

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TRANSITIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE INCHBONNIE HALL ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2004, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

#### PRESENT

W. Gault, K. Harvey, C. Brensell, D. Shaffrey, P. Berry.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Shannahan, P. Ewen (Councillors)

D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

B. Brensell, R. Adams.

J. Clayton, R. Lowe (West Coast Regional Council)

#### BUSINESS

D. Shannahan opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**Moved:** *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”*

*D. Shaffrey / W. Gault – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that recent cross section survey work had indicated a very slight decrease in bed levels over the length of the Inchbonnie Scheme area.

With an average degradation of 0.100metres, it was considered minimal and therefore detailed costings on stopbank raising was not required at this stage.

W. Moen again raised the issue of stopbank spraying.

**Moved:** *“That a contract for the aerial spraying of the stopbank be approved.”*

*D. Shaffrey / W. Gault - Carried*

#### FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 6-month Transitional period year ending 30 June 2004.

This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$5,469.

**Moved:** *“That the financial statements for the 6-month 2004 Transitional period ending 30 June 2004 be adopted”.*

*D. Shaffrey / W. Gault – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that with the additional \$25,000 credited to the end of June 2005, the rating district account balance would be approximately \$30,469 less any additional maintenance expenditure carried out in the next 8 months.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 6-month period 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004.

He pointed out that no works had been carried out since June 2004 and outlined a proposed allowance of \$30,000 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

**Moved:** ***“That the Works Report for the 6-month period ending 30 June 2004 be received.”***

*W. Gault / D. Shaffrey - Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** ***“That W. Gault be re-elected as Spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2004 / 2005 financial year.”***

*P. Berry / D. Shaffrey - Carried*

## **RATES 2005 / 2006**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

D. Horn drew attention to the recent North Island situation.

P. Berry also said it was prudent to maintain a financial “buffer” against unforeseen damage.

**Moved:** ***“That the recommended rate strike to Council for the 2005 / 2006 financial Year be \$27,500 + G.S.T.”***

*D. Shaffrey / K. Harvey – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

W. Gault sought clarification on quarry charges.

D. Horn explained the current situation of one contractor “blowing” the quarries and indicated that a report on all Council quarry operations was almost complete.

He pointed out that each quarry had to stand on its own and Council was not keen on cross subsidization in order to have a single regional quarry rate.

In answer to a question from D. Shaffrey regarding other users of the Inchbonnie Quarry, W. Moen explained that other agencies such as Toll Rail and Transfield have utilized rock at times.

D. Horn said that in the future, one contract would be made for blasting the quarries and stockpiling rock at a suitable storage site away from the quarry floor.

There would obviously be a cost in this and other issues such as ongoing development and rehabilitation.

He also pointed out that the quarries had shown a small profit this year.

D. Shaffrey asked if, in future, the rates demands could fall on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month rather than earlier.

D. Horn gave his assurance that he would endeavor to address the issue.

P. Ewen indicated that all the new Councils were interested in exploring ways to save ratepayers money.

One scenario was a single group sending out all rate demands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.00am.