

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KANIERE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2002, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

G. Linklater, P. McLaughlin, H. Collett,

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J.Wood, D. Davidson, P. Ewen (Councilors)
R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)
M. Orchard, J. Orchard, M. Dyne

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9 April 2001, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

H. Collett / G.Linklater - (Carried)

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined previous concerns at the cost of LAPP premiums and advised that Council’s insurance brokers, Jardine Risk, had attempted to gain competitive, cost effective comparisons for similar insurance. They had since advised that no economic alternative had been found.

J. Wood and H. Collett expressed concern with LAPP coverage, however R. Lowe spoke in favour of retaining LAPP coverage in the meantime.

W. Moen outlined probable reductions in premiums for the coming year and advised that another rating district had asked Council to fund the premiums out of the interest of the \$7,000,000 “gift” from Central Government.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2001 financial year.

Moved: ***“That the financial statements for the 2001 period ending 31 December 2001 be adopted”.***

P. McLaughlin / H. Collett – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That H. Collett be re- elected as Spokesperson for the 2002 / 2003 financial year”***

P. McLaughlin/ G. Linklater - Carried

RATES 2002/ 2003

Discussion took place on the perceived level of rate.

D. Davidson felt that the original scheme had been accepted as a flood protection scheme, however due to ratepayer pressure, the stopbanking had never been carried out.

G. Linklater felt that there should be a healthy reserve in case future erosion protection works were required.

H. Collett felt that \$20,000 was adequate.

W. Moen felt that this level was not adequate, as \$20,000 would not pay for a considerable amount of rock, if required in an emergency.

R. Lowe pointed out that any rates figure supplied from the Annual General Meeting was only an indication, as Council made the final decision on the rates level

Moved: “That a rate strike of \$2,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2002/ 2003 financial Year”.

H. Collett / P. McLaughlin - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Wood outlined his personal views on the Council’s quarrying operations and asked R. Lowe to speak.

R. Lowe explained that some Councilors were concerned that the Council’s quarry operations had not been economic over the past 2 years due to a lack of demand for rock. His had been due to the lack of major floods on the West Coast over the same period. It was pointed out that this was unusual and that the situation could be reversed.

A report had been commissioned by Council to look at the Council’s quarries’ future and direction.

R. Lowe outlined the present cross-subsidy method of an equalized rock price as opposed to an actual price per quarry.

H. Collett felt that it should be a user pays system, while J. Wood did not want to see cross- subsidization within the various quarries.

D. Davidson felt that rock should be available at all times for ratepayers and that there may be a premium involved in making it readily available.

P. Ewen suggested that if anyone had strong views either way on the issue, that they utilize the annual plan process and make a submission accordingly.

Both R. Lowe and W. Moen expressed concern at inflated rock prices if monopolies developed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer.