

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE RSA AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM.

PRESENT

B & C. Jones, A. Bruning, D. Simkin, G. Volckman, M. Watt, B. Langford, R. Sampson, P. Langford, R. Anderson, P. Gibson,

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer, N. Clementson (Councillors)
R. Beal, P. Birchfield, J. Curry, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Johnstone.

P. Langford / D. Simkin - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 23 October 2018, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

B. Jones / B. Langford - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Actions points were updated.

B. Jones asked if there has been any progress with the rating classifications. R. Beal advised that if the rating district wishes a consultant could be brought in to progress this. It was noted that the private works at Oparara and Blue Duck Creek would need to be included. P. Birchfield advised that any structures would need to be assessed to ensure that they are up to a suitable standard if they are to be included in the rating district's asset management plan. R. Beal advised this could be done via the annual plan process. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this matter would be progressed, and a price for this work would be obtained.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report. The opening balance was \$150,900.77 and the closing balance is \$185,079.91.

Moved: *"That the financial report be received."*

P. Langford / D. Simkin – Carried

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield spoke to this report. She advised that a total of \$15,970.50 worth of work was carried out during the reporting period. P. Birchfield advised that further costs for work on the Karamea and Arapito Rivers are to come as the rock as not yet been billed for.

P. Birchfield advised that there are no urgent maintenance works identified for the 2019 /20 year. She suggested that \$10,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

P. Birchfield advised that the upgrade of the stopbank from the Last Resort Bank to the Bridge (1287m) is likely to be undertaken during summer. The tender for this work is almost complete and it is likely the tender will be let in October 2019. Details on the scheduling of this work is yet to be finalised.

P. Birchfield advised that some mowing was done on the stopbank at a cost of a couple of hundred dollars. It was noted that this looks very nice and took around three hours. Discussion took place on when this work should be done each year. It was agreed that this would be done every few months, or when the machine is in the area.

B. Langford was thanked for repairing the floodgate.

R. Beal advised that a loan will be taken out to fund the stopbank upgrade and will come into place in 2020. Cr Archer advised that the loan will have a very low interest rate at around 2% which is from the Local Government Funding Agency.

Moved: *"That the works report be received."*

B. Langford / B. Jones – Carried

RATES 2020 / 2021

Cr Archer advised that the proposed rate strike is \$50,000. It was noted that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2020 / 2021 financial year is likely to be \$233,280.

Moved: *"That the rate strike for the Karamea Rating District remains at \$50,000 for the 2020 / 2021 financial year."*

R. Sampson / P. Langford – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of the current committee and asked if anyone would like to come off or go on to the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: *"That the present committee:
Paul McClintock, Peter Langford, Darryl Simkin, Brian Jones,
Andrew Bruning, and Bevan Langford be the committee for the
2019 / 2020 financial year."*

R. Sampson / M. Watt - Carried

Cr Archer Thanked B. Langford for his work on behalf of the rating district. He asked B. Langford if he is happy to continue as spokesperson on behalf of the rating district. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: *"That B. Langford is appointed as the spokesperson for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

R. Sampson / M. Watt - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

B. Jones thanked Crs Archer and Clementson for their contributions over the years.

R. Beal thanked the committee for their support, and the support from the community for the recent work that has been carried out in the rating district.

Cr Archer is retiring and Cr Clementson is not seeking re-election this term due to the ill health of a family member. Cr Clementson stated that he has enjoyed his six years on Council. It was noted that Cr Archer has served 12 years on council.

R. Anderson spoke of the overflow of water on the terraces. P. Birchfield stated that the advice Council has received is that uncontrolled water not ideal, and it is not a good idea to take the willows out. B. Langford stated the floodgate worked well the other day and there were no issues with the recent flood where the level got to five metres. R. Sampson asked if river levels have been taken lately. P. Birchfield responded that cross sections surveys are due to be done next year, and LiDAR will be flown later this year.

R. Anderson asked if the rock wall by the camp is included in the scheme. P. Birchfield confirmed that it is. R. Anderson asked if this is going to have more rock placed on it, she advised that this would be up to the rating district if they wish to fund this. M. Watt stated that in the past DoC has opposed this. P. Birchfield advised there is still a resource consent in place to clean out around the confluence between Blackwater and Granite Creek.

P. Birchfield advised that the resource consent for rock work in the Mokihinui, Oparara, Granite Creek and Karamea River is due to expire. She stated that the existing works can be maintained under the permitted activity rule. If further work is required, the resource consent would need to be renewed. It was agreed that the consent should be renewed as it is only \$55 to renew.

B. Jones stated that on the stopbank on south side of river, near the bridge, there is a power pole that stock rub on, and the stopbank is worn in this area. P. Birchfield agreed to check this area.

R. Anderson stated that the river has cut in near the Little Wanganui bridge. P. Birchfield agreed to inspect this area.

Cr Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.33 p.m.

Action Points

- P. Birchfield to follow up on the private works at Oparara and Blue Duck Creek and to ascertain if these should be included in the rating district's asset management plan.
- P. Birchfield to inspect rock wall around the camping ground area.
- P. Birchfield to renew resource consents.
- P. Birchfield to inspect stopbank near the bridge on the Karamea River.
- P. Birchfield to inspect Little Wanganui River near the bridge.