

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT 12 OWEN STREET, PUNAKAIKI ON 4 JUNE 2014, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT

J. Lightfoot, C. Findlay, S. Casey, M. Keating, A. Beynon, G. Beynon, N. Wilkins,
I. Ryder, T. Pugno, P. Volk, C. King.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
M. Meehan, W. Moen,

Apologies: T Sullivan

Purpose of the meeting,

W Moen to report to the committee on the cost of repairing the sea wall.

Financial:

M. Meehan outlined the financial situation on the Loan and Maintenance account. The maintenance account as at end of April 2014 was \$12,500 in deficit. If the proposed work is carried out at an approximate cost of \$64,000, this would increase the deficit. The Loan account is due to be repaid in November 2015.

WCRC recommends the rating district proceeds with the works presented by W Moen to avoid further larger expenses in the future.

W. Moen represented his report and recommendations. The rating district committee requested that the rock be as large as possible and hard. W. Moen advised that the rock from Kiwi Quarry has been abrasive tested and received very good results. It was suggested that the results be circulated.

Discussion took place regarding the toe of the wall and how slumping of the wall will affect the life of the wall. W Moen stated that the Hokitika seawall was the "Rolls Royce" version but covered a bigger rating district. This design is more appropriate than was the case at the earlier date of the building of the Punakaiki sea wall.

The fabric that is being recommended is called Elcomax filter fabric, and is the best product available now.

W Moen was asked how the fabric could be future proofed. If it could be over laid with the existing fabric in case the front of the wall needs repairing. W. Moen advised that this would add an extra cost and he felt it would not be necessary at this stage.

It was clarified that this committee could approve this proposed work. Work under \$15,000 can be approved by the spokesperson of the rating district and Council. Work over \$15,000 has to come to this committee to be approved. The whole rating district doesn't have to be advised.

The Spokesperson asked for a show of hands to approve the work as outlined in W. Moen's report.

9 people were in favour of the proposed work going ahead. One person was against.

It was requested that all Ratepayers be notified of the recommendations and the fact that this will not result in an increase in current rate payments. The maintenance account will move into deficit to cover the required works.

It was agreed that W. Moen would call for tenders. If tenders are over \$70,000 he is to come back to the committee.

Drain/broken pipe in the sea wall.

The Buller District Council has agreed to pay for the pipe at a cost of \$3,030. The cost of the installation will be paid by the rating district which is approximately \$3395. Discussion took place on how the pipe was broken and where the water is coming from and who should pay. W. Moen's report set out clearly how the pipe is to be installed. It was felt that a flap should be installed to stop the sea water flowing up the pipe and leaving sediment. W. Moen stated that he will look at this option, but stated that a flap will not be necessary if the angle is correct.

The Spokesperson asked for a vote on this repair. Seven people are in favour and one person is against. One abstained. The feeling of the committee is that the Rating District shouldn't have to pay for this replacement pipe or work being carried out.

National Funding for sea wall protection.

M Meehan advised it is very hard to get subsidies as they are not available like they used to be. He stated that there are very limited funds from NZTA also as NZTA mostly fund disaster type work.

The Spokesperson thanked the WCRC staff for coming up to Punakaiki and for the work they do on behalf of the Punakaiki rating district.. He also thanked the committee for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm