

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE MOKIHINUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE MOKIHINUI COMMUNITY HALL
ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

G. Moseley, C. Hahn, R. Bennett, P. Batchelor, C. Woodward, J. Woodward, B. Hanham, T. McNabb, P. McNabb, J. Climo, F. Spillane

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
Cr Archer, Cr Clementson (Councillors)
R. Beal, P. Birchfield, J. Curry, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Climo. P. Clarkson, N. Moseley

BUSINESS

Cr Archer 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 18 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting, with the amendment made to the rock price as noted below."*

R. Bennett / P. Batchelor – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that there is an extra zero in the minutes from 2012 relating to rock price, the correct price is \$26.00 per tonne.

P. Birchfield advised that the resource consent is for the rock spurs and is valid for 35 years. It was agreed that P. Birchfield would check expiry date of the resource consent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report. He advised that the opening balance at the beginning of July 2018 was \$64,563.89. R. Beal advised that total expenses were \$45,080.00 of which \$43,345.00 was contractor's costs. He reported that the closing balance to 30 June 2019 is \$32,019.45.

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield spoke to this report. She advised that \$43,345 worth of works was carried out during the 2018 / 2019 financial year.

P. Birchfield spoke of work carried out during the reporting period, which included a top up of the rock groyne and an additional spur near the Morgan's was installed. She advised that repair work to the front wall and primary wall was carried out in August.

P. Birchfield advised that reported that an inspection was carried out in August 2019. She advised work has been carried out to deflect waves from depositing material in front of the culvert. It is proposed to include the new structure in the rating district asset management plan. It was agreed that P. Birchfield would inspect this area prior to inclusion in the asset management plan. It was noted that the culvert has not blocked since installation and is working well. A speaker is concerned about taking over the maintenance of this culvert. R. Beal

advised that Council has not yet received a formal request from anybody regarding maintenance of the culvert. He stated that the culvert is a Buller District Council (BDC) asset. It was noted that BDC has been clearing the culvert as necessary, and they also pay for this. Discussion took place regarding what would be required to have the culvert included in the rating districts assets, it was agreed that the status quo would remain and that maintenance of the culvert would continue to be done by BDC.

Moved: *"That the proposal to include the newly completed structure in the Mokihinui rating district asset management plan is rejected".*

G. Moseley / J. Climo - Carried

RATES 2020 / 2021

P. Birchfield advised that with the proposed works of \$13,725 and the rate of \$11,200 previously struck for the 2018 / 2019 year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2020 / 2021 year is likely to be \$35,000. It is recommended that the same rate be struck as last year. It was noted that all financial figures in the reports are exclusive of GST.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: *"That the rate strike for the 2020 / 2021 financial Year is \$12,880.14 (ie. 42 units @ \$306.67 GST Incl)".*

J. Woodward / G. Moseley - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer asked for nominations for the committee. It was agreed that the same people that are members of the ratepayer's association would be the rating district committee.

Moved: *"That the committee consists of P. Clarkson, B. Morgan, J. Woodward, F. Spillane, and J. Climo and for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

J. Woodward / G. Moseley - Carried

Moved: *"That Brian Morgan and Paul Clarkson be elected as Co - Spokespersons for the rating district committee for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

J. Woodward / G. Moseley - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

G. Moseley asked if the insurance claim lodged in 2010 was successful or not. R. Beal confirmed an insurance payout was received by MCDEM in 2012 following the severe weather event which affected the entire West Coast in 2010. This rating district did not receive a payment. Cr Archer advised that Council withdrew from the LAPP Fund as it was almost impossible to get money out of this fund. He advised that Council now has a Catastrophe Fund in place and is self-insured. Cr Clementson gave the example of the insurance claim for the Milton & Others stopbank, in Franz Josef, which was washed away in the March 2019 weather event.

Gorse

A speaker asked who is responsible for removing the gorse around the estuary area as there is now more growing than there was in 2012. J. Curry advised that gorse is registered in the Pest Plant Management Strategy. J. Curry advised that a work programme is put out each year by LINZ. Discussion took place and it was noted that this area is a fire risk. J. Climo stated that Mr Batchelor used to keep an eye on this and would arrange for DoC volunteer groups to deal with the gorse. Discussion took place on who is the landowner of this area and it was agreed that Council would follow up on this. Cr Archer suggested this could perhaps be a community project, should the community decide to do something about the gorse.

J. Climo asked how well the groyne is working. P. Birchfield advised this is working well, with a gravel building up against the base which is a good thing. She stated that more time is required for the build up to continue. Cr Archer passed on information gathered from NIWA staff following their recent visit to the Hector – Granity area. P. Birchfield advised that the spurs are designed to offer a little more protection to the bank.

Cr Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance. He passed on his and Cr Clementson's best wishes for the future to those present, in view of both himself and Cr Clementson standing down from Local Government this election.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.42 a.m.

Action Point

- P. Birchfield to check expiry date of resource consent. (Expires 2047)
- Check insurance if assets are covered by WCRC.
- Find out who owns the gorse infested area. (30.9.19 – this area is owned by LINZ).