

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
OKURU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE OKURU HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 1.05 PM

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

R. Snowdon, C. Eden, J. Clayton, D. Davidson

D. Beynon / C. Hahn - 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 Wednesday 25th October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

G. Anderson / D. Beynon - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$18,053.35. W. Moen spoke to the report regarding the loan account noting that \$612.69 is now in the maintenance account.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted"***.

G. Anderson / A. Gordon - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

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 2007 / 2008 year.

W. Moen carried out an inspection on the 6th of June 2007 and advised that no damage to existing works has occurred and at this stage no work is required. Some weed spraying is required that will cost approximately \$1000 - \$1500, W. Moen suggested that Harry Spiers be considered to carry out this work next time he is in the area. G. Anderson agreed to show the contractor the area in question.

D. Beynon expressed his concern at the poor workmanship carried out by JJ Nolan and requested that W. Moen supervise works. D. Gordon queried if an engineers report was given to the contractor. W. Moen confirmed that it was.

Discussion took place regarding four-wheel drive access to the river via the wall. W. Moen advised that if there is damage to rock or slumping then driving on the wall should be stopped. D. Gordon asked if the road alongside the wall is owned by the council. W. Moen stated that this is a council asset and that the land that the seawall sits on is vested in the regional council for river protection works. G. Anderson said that the reason rock has been placed on the wall is to prevent it becoming a racetrack and that it is not a public road as ratepayers own the wall.

Moved: *"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved."*

G. Anderson / C. Hahn - Carried

RATES 2008 / 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Moved: *"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$9,000 + G.S.T."*

D. Beynon / A. Anderson - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That B. Cannell be removed and replaced by A. Gordon and that the committee now consists of:*

G. Anderson

D. Beynon

A. Gordon

C. Anderson

S. Johnston

be retained as the committee for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."

G. Anderson / C. Hahn - Carried

Moved: *"That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."*

D. Gordon / C. Hahn - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

C. Ingle spoke to a letter that R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager) has sent a letter to R. Snowdon of Kahu Properties explaining the reporting processes for financial statements that are audited by Audit New Zealand. R. Mallinson asked for the feeling of the meeting to be surveyed to ensure that they are happy with the level of reporting. A. Gordon asked what other regions do. C. Ingle advised that they use the same system as WCRC and that WCRC administers 22 rating districts and they are happy with the current system.

W. Moen advised that he is meeting with some new contractors next week to discuss a subdivision in the Okuru area.

C. Hahn asked what is happening with R. Snowdon's land. A. Gordon made some suggestions on how to manage this.

D. Gordon asked if the old fence is going to be removed as she has concerns regarding stock and whitebaiters access to this area. She asked that they be notified prior to works commencing, as they need to move stock from this area.

W. Moen advised that the consent has gone through for the stopbank and that the rating district has five years to construct the stopbank. C. Ingle asked if this has been signed off by the Minister of Conservation, W. Moen will follow up on this matter. Discussion ensued with G. Anderson stating that he is concerned with access to the new private wall and that tourists and buses may want to use the wall and that it is not public property. W. Moen advised that the river esplanade road is for river protection purposes. D. Beynon aired his concerns with tourists in the area and the lack of toilet facilities and general concerns regarding waste and hygiene. A. Gordon spoke of a lack of rubbish bins in the area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.56 pm.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
24 September 2007