

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE ST JOHN'S ROOMS, FRANZ JOSEF
ON 29 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 2.32 PM.

PRESENT

C. Brooks, L. Skinner, P. Cumming, G. Gibb, I. Hartshorne, C. Rankin, P. Halford

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell (WCRC Councillor), S. Challenger (WCRC Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman, J. Ellis (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. York, C. Roy, T. Skinner, W. Costello (DoC)
L. Skinner advised that P. York, and C. Roy are both happy to remain on the rating district committee.

Moved: *That the apologies be accepted*

L. Skinner / G. Gibb – Carried

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell 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 13 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

L. Skinner / P. Cumming - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He reported that the opening balance was \$429,960.57, total expenses were \$108,150.12 and the closing balance was \$391,694.69. R. Beal answered questions relating to the financial report.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ spoke to this report and confirmed that \$100,000 worth of river training works was carried out during the financial year to the end of June 2018. He reported that a further \$22,700 worth of work including river training work and rock recovery was carried out in July 2018.

B. Russ reported that following discussion with the spokesperson no future work has been identified but he recommended that \$30,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

Action Points from last year's meeting

- B. Russ advised that the cost split requested by Council to NZTA was turned down.
- B. Russ advised that there has been no progress regarding the relocation of the occupier on the south side of the river but a further attempt will be made.
- B. Russ advised that NZTA wish to continue to use rock spurs on the Waiho River.
- R. Beal advised that OPUS are working on a holistic consent for the rating district but there has been a delay due to the cyclones earlier in the year. He advised that it is 90% complete.
- B. Russ advised that he would continue to inform the rating district of any spend over \$5,000.
- L. Skinner stated that a face to face meeting with NZTA would be a good way forward in gaining some common ground. R. Beal suggested holding the next bimonthly meeting with NZTA in Franz Josef.
- B. Russ advised that he has checked all resource consents and none have the rating district identified as an affected party.

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ have requested that each rating district is informed of the levels of service and protection they receive from their assets. B. Russ advised that the purpose of this rating district is to stop erosion and flooding. He advised that the stopbanks are designed to withstand a 1 in 100 year flood event. B. Russ advised that these figures are based on information for cross section surveys and LiDAR as this provides accurate information on riverbed levels. B. Russ stated that following each flood event Audit NZ now require an inspection to be done and a report to be provided to them. B. Russ stated that it is not practical for him to visit the area after every flood therefore if a committee member can do this then it saves the rating district money. He can then document this and work through any outcomes as required.

RATES 2019 / 2020

Cr McDonnell advised that the recommended rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial year is \$50,000 GST Exclusive. He advised that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 20 financial year is likely to be \$410,000 GST exclusive. It was noted that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$550,000. The meeting agreed with the rate strike of \$50,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr McDonnell read out the names of the current members of the rating district committee. He asked if those currently on the committee are happy to remain on it.

Moved: *"That the present committee, namely:*

Chris Brooks

Chris Roy

Grant Gibb

Tim Gibb

Ian Hartshorne

Peter York

Logan Skinner

Paul Cumming

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

Moved: *"That I. Hartshorne and L. Skinner be elected as joint spokesmen for the 2018/ 2019 financial year."*

P. Cumming / G. Gibb - Carried

Cr McDonnell stated that Council appreciates the effort the work that the rating district does.

GENERAL BUSINESS

L. Skinner stated that the rating district wishes to pass on a personal thank you to B. Russ for the work he has done with the river training work.

Discussion took place on the rock that is sitting in the middle of the river. It was agreed that this rock could be offered to the Heliport and that B. Russ be informed as to who is going to remove the rock. It was agreed that B. Russ would keep in touch while this work is in progress.

L. Skinner asked if it is possible to have a fixed hourly rate for rock recovery rather than having to go through the tender process. He stated this would speed up the process and allow the rating district to make use of contractors while they are in the area. R. Beal suggested that this be treated as a quote, not a contract and could be locked into a 12 month period.

L. Skinner asked if a price could be obtained to stockpile rock at the bottom of the heliport area. B. Russ advised that this rock cannot be stored in the riverbed. L. Skinner stated that they would like the rock stockpiled on the south side of the river in case the bridge is out.

L. Skinner stated that the rating district is keen to get a resource consent to extend the stopbank joining into the Heliport stopbank in line with the stopbank. R. Beal warned that it may be difficult to get affected party sign off.

L. Skinner asked what the role of the rating district committee is. It was noted that rating district committees are a liaison group. L. Skinner stated that the committee would have liked to have been consulted right at the start regarding the one rating district option. Cr McDonnell explained Council consultation processes to the meeting and stated that the Waiho River could be managed in a more holistic way that will benefit the entire community. Extensive discussion took place on a holistic management plan, one rating district and a way forward. R. Beal advised that there are a lot of assets to be considered and the biggest hurdle is probably funding. Extensive discussion ensued. L. Skinner spoke of the importance of protecting the town and coming up with a workable plan. R. Beal stated that a meeting with NZTA is scheduled for 13 November and could be a good starting point. Cr McDonnell encouraged the meeting to find some middle ground in order to be able to make progress. R. Beal advised that a further meeting is scheduled for 18 December with – all WCRC councillors invited. It was agreed that both rating districts would attend the meetings. Cr McDonnell stated that Council is also keen to get a result and make some progress. R. Beal advised that the asset management plan would become the holistic management plan for the Waiho River.

P. Cumming raised the matter of modelling be done on the Waiho Loop. It was suggested that the Governance Group might be able to follow up on this.

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. L. Skinner stated that the town's walking track has been eroded by the Tartare River. He asked if rocks could be put in place in this area and trees could then be planted behind the rocks. It was agreed that there is no point planting trees without protection in place. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in an application to the tree fund. Cr McDonnell stated that these are free trees and a good thing to be a part of.

Cr McDonnell thanked those present for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.

Action Points:

- Hold the next bimonthly meeting with NZTA in Franz Josef.
- B. Russ to follow up on age and renewal dates for all resource consents.
- B. Russ to work on hourly prices for rock recovery work.

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 \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M 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.