

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL ON 27 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM.

PRESENT

W. Diedrichs, R. Burdon, S. Keenan, B. Godfrey, J. Michell, T. Burdon, N. Monk, G. Monk, T. Taft, M. Hyde, B. Wilmshurst,

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

A. Godfrey, P. Cook, B. Paterson

J. Michell / T. Taft - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr. Davidson 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 12 September 2010, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

S. Keenan / T. Burdon - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2011. He reported that the opening balance at 1 July 2010 was \$72,346.80. The rate strike during the reporting period was \$10,000 and total expenses were \$8,184.24 of which \$7,244.00 was costs for contractors. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$76,828.61.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2010 / 2011 Year be adopted".*

S. Keenan / T. Taft - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. He reported that \$7,244 worth of work was carried out up until 30 June 2011. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on 29 June 2011 and no works were identified but he suggests that \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance be allowed for.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2010 / 2011 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2011 / 2012 works proposals be approved.**

N. Monk / S. Keenan – Carried

RATES 2012 / 2013

W. Moen advised that the rate strike was \$10,000 last year and therefore the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of 2012 / 2013 is likely to be approximately \$79,000. W. Moen suggested that the rate strike for the coming year is \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2012 / 2013 financial Year is \$10,000 (GST Excl)."

S. Keenan / T. Burden – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee. S. Keenan advised the meeting that Mr K. Nolan has asked to be withdrawn from the committee. S. Keenan stated that no other members of the rating district have contacted him requesting to come off or join the committee. S. Keenan suggests that with the exception of Mr Nolan the balance of the committee could be retained. S. Keenan expressed his thanks to Mr Nolan for his work on the committee over the past few years.

Moved: ***"That the committee consist of the following: -***

S. Keenan

R. Burdon

P. Cook

T. Taft

A. Godfrey

be re-elected as the committee for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."

T. Taft / G. Monk - Carried

Moved: ***"That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2011 / 2012 financial year."***

T. Taft / G. Monk - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Keenan asked if the meeting could have an update on the wetlands court case. S. Keenan stated that the last he heard was the high court ruling in the Greymouth Evening Star on the 13th of August. C. Ingle advised the case has been back to the Environment Court since then. He gave a verbal update as to where things are at now.

S. Keenan advised that whitebaiters on the Hokitika River are complaining about an oily white sludge that was being discharged from stormwater system. He stated that when the council traced the source it was found to be from a greenstone factory. S. Keenan stated that the fines and dust from the greenstone are believed to have asbestos

properties and are possibly carcinogenic. S. Keenan expressed his concern that dairy effluent could be discharged 3 kms from the river and the dairy farmer is fined \$50,000 in the Environment Court. S. Keenan feels that everyone should be treated even-handedly and he would rather have coliforms than carcinogenics. He asked why is their situation different to dairy farmers. C. Ingle advised that he would be very surprised if the discharge was carcinogenic. C. Ingle stated that his understanding was the person concerned took immediate steps to mitigate this discharge and there have not been problems since. S. Keenan feels that they should have a programme with what they are doing with their waste and should be treated the same way as dairy farmers. C. Ingle offered to find out more about the stone washing operation and report back to S. Keenan. C. Ingle stated that the new Code of Practice for dairying is working well. S. Keenan stated that it is good to see positives within the dairy industry with regard to compliance. S. Keenan stated that he feels there is a marked difference between industrial waste and coliforms. S. Keenan feels that the discharge from the stone washing operation should be analysed. C. Ingle agreed that a consistent approach and a level playing field is important and is a high priority for council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.51 a.m

Action Point

- S. Keenan requested that C. Ingle circulate the final wetlands plans once they become available.
- C. Ingle to report back to S. Keenan on stone washing discharge into Hokitika River.