

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE INCHBONNIE HALL
ON THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2003, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Warwick Gault, Lester Adams, Des Shaffrey, Brian Rothery, Maree Rivers, Paul Rivers, Joe Keeney.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dennis Shannahan (Councillor)
Wayne Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

John Adams, Russell Adams, Brian Brensell
John Clayton, Peter Ewen, Rick Lowe (West Coast Regional Council)
David Horn (CEO)

BUSINESS

Dennis Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
He also outlined the appointment of Mr. David Horn as the new Chief Executive Officer, pointing out his background and extensive experience in local government.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual general meeting held on 3 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."***
Brian Rothery / Warwick Gault (Carried)

MATTERS ARISING

Wayne Moen advised that quarry charges had increased to \$6.00 / tonne in order for the quarries to operate on a "break even" basis.
Denis Shannahan added that the costs would be monitored in the future to guarantee the best possible prices to ratepayers.

Wayne Moen confirmed that the rate take figure in the 2001 calendar year was a combination of the second rate installment from the previous year (\$7,500) and the first rate installment for the current year (\$8,500) a total of \$16,000.
He also sought feedback on the contractors used in the 2002 works.
All present were very happy with both the workmanship of the river and quarry works.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the 12-month period from 1 January 2002 to December 2002.

Moved: ***"That the financial statement for the 2002 year as presented be adopted."***
Warwick Gault / Des Shaffrey (Carried)

Discussion took place on the LAPP scheme.
Speakers included: Brian Rothery, Joe Keeney and Denis Shannahan.
Wayne Moen explained that the scheme had now reached a "pool" of \$26,000,000.

He also pointed out that the West Coast Regional Council was now paying the LAPP premium for all the rating districts, as it was apparent that the infrastructure had a region wide benefit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That Warwick Gault be re-elected as the Chairperson/ spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”***
Brian Rothery / Lester Adams (Carried)

RATES 2003 / 2004

Discussion took place on the level of rates required to maintain the works.

Wayne Moen explained that the annualized Asset Management Plan estimate was set at \$12,000.

He also pointed out that Warwick and himself had inspected the area in the last 3 days and estimated that approximately 1200 tonnes of rock is required urgently to top up damaged works.

This work would probably be covered by the existing credit balance in the account.

Moved: ***“That the rates strike for the 2003/ 2004 financial year be set at \$20,000 + G.S.T.”***

Warwick Gault / Joe Keeney - unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on the future raising of the stopbank.

Wayne Moen explained that the design floods were reducing and that the actual floods were increasing in magnitude over the last 10-year period.

Wayne Moen explained the concept of the surveyed cross sections of the Taramakau River and explained how the cross sections resurveyed at least every 3 years would give an accurate indication of how much the channels were aggrading or degrading.

Warwick Gault asked what would be involved in raising the stopbank to a realistic protection level.

Wayne Moen agreed to communicate with the Chairperson on a rough indicative figure.

Brian Rothery and Joe Keeney sought advice on general gravel removal.

Wayne Moen outlined the present passage of the proposed Draft Land and Riverbed Management Plan and suggested that it was imperative that farmers made submissions on the plan regarding future gravel removal operations.

Joe Keeney explained that Council staff had recently been on his property analyzing fish life in the streams and asked if the results of the investigation could be forwarded to him. Wayne undertook to see if the information was available and report back.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 am.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer