

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOWER WAIHO RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE ST JOHN'S ROOMS, FRANZ JOSEF
ON 29 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 1.04 PM.

PRESENT

R. Richards, N, K, D, & L. Frendrup, G. Gibb, P. Cumming, P. Halford, T. Howard, C. Brooks, P. Dennehy

G. Gibb and P. Cumming attended on behalf of Future Franz

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

P. McDonnell (WCRC Councillor), S. Challenger (WCRC Councillor)

R. Beal, B. Russ, T. Jellyman, J. Ellis (Staff)

APOLOGIES

T. Bruning

R. Richards / C. Brooks - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Challenger 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 13 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

R. Richards / K. Frendrup - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He advised that the opening balance was \$45,383.46, total revenue was \$86,188.74, total expenses for the year were \$33,050.45 and the closing balance was \$98,521.75.

R. Beal advised that the loan maturity date is February 2024 and the loan balance is \$153,780.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. B. Russ advised that work was programmed but he held off doing this work in order to see what effect the river training work carried out by the rating district had. B. Russ stated that this work has provided some benefit to the rating district but he feels it is now time to do the two items of work outlined in his report. He stated that this work is at a cost of \$20,500 and includes \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ have requested that each rating district is informed of the levels of service and protection they receive from their assets. B. Russ advised that an upgrade of the Rubbish Dump stopbank was done a few years ago. This brought the whole scheme including Milton & Others stopbank up to a standard of being able to cope with at least a 1 in 50 year flood event plus 900 mm of freeboard. B. Russ advised that cross section surveys and LiDAR was done a few years ago and this provides accurate information on riverbed levels. B. Russ advised that asset management plans are available for viewing on Council's website. B. Russ answered questions regarding possibly extending the Milton & Others stopbank. B. Russ offered to inspect this area and advise how much this might cost.

B. Russ updated the meeting on the river training which was done recently. He stated that at the moment the river has stayed in the same position but it is yet to be tested with a flood.

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis addressed the meeting. He stated that willow trees are used as an erosion tool in a lot of places around New Zealand. J. Ellis advised that since 2013 willow trees are being attacked by the large willow aphid. He stated that the aphid has not affected poplar trees at this stage.

J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund. J. Ellis advised that plantings can be used as a secondary flood protection in case the banks are ever breached. He stated that having something permeable but catches a lot of debris could be useful.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the rating district does not wish to be included in an application to the tree fund.

B. Russ answered questions relating to rock prices and Council owned quarries. He stated that placed rock is around \$30 per tonne.

Questions were answered regarding insurance and Council's Catastrophe Fund.

RATES 2019 / 2020

The recommended rate strike is \$84,000. Cr Challenger advised that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$120,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 20 financial year is likely to be \$130,000. It was agreed that B. Russ would relook at the prudent reserve. He stated that this is fairly light in view of the amount of rock assets in the rating district.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of those currently on the committee and asked those present if they would like to remain on the committee and if anyone else present would like to join.

Moved: ***"That the present committee is all those present namely:***

Lee Frendrup

Neil Frendrup

Robin Richards

Chris Brooks

Peter Halford

John Stone

Peter Dennehy

Dean Frendrup

K. Frendrup for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

N. Frendrup stated that he no longer wishes to be the Spokesperson. R. Beal advised that the role of the spokesperson is important. He stated that a good spokesperson keeps costs down. R. Beal thanked the committee and spokesperson for their work and their assistance to B. Russ. R. Richards stated that he has been driving along the stopbank for a long time and he relies on the helicopter pilots to keep him informed of any concerns. B. Russ stated that it is very helpful if the spokesperson can inspect the area after a flood event and to contact him if there are concerns as each time he visits the area it costs the rating district money. R. Beal advised that Audit NZ now requires a written report from Council after every flood event.

Moved: ***"That Peter Dennehy is elected as the spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."***

C. Brooks / G. Gibb – Carried

Moved: ***"That Robin Richards be elected as the deputy spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."***

C. Brooks / G. Gibb - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

Cr Challenger thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.

ACTION POINTS:

- Send information on the catastrophe fund to the rating district.
- B. Russ to price an extension of works near the Frendrup's property.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.