

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OKURU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE OKURU COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 29 MARCH 2004, COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM

#### PRESENT

Graeme Anderson, Colleen Anderson, Joy Campbell, Peter Hosken, Bob Cannell, Mauryne Cannell, Pam McDonald, Marian Beynon, Derek Beynon, Shirley Sadler, Derek Sadler, Robbie Quinn, Paula Rickwood.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Duncan Davidson (Councillor) – Chaired meeting  
Dave Horn, Rick Lowe ( staff)

#### APOLOGIES

R. Mallinson (WCRC) W. Moen (WCRC), G. Brown, C. Eden

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved:**            *“That the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record”*

*M Cannell / G Anderson - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were several issues raised from minutes of the previous meeting.

There was concern expressed as to what were the interest charges showed on the financial report prior to the rate strike for the capital works.

Mr Horn agreed to supply a further detailed financial breakdown explaining the interest incurred on the capital works.

There was concern expressed at the absence of Mr Mallinson to explain to the meeting the financial detail of the Rating District.

Mr Horn explained that Mr Mallinson was very busy preparing detail for the councils LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and that it was his decision not to bring him down for the meeting.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was presented to the meeting.

Mr Horn explained there were two separate accounts one for those who had opted for the loan provision to finance their share of the capital works and the maintenance account setup to maintain the existing works.

There was some concern expressed at the level of the servicing costs of the Rating District.

It was asked whether a breakdown of Mr Moens servicing costs could be supplied.

Mr Horn explained while this could be done it was unlikely to result in any change in costs as the costs were taken directly off time sheets.

Mr Hosken stated he believed that the existing works needed to be maintained.

**Moved:**            *“ That the financial report be received”*

*G Anderson / P Hosken - Carried*

## PROPOSED WORKS

The meeting was adjourned to the site for an inspection of the protection works prior to making a decision on what proposed works needed to be undertaken in the near future.

At the site of the works Rick Lowe explained what he considered was the minimum amount of work needed to bring the protection works up to a reasonable standard.

It was indicated that approximately 3200 tonnes of rock was required.

The majority of ratepayers on site agreed that the repair works needed to be undertaken.

The meeting then adjourned back to the Okuru Community Hall.

Further discussion occurred about the proposed works.

Mr Sadler indicated he was not in agreement with the proposed works as he stated that it offered him no protection.

**Moved:**            ***“ That the proposed works be restricted to a total cost of \$34,000 + GST”***

*G Anderson / R Quinn - Carried*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:

**Moved:**

G Anderson (spokesperson)	G Hosken / B Cannell
D Beynon	G Anderson / Hosken
P McDonald	M Cannell / J Campbell
B Cannell	P Hosken / P McDonald
C Anderson	M Cannell / R Quinn

## PROPOSED RATE STRIKE 2004/05

Councillor Davidson outlined the projected expenditure for the next 10 years and the requirements to project out expenditure under the new Local Government Act.

Mr Horn expanded on the requirement of the Act and indicated it was intended to again meet with ratepayers in October this year to allow adequate consultation with the community prior to including any works proposed future works in the Local Term Council Community Plan.

The ratepayers discussed the merits of need to call another meeting in October and preferred to set the rating level for the next two financial years.

There was some concern express of the capital rating base and whether a land value rating base was a more fair method of rating.

It was pointed out that no rating system could be reviewed until 2006/07 if the rates were effectively set of the next two years.

**Moved :**            ***“That the recommended rate strike be \$7,500 for the next two financial years”***

*P Hosken / B Cannell - Carried*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding vehicles using the stopbank for access to the beach area.

It was agreed access could restricted where it passed over private property.

Mr Anderson to organise a chain to be placed across the stopbank where it crossed over his land.

It was also discussed the need to have minutes of previous meetings well in advance of any rating district meeting.

**Moved:**            ***“ That minutes of previous meeting be sent to ratepayers as soon as possible after the meeting”***

*P McDonald / S Sadler - Carried*

Mr Beynon asked the chairman of the meeting why correspondence from Gaynor Brown had not been tabled.

Mr Lowe stated that there had been no letter received from Gaynor Brown prior to leaving to come done to Okuru for the meeting.

Gaynor Brown letter was read to the meeting and Mr Horn asked whether any decision that had earlier been made would be affected by the contents of the letter just received.

The ratepayers at the meeting indicated that it would of not effected earlier decisions made.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.40 pm.

Rick Lowe  
Operations Manager