

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WANGANUI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE HARI HARI RESTROOMS
ON 29 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.08 AM.

PRESENT

A. Campbell, J. Stewart, R. Hodgkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself, Cr Challenger and Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 27 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

A. Campbell / Cr McDonnell - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising. B. Russ advised that he would update the action points in the works report section of the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He drew attention to a mistake in the report and stated that it is not a consultant fee but a contractor fee.

R. Beal advised that the opening balance was \$287,464.22, total expenses were \$81,760.73 and the closing as at 30 June 2018 was \$319,053.31. B. Russ advised that the \$54,872 worth of capital works will be invoiced to those who benefitted from this work as agreed on site. This sum will be paid back into the rating district account.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. He advised that a total of \$23,447 worth of maintenance works were carried out during the reporting period along with emergency works which were done in May.

B. Russ spoke of the capital works that were completed during the reporting period.

B. Russ advised that he carried out an inspection with the spokesperson on 21 September 2018 and no works were identified, but he suggested that \$40,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

B. Russ updated the action points. He stated that Raymond's stopbank has now been included in the rating district. B. Russ advised that some of the rock groynes maybe removed and the rock used

elsewhere. B. Russ advised that some resource consents are no longer required and have now been surrendered.

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 at the moment the historic existing standard is 900 mm above the highest known flood. B. Russ advised that the river has now built up in places and there is not the 900 mm of freeboard in some places. He advised that the only way of getting an accurate measure is to do cross section surveys. Cr McDonnell advised that Council pays half the cost of cross section work and the rating district would pay the other half. Discussion took place and it was agreed that cross sections would be commissioned to quantify the actual level of protection that the scheme currently provides. B. Russ advised that he would get prices for this work and report back to the spokesperson.

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis addressed the meeting. He stated that willow trees are used as an erosion tool in a lot of places around New Zealand but are not used very much in this rating district. J. Ellis advised that since 2013 willow trees are being attacked by the large willow aphid. J. Ellis advised that the root system on willow trees is dying and this is affecting the protection the willow trees provide to riverbanks.

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 some willow trees are resistant to the aphid but it is likely that those to be replanted are likely to be a combination of exotics and native trees.

R. Beal advised that further information will be sent out to communities via the Weedbusters newsletter. He stated that riparian planting is also an option.

J. Ellis spoke of the damage caused to stopbanks and riverbanks by willows had during the Edgecumbe flood disaster.

It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in an application to the tree fund.

RATES 20119 / 2020

The recommended rate strike is \$100,000 GST exclusive. The prudent reserve for this rating district is \$500,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year is likely to be \$450,000. It was agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$100,000.

Moved: *"That rate strike for the Wanganui rating district is \$100,000 Excl GST for the 2019 / 2020 financial year."*

J. Stewart / A. Campbell - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of last year's committee members. She asked if anyone wishes to either stand down or join the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

A. Campbell

R. Hodgkinson

G. Robertson

M. Aynsley (represents ratepayers in the township)

J. Arnold

J. Stewart

N. Blackburn is elected as the committee for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

Moved: *"That A. Campbell is re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."*

A. Campbell / J. Stewart - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

J. Stewart expressed concern regarding the Labour Government stopping the taking of minerals from Crown land. B. Russ advised that most of the rock used by this rating district comes from Birchfield's Quarry at Lake Ianthe. B. Russ stated there is a lot of rock stockpiled at the quarry and this will last a long time. He stated this is good quality rock.

It was agreed that a meeting will be held next year if required, and that B. Russ and A. Campbell will liaise regarding this.

R. Beal thanked A. Campbell for the work he does on behalf of the rating district.

Cr McDonnell thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

Action Points for follow up

- T. Jellyman to circulate information regarding Council's Catastrophe Fund to the rating district.
- B. Russ to get quotes for cross section survey work and report back to the rating district committee.

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.