

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD OUTSIDE THE KANIERE TAVERN
ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM.

PRESENT

G. Provis, G. Linklater, P. McLaughlin, J. Jones,

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councillor)
C. Ingle, T. Jellyman, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

D. Davidson, (Councillor – arrived 7.08 pm)

G. Provis / P. McLaughlin - Carried

BUSINESS

C. Ingle 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 24th October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

G. Provis / P. McLaughlin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

An aerial photograph of the Kaniere River was requested at last year's meeting. W. Moen agreed to send this though next week to the four attendees.
W. Moen sent letters last year to the three affected landowners requesting longterm access agreements. The signed access agreements are still awaited. W. Moen advised that he wrote to the Westland District Council on behalf of the Kaniere Rating District opposing the closure of the road (unformed St. Albans Street).
G. Provis stated that the gravel extractor working in the river has been stockpiling at the edge of the river, this is in a good position. This is better than being stockpiled in the middle of the river.

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 \$38,378.72.

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

J. Jones / G. Provis - 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. An inspection was carried out on the 27th of July 2007 and no works were identified.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period and outlined a proposed allowance of \$3,000.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2007 / 2008 year.

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

P. McLaughlin / G. Provis - Carried

Note: The revised Asset Management Plan based on previous maintenance recommends \$5,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive).

RATES 2008 / 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen advised that \$5,000.00 would be the recommended rate strike. Members of the Rating District decided that they would settle for \$3,000.00 this year. W. Moen stated that they would need to be prepared to "dig deep" if there is an erosion problem. G. Linklater advised that he would be happy to go with the \$5,000.00 rate strike and encouraged the meeting to build up the fund.

G. Provis stated that the Rating District needs an action plan if the river does move.

He added that they would not see G. Linklater's property be unprotected if future works are required. G. Linklater reported that he has contacted the Mawhera Corporation regarding his concerns for his property protection. He also stated that all 36 ratepayers would need to pay up for emergency works repairs.

G. Linklater said he would go with the \$3,000.00 rate strike if a letter was sent to ratepayers advising them of the cost to each of them if there was \$100,000.00, \$200,00.00 or \$300,000.00 of work needed following a major event.

Moved: "That given the credit balance of \$38,378.72 + \$3,000 (2007 / 2008 rate strike) + approx \$2,500 interest less a potential \$3,000 maintenance, the suggested rate strike to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial year be set at \$3,000 + G.S.T.

G. Provis / P. McLaughlin - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: "That G. Linklater be elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."

G. Provis / P. McLaughlin - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

P. McLaughlin asked W. Moen how much extra costs would be required if an emergency situation developed in the future. W. Moen advised that if it was a rock wall approximately \$100,000.00 - \$150,000.00. The Rating District asked that W. Moen calculate what amount this would equate to for each ratepayer. G. Provis asked that these be for \$100,000.00, \$200,000.00 and \$300,000.00 worth of works should there be an emergency in the area.

J. Jones spoke of his concern with the riverbed being used as a "racetrack" with cars racing up and down it. C. Ingle advised that it is not a role of the Regional Council to police this activity. G. Provis stated that the local police deal with this as required.

G. Provis stated he is pleased with the gravel being taken from the middle of the river.

G. Linklater said this would result in the island in the middle being removed, which will be a good result.

C. Ingle explained that this year's annual meeting was brought forward due to the upcoming local body elections. He advised that they would go back to the normal time of mid to late October next year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
September 2007