

**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 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM.**

**PRESENT**

B. Jones, G. Wells, F. Riordan, A. Inman, O. Norton, S. McGeady

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council

P. Ewen, (Councillor), A. Robb (Councillor), A. Birchfield (Councillor).

S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

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

*B. Jones / O. Norton - 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 Meeting held on 12 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

*B. Jones / S. McGeady - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

F. Riordan asked if any progress has been made to ensure potential buyers are aware that there are rating districts in the Greymouth area. S. Moran advised maps have been reviewed and matched up with Quotable Value land parcels with those that should be in the rating districts and the rating district boundaries have been loaded on to the electronic mapping system.

Cr Ewen read the letters from those who asked for apologies to be recorded. A. Beck, H. Bradley and M. Elliott had asked that O. Norton vote on their behalves. Cr Ewen advised those present that as per Council's Standing Orders proxy votes are not permitted at rating district meetings. Cr Ewen advised he would keep in mind the various comments made in these letters when it comes to decisions at this meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2010. He reported that the opening balance as at 1 July 2009 was \$111,191.30 and the closing balance was \$122,363.33. W. Moen stated that the current closing balance is much healthier than it has been over previous years.

**Moved:**        ***"That the financial report for the 2009 / 2010 year be adopted".***

*F. Riordan / G. Wells - 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 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2010 and nothing major was identified. W. Moen advised that there is some minor slumping at the top end of the scheme and he will keep a close eye on this area.

W. Moen drew attention to A. Beck's comment in her letter of apology that additional options are considered for the spraying of the stopbank and not just quotes for aerial spraying. W. Moen advised that in his experience that there is not a lot of difference in the price of hand spraying versus aerial spraying. He advised aerial spraying gets better penetration to the vegetation and often hand spraying needs to be repeated therefore he feels aerial spraying is more cost effective. W. Moen advised that he would liaise with the spokesperson prior to arranging the next round of spraying. W. Moen has suggested that \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance is allowed for again this year.

B. Jones asked why the stopbank wasn't sprayed last year. W. Moen responded that he felt it wasn't required last year but he felt it could do with spraying this year. W. Moen advised that the spraying would entail the bottom edge of the rockwork along the stopbank but if the rating district wishes to have the whole of the stopbank sprayed then this could be arranged. O. Norris stated that he feels that it is not worth the expense of spraying the top of the stopbank.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.***

*B. Jones / G. Wells – Carried*

## **RATES 2011 / 2012**

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$10,000. He advised that this is a \$2,500 increase from last year but feels it is important that a nest egg is built up. F. Riordan is in favour of leaving the rate strike as it is at \$7,500. O. Norton is in favour of leaving the rate strike the same in view of the imminent increase in GST. G. Wells asked if there is an example of a similar sized rating district. S. Moran gave examples the costs of flood damage in various rating districts in river areas. Discussion took place on previous flood events in this area and the costs of repair work over the years. Cr Ewen stated that fortunately there have been no big events over recent years. He spoke of the current healthy account balance and stated that it is good to have money set aside if there is a big event. S. Moran advised that if there is an event that causes damage to the stopbank and there are not sufficient funds in the rating district account to cover the costs then a loan would be needed and the maintenance rate would still need to be covered.

**Moved:** ***"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$7,500 (GST Excl)."***

*O. Norton / F. Riordan – Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain for this year.

**Moved:** ***"That the present committee carry on for a third term, namely:  
O. Norton***

**F. Riordan**

**A. Beck**

**B. Jones**

**be the committee for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."**

*O. Norton / S. McGeady - Carried*

**Moved: "That F. Riordan be elected as the spokesperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."**

*O. Norton / S. McGeady - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

O. Norton asked what consents were applied for at the site of the new railway bridge and between the other bridge. W. Moen advised that the consents were included in the upgrade of the Greymouth Floodwall. S. Moran advised that the design work was surveyed and reviewed and it meets the consent conditions. S. Moran stated that he is unsure of what O. Norton's concerns are based on, as there is no impact on Coal Creek. O. Norton feels that this new work is narrowing the river and causing a bottleneck. W. Moen stated that any impact of the new works in this area is negligible and he is happy with this. Cr Ewen stated that Council is guided by expert engineers, this work was peer reviewed and signed off and is fully consented.

O. Norton asked what happened to the rock from the rock fall on the Cobden hill that he had contacted W. Moen about and asked if it could be used for the rating district. W. Moen advised that he contacted Transit NZ contractors in Greymouth about the rock and told them that should they be looking for a dumping site for the rock then the Coal Creek rating district would be interested and this was agreed to. W. Moen advised that he became aware that the rock had been dumped at the Cobden Tiphead. He asked the contractors about the verbal agreement that he had with them and they advised him that they had forgotten about it. W. Moen advised that Grey District Council had wanted some of this rock for protection of the foreshore at Cobden and this is where the rock ended up. W. Moen advised that it was too late to do anything once the rock had already been moved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.