

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL
ON 16 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 1.05 PM.

PRESENT

K. Gibson, C. Roy, (arrived 1.10pm), C. Jones (arrived 1.10pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson, (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Gibb, C. Brooks

K. Gibson / C. Roy - Carried

BUSINESS

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 19 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

K. Gibson / no seconder

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$278,272.83.

W. Moen advised that Transit NZ and the Westland District Council also contributed to the survey and design analysis included in the report.

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

K. Gibson / no seconder

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. As a result of the inspection carried out on the 11th August with K. Gibson, \$67,500 worth of works were identified. W. Moen reported that there have been no major works carried out in this rating district for some time. For the benefit of the newcomers to the area, W. Moen explained the proposed works in detail.

RECOMMENDATION

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

K. Gibson / C. Jones – Carried

RATES 2009 / 2010

W. Moen advised that last year's rate strike was \$35,000 and the recommended rate strike for this year is \$25,000 but in view of new developments in the area it was agreed that \$35,000 was more appropriate. W. Moen explained that fresh cross section surveys have been done, along with river designs for theoretical flood levels for the stopbanks.

W. Moen advised that this information reveals that most of the stopbanks are too low and are under the 50-year return period standard. He advised that costings to raise the stopbanks would need to be verified by carrying out a complete detailed engineering survey. S. Moran advised that Transit have been monitoring the riverbed to see if it is going to stabilise.

Moved: ***"That the recommended rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year be \$35,000 + G.S.T."***

K. Gibson / C. Jones – Carried

Moved: ***"That a full engineering survey and design be carried out on the proposed section of future works. "***

C. Jones / K. Gibson – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

K. Gibson stated that J. Duxbury has now left the area. K. Gibson nominated C. Roy.

Moved: ***"That the present committee, namely:
Chris Brooks
Kevin Gibson
Chris Roy
Grant Gibbs
Alex Miller
be appointed as the committee for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

K. Gibson / C. Jones - Carried

Moved: ***"That K. Gibson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

C. Jones / C. Roy - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Moran asked the meeting if they would be happy to have future meetings in the mornings. This would allow the first meeting to be held in Okuru then work northwards so that there is no backtracking required.

The meeting agreed with the change of time.

C. Jones asked how many ratepayers are there in this area. T. Jellyman advised that close to 100 ratepayers were sent the meeting papers and notice of meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.18 pm.