

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICES
ON 15 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 7.04 PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, S. McGeady, W. Brennan, A. Inman

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
A. Birchfield, P. Ewen (Councillors).
P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

O. Norton, Cr Robb (away on Council business)

W. Brennan / B. Jones - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Ewen 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 27 October 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

A. Inman / W. Brennan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising. It was noted that there have been informal meetings held between the last annual meeting and this meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2018. He reported that the opening balance was \$63,948.06 and the closing balance is \$68,942.57. Total expenses for the year were \$8,666.00.

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield spoke to this report and advised that \$6,150.00 worth of works were carried out in June 2018. She stated that this work was carried out by GH Foster Ltd, an extra 100 tonne of rock has been carted and is ready to be placed if required. P. Birchfield advised that scour area looks stable at the moment. Discussion took place on the cut and whether it needs to be deepened. It was agreed that P. Birchfield would liaise with W. Brennan regarding this.

P. Birchfield carried out an inspection in August 2018 and no immediate maintenance works were identified. P. Birchfield advised that she has allowed \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance and \$5,000 to adjust / deepen the diversion channel as required.

RATES 2019/ 2020

The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year is likely to be \$67,481. This target balance for the 'prudent reserve' for this rating district is suggested to be \$150,000. This prudent reserve is immediately available for urgent emergency works that may be

required following a major flood event. It is therefore likely the current reserve will only cover a portion of the actual cost of the potential damage that could occur.

P. Birchfield recommends a maintenance rate strike of \$10,000 for the coming financial year. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$10,000 for the 2019 / 2020 financial year.

Agreed Level of Service

P. Birchfield advised that Audit NZ have requested that agreed level of service is discussed at each rating district meeting this year. She advised that this has come about as a result of the Edgumbe flood event. P. Birchfield stated that the asset management plan for the rating districts states that the historic "Existing Standard" was 900mm above the highest known flood. The Council has suggested to the rating district that a new flood capacity analysis should be commissioned. However, the rating district have decided that they do not wish to have any flood analysis undertaken to quantify the actual level of protection that the scheme currently provides. Therefore it is unknown what capacity flood the rating district assets are protected against. P. Birchfield stated that it is important the rating district is aware of this risk. P. Birchfield stated that survey work could be done to identify any low spots, and Council could pay for 50% of the cost of this work. P. Birchfield stated that Greymouth has a 150 year return period for concrete structures and stopbanks are built to a one in 50 year return. P. Birchfield advised that regular cross sections are done but not longitudinal ones. B. Jones stated that there is no point having this information if there is no money to fix it.

Willow Tree Loss

Cr Ewen introduced J. Ellis to the meeting. J. Ellis advised that willow trees have been part of the NZ landscape for close to 180 years. They have been used for bank protection, shelter and timber, and as a tool for erosion, and flood protection. J. Ellis spoke of the Large Willow Aphid which was found in NZ in 2013 and is now well established NZ wide. He stated that the aphid has killed willows in the North Island and there is evidence of it throughout the South Island, including the Grey Valley. J. Ellis stated that during the Edgumbe flood event huge willow trees were plucked out of the ground leaving large holes in the ground. This then leaves the banks extremely vulnerable to collapse and erosion. It was noted that there are a lot of willows up and down the Grey Valley and in Coal Creek. He stated that some of the willows in Coal Creek are covered in the aphid.

J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund.

R. Beal stated that further information will be forthcoming via the Weedbusters newsletter and once the annual meetings have been held throughout the region, depending on interest, then a combined application will be made to this fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee and the current Spokesperson. F. Riordan holds the position of deputy spokesperson but is not present. W. Brennan nominated B. Jones, A. Inman seconded the nomination.

Moved: ***"That B. Jones be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."***

W. Brennan / A. Inman – Carried

Moved: ***"That S. McGeady be re - elected as the spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."***

W. Brennan / B. Jones – Carried

Moved: *"That the present committee remains the same for the 2018 / 2019 financial year:*

O. Norton

F. Riordan

A. Beck

B. Jones

A. Inman

be the committee for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

W. Brennan / B. Jones – Carried

Cr Ewen asked the meeting if they wished to have a meeting each year. It was agreed that S. McGeady and P. Birchfield would liaise with each other and should an annual meeting be required then it would be arranged.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Inman stated that he feels communication with Council could be improved. He noted that email addresses had been provided to Council but they had not been any email correspondence.

P. Birchfield advised that the consent for The Greymouth Golf Club is yet to be signed off.

P. Birchfield advised that she received a phone call last week from Westroads Health & Safety Officer regarding the installation of a sign warning of trucks as the road is very narrow in this area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.26 pm.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme.

We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35 million and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1 million Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.