

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WAITANGITAONA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL
ON 30 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 11.08 AM

PRESENT

W. Nolan, T. McBride, P. Northcroft, D. Nolan, F. Graham, D. Straight

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
S. Challenger (Councillor), P. McDonnell (Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ, J. Ellis, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

G. Purcell

D. Nolan / W. Nolan - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell 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 11 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

P. Northcroft / D. Nolan - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2018. He advised the opening balance was \$272,704.93, there was \$23,009.83 worth of expenses during the reporting period. The closing balance as at 30 June 2018 was \$312,905.55. Discussion took place on income from leases along with the current state of the leased area. D. Straight stated that this area is worthless as the area is covered in gorse.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. He advised that \$20,150 worth of works was carried out during the reporting period.

As a result of a discussion with the spokesperson no maintenance works were identified. He suggests that it would be prudent to allow \$12,000 for unforeseen work. Discussion took place on Council's tender process, emergency works and preferred contractors.

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ have requested that each rating district is informed of the levels of service and protection they receive from their assets. B. Russ advised that there

was survey work done in 2008 and this revealed that the scheme can withstand a 1 in 50 year flood event which allows for 600 mm of freeboard. Discussion took place regarding a section of river which is cutting into the bank. B. Russ advised that he would send the photos of this area to OPUS and he would arrange for cross section surveys to be done. B. Russ asked the meeting if they are happy with the level of service and height of the stopbanks. W. Nolan confirmed that he is happy with the agreed level of service. W. Nolan stated that he would keep a careful eye on the area of the river which is causing concern.

RATES 2019 / 2020

The recommended rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial year is \$30,000 GST Excl. Cr McDonnell advised that the balance in the rating district account, including TrustPower's contribution of \$12,857.14, lease land rental of \$8,420 at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year is likely to be approximately \$365,000 GST Excl. W. Nolan suggested dropping the rate strike to \$20,000 but this would impact on TrustPower's contribution. B. Russ advised that this rating district does not have a prudent reserve but rating district assets are valued at around \$2.3M and includes rock, gravel and stopbanks. B. Russ confirmed that there are stockpiles of emergency rock throughout the scheme. It was noted that there are 31 ratepayers in the rating district and there is no work programmed for this financial year. The meeting agreed that the rate strike would be \$20,000 and if it needs to go back up next year, then it can be put back up to \$30,000.

Moved:

"That the rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial Year is \$20,000 (GST Excl)."

T. McBride / W. Nolan – Carried

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis addressed the meeting. J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund. J. Ellis advised that the trees to be replanted are likely to be a combination of exotics and native trees.

R. Beal advised that planning for loss of willows is now in place as some catchments will possibly suffer from erosion with willows gone. R. Beal stated that further information will be forthcoming via the Weedbusters newsletter and once the annual meetings have been held throughout the region, depending on interest, then a combined application will be made to this fund. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in a joint application for the initiative.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee and asked if anyone wished to come off or join the committee. It was agreed that two people who have moved away would remain on the committee as they are still ratepayers. It was agreed that T. McBride would come onto the committee. It was agreed that D. Straight would be a backup spokesperson in case of W. Nolan's absence.

Moved:

"That

F. Graham

A. Lash

P. Northcroft

W. Nolan

G. Purcell

D. Bowater

D. Straight

T. McBride

be the committee for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

Moved: ***"That W. Nolan be re-elected as the Spokesperson and D. Straight be elected as Deputy Spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."***

D. Friend / P. Northcroft - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. Nolan advised that the rating district had agreed to the installation of a cell tower which is on Council land. The area now has full cell phone coverage.

Discussion took place on gravel takes. B. Russ explained the rules and fees structure around gravel extraction and the permitted activity rule to the meeting. R. Beal encouraged those present to contact Council staff should they have any queries.

D. Nolan spoke of the possible name for the Waitangitona River area, he stated that the proposed new name is Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka. W. Nolan is concerned that a name change could lead to confusion. Cr McDonnell encouraged the meeting to make submissions on this if they are concerned.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.02 p.m.

Action Points:

- R. Mallinson to contact D. Straight regarding grazing lease.
- B. Russ to send photos of river to OPUS.
- B. Russ to arrange for cross section surveys to be done.
- T. Jellyman to send lease information to the rating district committee.
- B. Russ to check legal status of the riverbed and public access to the riverbed.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.