

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KANIERE TAVERN
ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2004, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

G. Linklater, M. Ward, M. Orchard, G. Provis

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn (Councilors)

W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. McLaughlin, J. McLaughlin, P. Hill

R. Lowe, D. Horn, D. Davidson (West Coast Regional Council)

BUSINESS

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2004, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

M. Orchard / M. Ward - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous A.G.M.

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 \$24,109.

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

G. Provis / G. Linklater – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that with the addition of the 2004 / 2005 rate strike of \$3,000, plus interest on the accrued monies, the total figure at 30 June 2005, ignoring any expenditure would be approximately \$28,000.

He also explained that the Council now covers the LAPP insurance premium from general rates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That H. Collett be re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year”***

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

WORKS REPORT

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

He explained that no works had been carried out during the 2004 reporting period.

G. Linklater expressed major concern at the erosion occurring upstream of the Kaniere Rating District Works on M. Marshall's property.
He explained that he had carried out an inspection and produced photographs as evidence of the erosion.

M. Orchard supported G. Linklater's stance.

W. Moen suggested that Council and local ratepayers jointly maintain a watch on the situation in the meantime.

It was also felt by those present that large expenditure kilometers upstream was no a viable option at this stage.

Moved: *"That G. Linklater keep a watching brief on the situation and report back to W. Moen if the erosion threat escalated"*

G. Provis / M. Orchard / - Carried

W. Moen pointed out that an allowance of 200 tonnes of rock with an estimated cost of \$3,400 be allowed for as a contingency item over the next 18 months.
He also recommended an annualized rate strike of \$4,000 per year to cover this.

This figure did not include future capital works, which would require separate funding.

RATES 2005 / 2006

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included M. Ward, G. Linklater, G. Provis and M. Orchard.

M. Orchard also explained that P & J McLaughlin were comfortable with a \$3,000 rate strike.

Moved: *"That a suggested rate strike of \$3,000 + G.S.T. be recommended for the 2005 / 2006 financial Year"*

G. Provis / M. Orchard – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Moen outlined pending gravel removal consent applications for the area and advised those present that any gravel removal upstream of the bridge needed to be carried out under controlled conditions.

He explained that in his view the south channel could be widened to encourage the existing channel to stay where it was, without creating a threat to the Kaniere rockwork.

He also explained that recent cross sectioning of the Hokitika River had indicated a slight buildup of gravel, however, it was considered insignificant over the whole river.

W. Moen also outlined potential issues facing Central Government and local ratepayers on the ongoing maintenance of river works in general throughout New Zealand, especially since the 2004 North Island flooding.

G. Linklater spoke about his perception of the Hokitika River channel pattern in the vicinity.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.