

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 16 OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM.

PRESENT

C. Heney, T. Taft, P. Cook, N. Monk, S. Keenan, R & T. Little

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell, S. Challenger (Councillors)
R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

A. Godfrey, K. Nolan, G. Burdon.

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself, Cr Challenger and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 7 November 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

N. Monk / S. Keenan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Keenan raised the matter of the timings of the rating district meetings. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this meeting would be held biannually, and in conjunction with Vine Creek and Raft Creek. S. Keenan stated that later in October would suit better as the calving season is almost finished.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2017. He reported that the opening balance at 1 July 2016 was \$128,404.87. Total expenses were \$22,860.75. The closing balance is \$120,408.71.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial report.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. He reported that \$21,503 worth of works were carried out during the reporting period. B. Russ stated he was pleased with this work.

B. Russ advised that following discussions with the spokesperson no future works were identified, but \$10,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2018 / 2019

The recommended rate strike for the 2018 / 2019 is \$10,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2018 / 2019 financial year is likely to be approximately \$125,000. B. Russ advised that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$100,000. He stated that \$100,000 is a little low in the event of a large flood and therefore he would not like to see the rate strike reduced at this stage. The meeting agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$10,000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee. S. Keenan stated that there has been no indication that anyone wants to come off the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

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

S. Keenan

R. Burden

P. Cook

T. Taft

N. Monk

be re-elected as the committee for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

S. Keenan / T. Little - Carried

Moved: *"That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."*

T. Little / N. Monk - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Keenan asked what is happening with rock and rubble prices in terms of the price rise. R. Beal advised most people want the large rock and therefore the small rock, which nobody wants, is left behind, this is stockpiled and then it needs to be shifted as it takes up space in the quarries. T. Taft stated that contractors should be made to take the smaller rock. B. Russ advised that contractors are now taking smaller rock, which was the case with the recent Kaniere contract. Discussion took place on blasting and rock prices. It was noted that rock prices are going up. B. Russ advised that MBD Contracting Ltd manage all quarries.

A speaker asked if there has been any recent work on gravel build up in the river. B. Russ advised that cross sections have been done mainly in the Hokitika end. He advised that cross sections in this area of the river are not due for another year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10 a.m.

Action Point

- Provide committee with a summary of rock prices, and details on the tender for the management of quarries.
- B. Russ to confirm when cross sections are next due.