

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OF THE PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE PUNAKAIKI SEAWALL ON SATURDAY, 24 MARCH 2012, COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM.

PRESENT

G. Beynon, I. Ryder, A. Beynon, J. Lightfoot, T. Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

N. Wilkins, F. Keating, M. Keating

BUSINESS

W. Moen opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

He explained that he had been advised, by phone, on 8 March 2012, that there appeared to be a problem with slumping on the seawall. He pointed out that he had inspected the wall next day on Friday 9 March 2012 and had observed major slumping of rockwork in 3 places generally, at the intersection of Webb Street and Dickinson Parade.

The slumping has mainly been due to the undercutting of the beach profile, which resulted in the slumping of the "toe" rock and subsequently the slumping of the main rockwork.

The slumping of this rock has created "tears" in the underlying filter fabric.

He estimated that the reconstruction work could require approximately 2,500 tonnes, however emphasized that this was a very approximate estimate and would be re-evaluated as the repair work progressed and the extent of the damaged became apparent.

In J. Lightfoot's absence, W. Moen was asked to liaise directly with I. Ryder on any day-to-day issues which might arise.

He explained that he had obtained prices from 3 contractors, and indicated that the lowest prices were:

- a) \$22.00 / tonne ex MBD Quarry at 8 Mile (Rapahoe) and
- b) \$29.00 / tonne ex Council's Kiwi Quarry.

Based on the estimated 2,500 tonnes this equated to \$55,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive) ex 8 Mile and \$72,500 (G.S.T. Exclusive) ex Kiwi Quarry.

I. Ryder indicated that value for money, the 8 Mile source was the preferred option and explained that in his view it was a waste of money placing top class rock on top of the originally placed lower grade rock.

He also felt that if the rock was going to slump further it would be better to use the cheapest option in the meantime.

W. Moen explained that the quality of rock ex the 8 Mile source could not be guaranteed, but explained that he had been in touch with Darryn Richardson of MBD Contracting Ltd, who had advised that the same rock had been used by NZTA at Fox River with no noticeable breakdown occurring over the last 2 years.

Further discussion took place on the situation and the unanimous decision from those

Committee members present, was that MBD Contracting Ltd supplying rock ex their quarry at 8 Mile be the preferred option.

The meeting felt that this would give the area the best value for money in the short term and would allow more rock to be utilised at the current time, if required

G. Beynon asked about the current state of the Punakaiki Rating District's account.

W. Moen stated that the current balance as at 16 March 2012, including the current year's second installment of \$5,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive) was \$49,000 (G.S.T. Exclusive)

He also explained that the Council would fund any perceived shortfall in the interim, however said that any deficit carried by any rating district would normally accrue overdraft interest rates as long as the account was in "overdraft".

He also indicated that the Council could review possible future annual rates in order to "rebuild" the account back up.

W. Moen pointed out that this was a short term solution, and that the rating district could be up for more work if the beach replenishment did not occur.

He told those present that he would negotiate an earliest start to the proposed repair work and would liaise with the Spokesperson as the job developed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00a.m.

Action Point:

- W. Moen to organise the repair work to be undertaken as soon as possible by MBD Contracting Ltd.