

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MATAINUI CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL
ON 30 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.46 A.M.

PRESENT

B. Nolan, P. Northcroft, F. Graham, W. Nolan

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
S. Challenger, Councillor), P. McDonnell (Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ, J. Ellis, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

BUSINESS

Cr Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 11 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

F. Graham / P. Northcroft – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He reported that the opening balance was \$54,079.10 He advised that total revenue was \$7,310.94 and there was \$120 worth of expenses. The closing balance is \$61,270.04

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the 2017 / 2018 works report. He advised that there were no works carried out during the reporting period. As the result of a discussion with the Spokesperson, \$5, 000 worth of works were identified. This includes a clean out of the creek, excavator hire and \$2,600 for unforeseen maintenance.

W. Nolan advised that a careful eye is kept on the creek by a local contractor. The contractor has advised that at the moment it is not worth putting the digger into the creek as it is only a small job.

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ have requested that each rating district is informed of the levels of service and protection they receive from their assets. B. Russ advised that the historic "Existing Standard" was 300mm above the highest known flood. B. Russ advised that he will relook at the asset management plan and make some changes to it. He stated that cross section surveys are not necessary for the Matainui Creek.

Willow Tree Loss

Cr Challenger introduced J. Ellis to the meeting. J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund. J. Ellis advised that the trees to be replanted are likely to be a combination of exotics and native trees.

R. Beal advised that planning for loss of willows is now in place as some catchments will possibly suffer from erosion with willows gone. R. Beal stated that further information will be forthcoming via the Weedbusters newsletter and once the annual meetings have been held throughout the region, depending on interest, then a combined application will be made to this fund. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in a joint application for the initiative. W. Nolan spoke of the massive amount of trees lost during Cyclone Ita.

RATES 2019/ 2020

Cr Challenger advised that the recommended rate strike is \$5,000. B. Russ advised that the balance in the rating district account is likely to be \$63,000 at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year. B. Russ noted that this rating district does not have a prudent reserve, but he feels that the maximum amount required in the rating district account would be around \$50,000. Discussion took place it was agreed if there was rock in the creek it would cost a lot to replace this. It was noted that there are 53 people paying into the rating district. It was agreed that \$100,000 is a good figure to aim for as a prudent reserve. It was agreed that the rate strike would stay the same this year, at \$5,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman advised that in this rating district there is no committee but W. Nolan is the contact person. W. Nolan advised that he is sometimes away from the area. It was agreed that a backup contact person would be put in place in case of a flood event during W. Nolan's absence.

Moved: ***"That W. Nolan be re-elected as the contact person for the 2018/ 2019 financial year, and F. Graham be the deputy back up person."***

M. Nolan / P. Northcroft - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

As there has not been a meeting for six years, it was agreed that a decision on holding a meeting would be made on a year by year basis. It was agreed that W. Nolan

would contact B. Russ if a meeting was required. Cr Challenger advised that once the prudent reserve of \$100,000 is reached then a meeting would need to be held to discuss future rate strikes.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.07 a.m.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

“Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance” including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.