003 / 2004 financial year”.

M. Nolan / V. Northcroft – Carried

RATES 2002 / 2003

K. Nolan pointed out that there appeared to be no outstanding works and therefore no rate strike was justified this year.

W. Moen again explained that the Asset Management Plan for the area strongly recommended an annualised rate.

Moved: ***“That a zero rate strike be set for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”***

K. Arnold / J. Batchelor – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Komen expressed concern at the timing of the meeting.

W. Moen explained that the Council had to timetable various meetings to cover Councilor, staff and ratepayers availability and to date had received no complaints from the local ratepayers.

The remaining ratepayers present were more than happy with the status quo.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.32a.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer