

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT ANDREW STEWART'S RESIDENCE ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 12.42 PM.

#### PRESENT

M & A. Stewart, D. Groot, S. & R. Langridge, P. Stevenson

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council  
A. Birchfield, A. Robb (Councillors)  
B. Russ, T Jellyman (Staff),

#### APOLOGY

J. Stewart, A. Stevenson

**Moved:** *"That the apologies be accepted."*

*D. Groot / M. Stewart – Carried*

#### BUSINESS

Cr Robb 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 15 October 2018, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*A. Stewart / D. Groot – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

Willow trees will be addressed in the works report.

Council infrastructure insurance details will be discussed in general business.

B. Russ advised that Coll's will be doing the cross sections shortly but he is not yet aware of the date for this work. He advised that LiDAR will be flown in the coming six months or so and this will be funded through the Provincial Growth Fund. B. Russ advised that LiDAR does not travel through water, therefore cross sections will still be required.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

B. Russ spoke to the financial report. He advised that opening balance was \$88,027.02, total expenses were \$109,539.48 and the closing balance is \$40,341.74. B. Russ advised that the costs of the last contract (\$16,80) is still to come out of the account but this will go into the next financial year.

**Moved:** *"That the financial report be received."*

*P. Stevenson / S. Langridge – Carried*

#### WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. He advised that there was one major job carried out in December following the

November flood. He reported that 1.8 kms of the stopbank was raised by approximately 0.6M and this was all new capital works at a cost of \$106,979.50. This was the only work done during the reporting period. B. Russ advised that since July, 960 tonnes of rock has been placed at a total cost of \$16,800.

B. Russ advised that as a result of a recent inspection with members of the rating district, the \$16,800 worth of works were identified for the 2019 / 2020 year. He recommended that \$30,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance. The total estimated works for the 2019 / 2020 financial year is \$46,800 which includes the \$30,000 for unforeseen maintenance. B. Russ answered questions relating to capital works.

**Moved:** *"That the works report be received."*

*M. Stewart / P. Stevenson – Carried*

## **RATES 2020 / 2021**

Discussion took place on the rate strike. The recommended rate strike is \$60,000 with the balance in the rating district account of \$53,000 at the beginning of the 2020 / 2021 financial year. It was agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$60,000.

**Moved:** *"That the rate strike for the 2020 / 2021 financial year is \$60,000 (GST Excl)."*

*A. Stewart / D. Groot – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T. Jellyman stated that traditionally all ratepayers in the rating district are members of the committee. A. Stewart is the current spokesperson and R. Langridge is the current deputy spokesperson. It was agreed that the status quo would remain for all three recommendations.

**Moved:** *"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."*

*M. Stewart / P. Stevenson – Carried*

**Moved:** *"That A. Stewart is elected as Spokesperson for the 2019 / 2020 financial year".*

*M. Stewart / P. Stevenson – Carried*

**Moved:** *"That R. Langridge is appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

*M. Stewart / P. Stevenson – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Willows: Discussion took place on the willows as there has been conflicting advice about keeping vegetation back from the bank and whether or not to spray willows. It was noted that willows close to the bank have been sprayed. B. Russ advised that funding is being progressed via the Shane Jones billion Dollar Tree fund. B. Russ advised that small scraggy trees should be gotten rid of but the ones that are likely to grow well should be left. Cr Robb stated that it is best not to have trees on the riverbanks as the roots are likely to open up the surface. B. Russ advised that trees on the flat surface are fine to be left in place.

Catastrophe Fund: B. Russ explained that Council's insurance kicks in once the \$250,000 excess has been paid. It was noted that there is often a delay between when bills are needing to be paid and the insurance pay out being received. It was noted that there is around \$1M in the catastrophe fund at the moment. Cr Robb stated that the Catastrophe Fund is working well. B. Russ stated that Council has its own insurance which will pay out 40% of what the affected asset is worth, and the Ministry of Civil Defence will pay the remaining 60%.

S. Langridge asked what is likely to happen should the William Stewart Bridge be inaccessible. He stated they were informed about a year ago, that the bridge has a five year lifespan. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a new bridge is required but this would cost millions of dollars.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 1.12 p.m.

**Action Points:**

There were no action points.