

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COAL CREEK RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICES ON 13 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 7.08 PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, D. Roberts, S. McGeady, O. Norton, P. Kerridge (representing West Coast Rugby League), A. Inman, M. Riordan, A. Beck, I. Fitzpatrick.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. Ewen, (Councillor), A. Robb (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

H. Bradley, M. Elliott, M. Dawson (Development West Coast)

B. Jones / A. Beck - Carried

BUSINESS

P. Ewen 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 17 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

D. Roberts / S. McGeady - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$101,373.64. B. Jones queried the cost of \$2,137.50 charged for staff time. W. Moen explained that this cost relates to the drawing up and supervision of contracts, tender letting and last year's meeting time. Cr Ewen advised that these costs are in line with other rating districts. S. Moran stated they were getting good value as hourly rates for engineers from outside agencies are charged out at \$200 + per hour.

Cr Ewen advised that each specific rating district carries the cost for work in their district.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".*

S. McGeady / P. Kerridge - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period. He advised that he carried out an inspection on the 8th of September and no works were identified. W. Moen advised that it would be prudent to allow \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved.***

B. Jones / D. Roberts – Carried

RATES 2009 / 2010

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen advised that the expected balance in June 2009 is \$103,000. The recommended rate strike for 2009 / 2010 is \$15,000. W. Moen stated that it is advisable for all rating districts to have a fighting fund in case of major works and to plan for the future. O. Norton asked if there are major works expected. W. Moen stated major works are not expected this year. D. Roberts asked what would it cost the rating district if the wall blew out. W. Moen said it all depended on the nature of the breach but it could be expected to be at least between \$100,00 - \$150,000. A. Beck asked if this happened how is it paid for. S. Moran explained that a loan would be raised to cover the cost and the rating district would be rated not only for the general rate but for a loan repayment rate as well. He advised that it is prudent to have additional funds in the rating district account even though there is no maintenance work planned. M. Riordan stated that the rating district should worry about that when it happens.

O. Norton asked what is the interest rate that council earns compared to what the rating district would earn. S. Moran stated that council gets a slightly higher interest rate than the rating district would get. D. Roberts stated that with the increase costs charged by contractors and the cost of living he feels if a little bit isn't put away the rating district could be lumbering themselves with a big bill later on.

Cr Ewen advised that the LAPP fund is in place for a catastrophic event and all ratepayers contribute to this fund. S. Moran advised that LAPP fund costs have now doubled. A. Beck stated that she agrees with D. Roberts but is mindful of the recommended rate strike of \$15,000 for this year, as it is a big jump from last year's \$5,000 rate strike.

A motion that the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial year is \$5,000 was moved by M. Riordan and seconded by M. Kerridge but it was not carried. Therefore an amended motion was put to the meeting by A. Beck and seconded by O. Norton, it was carried and became the motion.

Moved: ***"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is amended to \$7,500 (GST Excl)."***

A. Beck / O. Norton – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That the present committee carry on for a second term, namely:***

O. Norton

F. Riordan

D. Roberts

A. Beck

B. Jones

be the committee for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."

P. Kerridge / S. McGeady - Carried

Moved:*"That D. Roberts be elected as the spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."*

B. Jones / A. Beck - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Inman asked if there are concerns regarding the debris and overgrown willows in Coal Creek. W. Moen advised that schemes have been investigated in the past to clear the willows but there has been no interest from the rating district to pay for this. He advised that Council has no funds to pay for this work. A. Inman asked about what is likely to happen during a flood event and where are the risks areas. W. Moen stated that the weakest spot is probably the upper section of stopbank from the main road into where the stopbank meets the Grey River. He stated that in the large flood of 1997 this section was slightly overtopped. Continuous overtopping over a long period could cause the stopbank to scour and eventually failure could occur. Armour rock has been placed along this section to combat such an event.

W. Moen spoke of the advantage of having cross section work done to ascertain what level of flood the stopbanks can contain. O. Norton stated that most of the problem caused with flooding over the past 20 years has been caused by water banking up down at the Greymouth end of the river.

A. Inman asked if there is a contribution to the rate from Grey District Council. W. Moen confirmed that there is a small contribution to the general rate. S. Moran clarified that Transit, due to the way they are funded, are unable to contribute to maintenance but can access money for repairs. O. Norton asked how much difference does the Cobden Cut make during a flood. W. Moen confirmed that the Cobden Cut keeps water levels down in Cobden and allows water to get away from Range Creek.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.51 pm.