

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE PUNAKAIKI TAVERN
ON 14 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM.

PRESENT

N. Mouat, M. Keating, F. Keating, G. Beynon, G. Freeman, D. Freeman, I. Ryder, L. Totzauer, A. Beynon, C. Findlay, M. Wilkins (arrived 7.10pm), S. Casey (arrived 7.28pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

Cr P. Ewen

BUSINESS

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

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 18 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

A. Beynon / S. Griffin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. The current balance in the rating district account is \$13,731.50.
W. Moen drew attention to the figure of \$17,432.46 credit balance from Buller District Council from their maintenance account.

W. Moen advised that the balance of the loan as at 30 June 2008 was \$295,958.00. He also advised that the rate struck for 2007 / 08 exceeded the actual repayment required by \$1490.80. This is due to the way local government now has to set the rating factors well before the end of the financial year and in the interim valuations change.

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

S. Griffin | G. Beynon - Carried

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

F. Keating / S. Griffin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that one of the conditions of the consent is that regular surveys of the stopbank are carried out along with beach profiles in order for an ongoing record of the

stopbank to be kept. S. Moran advised that it might be worthwhile seeking a variation to the consent to have the beach profiles surveyed every 2 – 3 years rather than annually.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2007 / 2008 works report. He carried out an inspection with I. Ryder on the 18th of August 2008. W. Moen advised that there are a couple of spots in the wall that could be filled in with rock possibly from Ian Cummings quarry. N. Mouat stated that some rock is required at the lagoon end. W. Moen stated that this area is rated by agreement and is not a regional council rating district. He advised N. Mouat to talk to others in this area. Cr Archer clarified that N. Mouat is not a member of this rating district therefore his moving of the financial report for the loan account is replaced by S. Griffin.

W. Moen advised that \$12,000 has been allowed for unforeseen maintenance. S. Griffin explained the importance of having a reserve of funds in place but there maybe years when it is not be required. I. Ryder stated that it might be five years before major replacement of crumbling rock is required. He feels that money they put in now would mean they are putting in good money after bad as eventually the front will need to be relined and he feels that landowners along the front should pay for this. W. Moen advised that if any holes that appear are filled with good quality rock then the wall would remain sound.

I. Ryder stated this is a small rating district and they cannot afford to continually pay for maintenance of the wall. I. Ryder stated that the area in front of the camping ground needs attention soon. He feels that the councils and DoC are not going to be receptive to this. Cr Archer stated that if the erosion accelerates around the northern end and greater protection is required then a meeting would be held to discuss protection if the need arises.

RECOMMENDATION

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

*G. Beynon / C. Findlay
I. Ryder against
– Carried*

RATES 2009 / 2010

W. Moen advised that when the scheme started it was suggested that the rate strike be \$15,000 per year. He suggests that the status quo remain for this year.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$15,000 (GST Excl)."

*C. Findlay / G. Beynon
M. Keating against
Carried*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of those currently on the rating district committee and the name of the current Chairperson. Cr Archer called for names for the committee.

I. Ryder advised that he did not wish to be the Chairperson for 2008 / 2009.

Moved: *"That the committee for 2008 / 2009 consist of G. Beynon, M. Wilkins, S. Casey, F. Keating, A. Beynon and I. Ryder.*

G. Beynon be elected as Chairperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."

I. Ryder / S. Griffin – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

I. Ryder stated that he feels the issue with the wall is going to snowball.

G Beynon concurred that the north end needs to be built up.

I. Ryder stated he has a problem with DoC not protecting the area rather than Buller District Council. S. Griffin clarified that the DoC own the land and Buller District Council own the buildings in the camping ground area and Buller District Council run the motor camp.

Cr Archer suggested that the rating district write to DoC and Buller District Council to outline the rating district's concerns regarding erosion at the northern end of the sea wall. The community is concerned regarding the lack of protection at the northern end of Punakaiki.

M. Keating asked why is the rating district getting involved if DoC owns the land. I. Ryder stated that all members of the community want the area protected before the sea is at their boundary. W. Moen suggested that the rating district contact local MP's to see is prepared to offer assistance with funding. Cr Archer suggested that the committee get together to progress this matter then report back to the Regional Council.

N. Mouat asked about rock sources. W. Moen advised that according to reports some of Ian Cummings rock at Rapahoe is of good quality. N. Mouat stated it would save money on cartage if there were rock available between Canoe Creek and Fox River. S. Moran advised that if someone wants to open a quarry as a commercial venture that would be ideal but he queried who would pay for the mining licence and development of the quarry. Cr Archer advised of the requirement to go through a consent process if the establishment of a quarry is warranted. I. Ryder asked if it is possible to have a quarry on DoC land. S. Moran confirmed that council has quarries on DoC land but he advised in this case it is a National Park and there is no hope whatsoever of opening a quarry in a National Park.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02 pm.