

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT WARWICK GAULT'S RESIDENCE
ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 10.05 AM.

PRESENT

W. Gault, J. Keeney, R. Adams, D. Rooney, D. Shaffrey.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Shannahan, (Councillor), P. Ewen, (Councillor)
S. Moran. W. Moen, T Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

R. Adams, J. Clayton, G & R. Rooney

W. Gault / J. Keeney - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan 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 Monday 16 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

W. Gault / J. Keeney - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen reported that the cross section surveys were completed last year. Analysis of this survey work has been contracted to Good Earth Matters Ltd (Christchurch). Once the analysis is completed then design work will be carried out to ascertain estimates for stop banking raising. W. Moen displayed the cross section report to the meeting. S. Moran advised that staff would go through this report and get back to the rating district to discuss recommendations as to where to from here.

W. Moen advised he wrote to Trustpower and Grey District Council regarding cost sharing for this work and analysis following last years meeting. Trustpower have asked for more information including what Grey District Council's contribution would be. W. Moen advised that Grey District Council resolved in 1998 to pay 50% of maintenance works.

W. Moen is to clarify this further with GDC.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$55,014.68

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".*

J. Keeney / W. Gault – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$42,331.60) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$20,000 for maintenance expenditure for the following

2007 / 2008 year. W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 24th of July 2007, as a result no immediate works were identified.

W. Gault queried the tonnage taken by Ferguson's from the stockpile. He noted there were only two small piles in place. He added that the contractor's management of this job was poor and he had to show each new crew what was required each day. W. Moen added that the same problem was encountered in the Taramakau Settlement area with Ferguson's. Cr Shannahan stated that the cheapest price is not always the best option. It was agreed that staff would write to Ferguson's regarding their poor performances.

Possible raising of the stop bank over 500 metres was discussed but this is subject to final analysis work by GEM Ltd. This could be in the vicinity of \$80,000 but W. Moen advised that estimates would be subject to surveys prior to works being carried out and he would report back to the rating district prior to work commencing. The split of costs would be 50% to the rating district and 50% to Grey District Council.

Moved: ***"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved."***

D. Rooney / J. Keeney – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That W. Gault be re-elected as the spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2007/ 2008 financial year."***

J. Keeney / D. Rooney – Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$50,000 and that the Asset Management Plan currently recommends \$60,000. S. Moran advised that future work on the stopbanks could put quite a hole in the reserves. D. Rooney advised he would rather see what costs they are up for prior to agreeing to a higher rate strike. He also stated that Grey District Council is putting in 50% for works so their fund is still building up. Cr Shannahan asked if consents would be required for the stop bank work and how long until work begins. W. Moen advised work probably would not be starting within the next 12 months. He advised that Ngai Tahu might be involved with the consent process. S. Moran advised that it would be beneficial to get some figures for this project to Grey District Council by November in order to include this work in their Annual Plan process.

W. Gault asked for a rough figure for this work. W. Moen gave a ballpark figure of \$250,000. J. Keeney asked who would take out the loan for the work. W. Moen confirmed that Council normally takes out the loan on behalf of the rating district, it is then rated out to the rating district on proportion. It was noted that lump sum repayments are no longer allowed by individuals.

The Rating District contributed on a one off basis, to some rock work outside the scheme last year.

There was discussion regarding the boundary of the rating district as works are required upstream to protect the road. W. Moen advised the meeting to keep the existing boundary where it is.

The recommended rate strike for 2008 / 2009 is \$50,000. W. Moen advised that the revised Asset Management Plan recommends an average of \$60,000. Discussion took place regarding the rate strike and the rating district agreed to amend the recommendation to \$40,000

Moved: ***"That the rate strike remains at \$40,000 + GST for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year"***.

D. Shaffrey / W. Gault - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Gault requested that W. Moen progress the stop bank work. W. Moen will call a meeting once the required information is to hand. S. Moran advised that preliminary

findings would be reported back in November. W. Gault stated that he wanted any raising of the stopbank that was required to be done as soon as possible if it is under the 1 in 50 event return period.

Moved: *“That the rating district agree to fund extra work to complete the design stage in the interim but that the cost is to be included in the total cost of the project to be divided between the contributing parties”.*

D. Shaffrey / J. Keeney - Carried

W. Moen asked the meeting if more stockpiles of rock were required for emergency works purposes. It was agreed to discuss this further at the meeting scheduled for December when future works will be discussed.

W. Gault tabled a letter to W. Moen from the Winters regarding river protection and the change in direction of the river. W. Moen read the letter to the meeting. W. Moen and W. Gault will inspect this area in December and investigate this matter further. W. Moen noted that the channel may need clearing.

W. Moen reported that the quarry was blasted recently resulting in between 10 - 15, 000 tonne of rock is down as a result. This has alleviated the dangerous situation with overhanging rock.

W. Moen advised that a SNA area has been identified by Grey District Council in the scheme area. S. Moran advised that this land is owned by WCRC. S. Moran has had some preliminary discussions with Paul Berry regarding this area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.08 am.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
17 September 2007