

## THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MATAINUI CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL ON 16 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 1.02 P.M.

#### PRESENT

W. Nolan, M. Nolan, I. Kelly, V. Northcroft, M. Komen, P. Dennehy

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn, (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)

S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

M. Nolan, M. Kennedy.

*W. Nolan / V. Northcroft – Carried*

#### BUSINESS

B. Chinn opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:** *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 16 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*W. Nolan / D. Davidson – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

#### FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$12,777.49

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".*

*W. Nolan / M. Nolan - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Nolan asked what were the contractor's costs incurred for. W. Moen stated that this was for the creek cleanout, which was done by Jimmy Arnold in the area by the Golf Club.

#### WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2008 / 2009 works report. He advised that the total cost of works carried out to 30 June 2009 was \$1,465.00. An inspection was carried out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. W. Moen advised that he was talking to Jimmy Arnold, and there may be a variation to these works as 200 tonne of rubble down below the bridge is not

required and he will pick up the rock that has fallen. W. Nolan advised that this is just a transfer of rock from one side to the other. W. Moen advised that 15 hours have been allowed for work around the Golf Club area. W. Nolan advised that the rock below the bridge needs to be pulled out as it has slumped down and the willows are pushing against the rock. This will be repacked and the gravel that has accumulated further down will be cleared. It is estimated that this is about four hours work. W. Nolan advised that upstream the creek is cutting in and rock needs to be pushed in, and pack the rock in on the other side of the bridge. W. Nolan estimated that less than 200 tonne of rock would be required. The buildup of gravel below the bridge will take a couple of hours to clear but all of the work should take about two days. W. Moen advised that he has allowed \$3,000 if further work is required in the creek over the coming year. W. Moen confirmed that these works would be a part of the proposed works through until June next year and includes the 200 tonne of rock which is moved from the State Highway Bridge area to the Golf Club area and allowing two days excavator work. W. Moen stated that the figures for the works haven't changed just the location of the work.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved including the variations.***

*W. Nolan / V. Northcroft – Carried*

## **RATES 2010/ 2011**

W. Moen suggested a rate strike of \$7,500 this is in view of the works required to be done. He advised that with \$5,000 previously struck for the 2009 / 2010 year there is likely to be a balance of approximately \$10,500 at the beginning of the 2010 / 2011 financial year. W. Nolan asked what is the current rate strike; W. Moen advised that it is \$5,000. W. Moen reminded that meeting that they need to allow for a gradual cleanout of the whole creek as at the moment only the worst build up is being dealt with. W. Moen is suggesting that a little bit of money be put away each year so that in five years time there is enough money in the rating district account to do the whole creek.

M. Komen voiced his concern that a decision is being made on the rate strike when only a small percentage of the rating district is present at today's meeting. Cr Chinn advised M. Komen that the meeting papers were mailed out to 53 ratepayers so they either couldn't get to the meeting or they are happy with how things are. S. Moran advised that on the bottom of the letter sent to ratepayers it invites them to contact the rating district spokesperson or to ring W. Moen if they can't make the meeting and wish to have a matter raised at the meeting.

V. Northcroft asked if it is better to increase the rate strike a little bit and allow the account to build up rather than have a big increase later. W. Moen confirmed this is correct and that he encourages all rating districts to take this approach.

M. Komen stated that he has been hearing about gravel build up in the Matainui Creek for years and that it is always something that will need to be done in a couple of years time. M. Komen feels that nothing is being done about the gravel build up and no indication has been given as to how much gravel is building up. W. Moen advised that survey cross sections are done on rivers in some of the other rating districts. This work shows how much gravel is building up. W. Moen stated that this is done at the cost to the rating district, in three years time the cross sections are done again and this information will reveal how much gravel is building up. W. Moen offered to have

this work done for this rating district but he stated that in his experience most people would rather have the actual work done than spend money on scientific information. M. Komen wishes the rate strike to remain at \$5,000.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** *"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$5,000 (GST Excl)."*

*M. Komen / W. Nolan – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was noted that last year only W. Nolan and M. Kennedy were present at the meeting therefore a committee was not elected. B. Chinn suggested electing a committee then out of that committee a spokesperson could be elected. It was agreed that a committee would not be elected, only a contact person. W. Nolan advised that he is representing the Catholic Church.

**Moved:** *"That W. Nolan be elected as the contact person for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."*

*V. Northcroft / I. Kelly - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

M. Komen stated that it at the last year's annual meeting it was clarified that the cut off point for the boundary of the rating district was the main road bridge. He feels that a boundary needs to be created so that there is a stopping point somewhere.

W. Moen advised that the reason the rock work was put in by the bridge last year was because it was felt that the affect of the channelisation under the bridge as a result of the scheme was causing problems. W. Moen stated that those present at last year's meeting felt that even though this area is not in the scheme they are being affected and therefore it was agreed that the problem be rectified. S. Moran advised that this was an exception, the works were requested by the rating district at the rating district meeting and the rating district agreed to pay for the works. W. Moen advised that the money in the rating district account is the ratepayer's money and if the ratepayers wish to have extra work done outside of the boundary then that is their decision. It was noted that those requesting the work are paying into the rating district scheme. It was agreed that W. Moen would investigate the boundaries of the rating district.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.27 p.m.

### **Action Point:**

- W. Moen to check boundary of rating district.