

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**OKURU RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE OKURU HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 1.07PM.**

**PRESENT**

D. Gordon, A. Gordon, C. Hahn, G. Anderson, S. Johnston, D. Beynon, C. Anderson,

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
D. Shannahan, (Councillor)  
C. Ingle, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)

*C. Hahn / D. Beynon - Carried*

**BUSINESS**

D. Shannahan 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 Thursday 3 November 2005, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.”***

*C. Anderson / D. Beynon - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen pointed out that D. Beynon had been reimbursed for the cost of spraying which amounted to \$15.42.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2006. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$16,905.35.

**Moved:**            ***“That the financial report for the 2005 / 2006 year be adopted”.***

*D. Beynon / C. Hahn – Carried*

**WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

He outlined that no works had been carried out during the period and outlined a proposed allowance of \$10,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive) maintenance expenditure for the following 2006 / 2007 year.

**Moved:**            ***“That the Works Report covering the 2005 / 2006 financial year be adopted and the 2006 / 2007 works proposals be approved.”***

*C. Hahn / C. Anderson - Carried*

D. Gordon queried the LAPP Fund and how it was managed.

D. Shannahan explained the function of this fund and advised that the premium was paid by the WCRC general ratepayer.

Following questions on the investments of the original \$7,000,000 share of the Government's payment to each of the West Coast local authorities, C. Ingle explained that a proportion of the interest is used to offset general rate increases.

He clarified that there had been no Regional Council general rate rise for eight years. It was agreed that the investment would be grown in order to avoid a rate increase if possible.

D. Gordon queried various issues relating to road funding.

W. Moen pointed out that this was a District Council function and such questions should be forwarded to that authority.

Vehicle access onto the rock wall was discussed. It was noted that this had not been causing any problems to date.

W. Moen explained that the road access along the rock wall was to be vested into WCRC for legal access for river protection and maintenance purposes.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** ***“That P. McDonald be removed and replaced by S. Johnston and that the committee now consisting of:***

***G. Anderson***

***D. Beynon***

***B. Cannell***

***C. Anderson***

***S. Johnston***

***be retained as the committee for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***

*D. Beynon / C. Hahn - Carried*

**Moved:** ***“That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2006 / 2007 financial year.”***

*D. Beynon / C. Anderson – Carried*

## **RATES 2007 / 2008**

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

**Moved:** ***“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2007 / 2008 financial Year be \$9,000 + G.S.T.”***

*D. Beynon / G. Anderson- Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

C. Ingle tabled a letter, dated 20 October 2006, from Kahu Properties Limited.

W. Moen spoke to the letter and outlined a draft response to this letter from Council's Corporate Services Manager, R. Mallinson, which was read by C. Ingle, noting that all Rating District financial statements were audited by Audit New Zealand.

A. Gordon queried how many rating areas utilised this form of financial reporting.

C. Ingle confirmed that all other rating areas were reported to the same way.

The meeting was unanimous in its acceptance of the current financial reporting which was simple and easy to understand.

**Moved:** ***“That a letter from R. Mallinson be sent to Mr. Snowdon of Kahu Properties Limited, explaining the reporting process and suggesting that if Mr Snowdon wants more detailed reporting then Mr Snowdon pays for it.”***

*C. Anderson / A. Gordon - Carried*

D. Gordon requested a copy of the Annual Report.

T. Jellyman agreed to supply one.

The ownership of the wall was also discussed. Council owns the wall, but no land underneath.

Discussion took place regarding erosion to the north of the existing rock wall. W. Moen explained that he had had preliminary discussions with the new owners of the affected northern property and advised that a new application for consent for the construction and extension of the wall to accommodate the new subdivision would probably be lodged in subsequent weeks.

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

**Wayne Moen**  
**River Engineer**  
**9 November 2006**