

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL LIBRARY
ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2004

PRESENT

Jocelyn Colville, Darryl Simkin, Bevan Langford, Graham Maw, Rosalie Sampson, Dick Straight, Kevin Storer, Brian Jones, Geoff Volkman

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Councilors - John Clayton, Ross Scarlett
Staff - David Horn, Rick Lowe

APOLOGIES

Apology received by Ross Scarlett for lateness.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: ***“ That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 15 April 2003 were a true and accurate record.”***
B Langford / B Jones – Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved: ***“The Financial Report be received.”***
K Storer / D Straight - Carried

WORKS REPORT

The works report was presented to the meeting and covered the works undertaken up to the 31 December 2003 and predicted works expenditure to 30 June 2004.

Proposed works were generally discussed and concerns were raised regarding stock crossing over the Karamea River stopbank and causing damage to the stopbank structure.

It was agreed that Rick Lowe would follow up with a letter to adjacent landowners to remind them not to allow stock to cause damage to the existing stopbank.

Concern was also expressed about the damage that had occurred in the Oparara River by a contractor removing logs from the riverbed and resulting damage that had occurred.

It was agreed that the contractor Richard Lowe should be notified to rectify the problem.

Bevan Langford reported that there could be a potential problem regarding trees in the existing stopbank opposite the Karamea Fire Station.

Moved: ***“ That the works report be approved”***
R Sampson / K Storer - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That the following people be elected on to the committee”*

*Kevin Storer
Darryl Simkin
Brian Jones
Dick Straight
Graham Maw
Bevan Langford*

R Scarlett / R Sampson - Carried

Moved: *“That Kevin Storer be appointed as spokesperson”*

R Scarlett / R Sampson - Carried

2004/2005 RATE STRIKE

Moved: *“That the recommended rate strike for the 2004/05 financial year be \$19,000 plus GST”.*

R Sampson / D Simkin - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

David Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirements for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent provision to project out rating expenditure for a 10 year period.

He also indicated that the need for advanced planning to comply with act that would result in Rating District meetings being held between September and October of each year.

There was a general discussion around what maybe required in the way of protection works in future years.

Rick Lowe suggested that there maybe a need to supply a better level of protection to Karamea by strengthening and raising the existing stopbanks and especially so along the right bank of the Karamea River from the bridge downstream to the mouth.

There was a general discussion whether there was a need to further investigate options for providing a higher level of protection to Karamea.

The general consensus of those present indicated they were happy with the present level of protection the stopbank offered to the town. It was further noted that any up grade would likely to be very expensive to ratepayers. At this time the consensus was that investigation of upgrade options is not required.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.