

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**SOUTHSIDE HOKITIKA RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, BEALEY STREET, HOKITIKA**  
**ON 18 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 6.43 PM.**

**PRESENT**

N. Gallop, W. Montagu, K. Tinetti, C. & R. Hull

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
P. McDonnell, S. Challenger (Councillors).  
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 and the Council staff.

**Moved:**        *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 15 October 2012, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

**MATTERS ARISING**

There was no attendees present from the 2012 to move or second the minutes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

R. Beal spoke to the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He reported that the opening balance was \$3,017.84 and the closing balance was \$3,722.01. Expenses for the year were \$663.25.

**WORKS REPORT**

B. Russ advised that there were no works carried out during the reporting period. He advised that the rating district is very fortunate as NZTA pay 50% of any works that need to be carried out. Discussion took place on whether or not Westland Milk Products are paying into the rating district. It was agreed that this matter would be followed up on by B. Russ as this may relate to work being done which relates to a resource consent.

B. Russ carried out an inspection on 19 September 2018 and no immediate works were identified but he advised that it would be prudent to allow \$3,000 for unforeseen works. He advised that \$1500 would be the rating district share and \$1500 is the NZTA contribution. Therefore any works be required would be cost shared 50/50 between NZTA and the rating district.

## **Agreed levels of Service**

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ has requested that agreed level of service is discussed at each rating district meeting. He advised that the Southside rating district was put in place to manage erosion and not flooding.

## **Willow Tree Loss**

Cr McDonnell introduced J. Ellis to the meeting. J. Ellis advised that there are not a large amount of willows in this rating district. J. Ellis spoke of the Large Willow Aphid which was found in NZ in 2013 and is now well established NZ wide. He stated that the full effect of the aphid is not being seen in this rating district but is in other places around Westland. J. Ellis stated that during autumn and winter the trunk and limbs will turn black and drip honey dew. He stated that bees and wasps are attracted to this honey dew and the aphid is now killing willows. J. Ellis spoke of the root system on willow trees and the protection the willow trees provide.

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. He advised if this work is started soon then what happened during the Edgecumbe flood could possibly be avoided here as damaged willows caused added damage during this flood event. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in a joint application for the initiative.

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.

Discussion took place on gravel build up and where the river is currently sitting.

B. Russ advised that there is no emergency stockpile of rock in place for this rating district. It was noted that the rating district is in a close location to rock sources.

## **RATES 2019 / 2020**

The recommended rate strike is \$1,250. B. Russ stated that this is pretty low and should there be a significant event there is not enough money in the account to cover this. Traditionally the rating district has resisted having a prudent reserve.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was noted that all members of the rating district are members of the committee. H. Hamilton is currently the spokesperson, but he has now moved out of the area. B. Russ explained the role of the spokesperson and the importance of having a spokesperson in the area. K. Tinetti offered to take this position on. B. Russ offered to supply K. Tinetti with maps for the area.

**Moved:** ***"That K. Tinetti be elected as the spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year and that all members of the Rating District be members of the Committee."***

*N. Gallop / W. Montagu - Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Questions were answered by staff regarding how regional rates function and what costs they cover.

Cr McDonnell asked the meeting if they were happy with biannual meetings. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

## **Action Points**

- B. Russ to ascertain whether Westland Milk Products are paying into the rating district, or if this is just for work relating to a resource consent.
- B. Russ to add the 50 / 50 share for NZTA works is included in the asset management plan.

## **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.