

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL, KOWHITIRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 10.45 A.M.**

PRESENT

Cliff Harris, Phil Cook, Jim Paterson, Robin Cagney, Neville Monk, John Mitchell, B F Godfrey, S J Keenan.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Horn (CEO)
J. Wood, D. Davidson, J. Clayton (Councilors)
W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Monk, A. Cook, G. Lang, T. Burton

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***“That the apologies be accepted”***

P. Cook/J. Paterson - Carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: ***“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 28 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”***

C. Harris / S. Keenan – Carried

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2003 calendar year 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003.
Total balance at end of year was \$42,000 and the current balance was \$47,000.

Moved: ***“That the Financial Report for the 2003 Calendar year ending 31 December 2003 be adopted.”***

S. Keenan / R. Cagney – Carried

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10-year works expenditure programme. He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meetings should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

Moved: ***“That the next Annual General Meeting be held in October 2005.”***

J Paterson/P. Cook - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years.

He indicated that no works had been programmed in the period ending 30 June 2004.

He indicated on past annualized expenditure that a projected maintenance expenditure of \$15,000 be allowed for.

W. Moen explained that no allowance had been made for an increase in the cost of rock in the future and no allowance had been made for any potential capital works such as the raising the stopbank levels.

He therefore recommended a rate strike of \$15,000 per year.

W. Moen was asked by S. Keenan to carry out a joint inspection with the committee to view and make recommendations on some minor works on G. Monk's frontage.

RATES 2003 / 2004

Discussion took place on the proposed rate strike.

Moved: ***"That the suggested rates strike recommendation for the 2004 / 2005 financial year be \$10,000 + GST."***

J. Paterson /C. Harris – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That the existing committee comprising of J. Paterson, P. Cook, C. Harris, S. Keenan and R. Cagney be re-elected for the 2004 / 2005 financial year and that S. Keenan be reappointed as Chairperson."***

J. Wood / D. Davidson – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

P. Cook questioned the need for staff to inspect all work.

W. Moen pointed out that all works had to be transparent and explained that it was essential for staff to approve the works and costs prior to any commencement.

J. Clayton gave a brief background on the LAPP fund and Council's involvement. General discussion emerged about the LAPP fund.

C. Harris asked what Council were doing with the continuing consents problems associated with the Department of Conservation.

All agreed that it was an unnecessary complicated situation.

J. Clayton advised that the Council was endeavouring to gain a global consent for gravel clearing.

D. Horn explained that the Council had sent a letter to the Minister of Conservation proposing that the management of rivers be left with the Regional Council.

To date, no reply has been received.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.43 a.m.