

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE TARAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE TARAKAU SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2001, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT

M. Stewart, D. Aynsley, G. Foote, S. Langridge, M. Robb

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, R. Lowe, J. Foster, & T. Day (West Coast Regional Council)
J. Stewart, I. Robb, N. Robb

BUSINESS

W. Moen opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 2 May 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***
S. Langridge/ M. Stewart - Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

M. Stewart expressed concern at the apparent vague nature of the LAPP Fund. He said that there appeared to be real hard and fast rules governing the trust and was most concerned at the lack of interest shown in rural areas.

M. Robb felt that an approach to other interested insurance companies may be beneficial. He suggested that Farmers Mutual and the National Bank may be a good starting point for discussions.

Moved: ***“That the Council investigate other potential alternate insurers and report the resultant information back to the committee.”***
M. Stewart/ S. Langridge – carried

Discussion took place on the LAPP Fund premiums. Ratepayers present felt that the schemes were being asked to pay the premiums under false pretences. It was generally felt that until strict criteria and guides were in place that the Regional Council be asked to pay the annual premium.

Moved: ***“That the West Coast Regional Council pays the annual LAPP premium for all rating districts, particularly The Taramakau Rating District, until accurate and sensible guidelines are produced by the LAPP Trustees.”***
M. Robb/ M. Stewart –carried

W. Moen explained that an approach had been made to The West Coast Regional Council for consideration for relief from the \$4.00/ tonne quarry charge allocated to any rock removed from the Council's rock deposit.

He explained that the Council had discussed the issue, however, had decided not to support the sub committee's request as the quarry charge was an average over the West Coast and related to all the Council's mining licences.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 1998/1999 financial year and the six monthly transitional report for the period 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999.

Moved: ***"That the financial reports for the 1998/1999 financial year and the transitional 6 months ending 31 December 1999, be adopted."***
Langridge/ D. Aynsley) Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That M. Stewart be re elected as the spokesperson for the Taramakau Rating District for the 2000/2001 financial year."***
G. Foote/S. Langridge - Carried

RATES 2000/ 2001

Discussion took place on the level of rates required to maintain the works for the coming 2000/2001 year.

W. Moen pointed out that the reserves needed to reflect any possible unforeseen circumstances which could occur over the next 12 months.

Moved: ***"That a rate of \$40,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2000/ 2001 financial year."***
D. Aynsley/ M. Stewart - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen introduced discussion on the current situation regarding the Taramakau Rock Deposit area, upstream of the Settlement. He further outlined the Council's reluctance to continue the licence area if the ratepayers were not going to support it as it was incurring ongoing costs on an annual basis.

Discussion took place and M. Stewart pointed out that it was essential that the area be retained as a future rock source, given the Department of Conservation's stance on mining areas within its stewardship lands.

D. Aynsley asked if the Rating District could take over the running of the area.

W. Moen felt that this was not possible, as the rating district committee was a sub committee of Council with no legal powers.

Moved: ***“That the Council investigates the annual costings of the Taramakau Rock Deposit with a view to allowing the Taramakau Rating District to assume all financial costs associated with the deposit.”***
M. Stewart/ G.Foote - Carried.

Discussion also took place on the LAPP Fund.

W. Moen explained both the Karamea payout and the current Poerua River situation.

Moved: “That the LAPP Fund provide the Rating District with an Annual Report showing how the fund balance is being invested and retained.”

S. Langridge/ M. Stewart – Carried

Some concern was expressed at the problems associated with the dumping of car bodies on the true left bank of the Taramakau River opposite the Settlement area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer