

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 11.05AM.**

**PRESENT**

K. Nolan, T. Burden, B. Godfrey, S. Keenan, C. Harris, B. Wilmshurst, T. Taft.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
B. Chinn (Councillor)  
D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

P. Cook, T. Sheridan, D. Amberger, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)  
*S. Keenan / T. Burden - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.  
At the Chairperson's, Mr S. Keenan's request, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Robin Cagney.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*T. Taft / K. Nolan - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen reported that G. Monk's local share had been collected and was shown in the financial report.

W. Moen reported that the global resource consents for gravel from most West Coast rivers was underway. Once completed, this would give all users instant access to permitted areas for gravel removal.

He advised that no cross section resurveys had been carried out along the scheme frontage since 2002. The surveying of these sections should be carried out in either 2006 or 2007.

W. Moen detailed the cross section information that was being recovered progressively over the past 5 years and pointed out that extra design work was required to ascertain the current service potential of the stopbanks. He explained that there might be some outside funding available to the Regional Council for this work. D. Horn suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$50,960.95.

**Moved:** *“That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted”.*  
S. Keenan / T. Taft - 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 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$9,800.00) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$4,400.00 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

**Moved:** *“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved and the associated works implemented.”*

K. Nolan / C. Harris - Carried

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** *“That the present committee, namely:*

*S. Keenan*

*C. Harris*

*P. Cook*

*T. Taft*

*D. Amberger*

*K. Nolan*

*be retained as the committee for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*

K. Nolan / T. Burden - Carried

**Moved:** *“That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*

K. Nolan / T. Burden - Carried

#### **RATES 2006 / 2007**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

S. Keenan reported that all works were in good shape and that major erosion areas had settled down.

Speakers included: C. Harris and K. Nolan

**Moved:** *“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2005 / 2006 financial Year be \$10,000 + G.S.T.”*

K. Nolan / S. Keenan - Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion took place on the involvement of the Department of Conservation on the administration of riverbed land. The ratepayers generally strongly opposed any Department of Conservation “control” of riverbeds. It was suggested from the floor that a letter in support of this proposal be sent to the Council in its 2006 LTCCP submission process.

S. Keenan sought guidance on both Local Government and Central Government representatives' stances on this issue. C. Harris felt that Department of Conservation had no local knowledge of riverbed conditions and felt that the Regional Council had extensive knowledge of the problems and behaviour associated with riverbed management. D. Davidson spoke in support of the issue.

S. Keenan sought advice on the ongoing quarry ownership situation. He stated that the committee felt that Council should retain control and management of all quarrying operations. B. Chinn felt that some problems existed with the current management regime. S. Keenan reiterated that all rating districts should be consulted and involved in any decision making on the future of Council quarries.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50am.

**Wayne Moen**  
**River Engineer**  
**5 December 2005**