

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
INCHBONNIE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT WARWICK GAULT'S RESIDENCE
ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2005, COMMENCING AT 10.15 AM.

PRESENT

W. Gault, P. Rivers, D. Shaffrey, J. Keeney.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
D. Shannahan, (Councillor)
D. Horn, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M. Rivers
J. Clayton, P. Ewen (West Coast Regional Council),

D. Shaffrey / W. Gault - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Shannahan 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 Tuesday 26 October 2004, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

D. Shaffrey / W. Gault - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen pointed out that the aerial spraying of the stopbank area would be included in a joint operation with the Taramakau Rating District to minimise costs to the Inchbonnie Scheme.

It was anticipated that a contract for the work would be let in the new year.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2005. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$19,663.02.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2004 / 2005 year be adopted".*

J. Keeney / D. Shaffrey – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

J. Keeney queried the 2004 / 2005 rate income of \$24,662.50.

W. Moen advised that he would investigate and report back to the Chairperson.

He also advised that the exact amount collected did not always match identically with the rate strike due to "rounding up or rounding down" individual apportionments.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

He outlined the works that had been carried out during the period (\$19,500.00) and outlined a proposed allowance of \$30,000 maintenance expenditure for the following 2005 / 2006 year.

Discussion took place on the estimates.

It was general concluded that some savings could be made on the aerial spraying component of the report and W. Moen advised that a competitive tendering process could possibly achieve this.

Moved: *“That the Works Report covering the 2004 / 2005 financial year be adopted and the 2005 / 2006 works proposals be approved.”*

P. Rivers / J. Keeney - Carried

Moved: *“That provision be made to raising the 500 metre section indicated and that the Grey District Council be advised to allow extra expenditure in its budgets for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*

P. Rivers / J. Keeney - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *“That W. Gault be re-elected as the spokesperson for the Inchbonnie Rating District for the 2005 / 2006 financial year.”*

J. Keeney / D. Shaffrey – Carried

RATES 2006 / 2007

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Speakers included. Rivers, D Shaffrey, D. Horn and W. Gault.

Moved: *“That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2006 / 2007 financial Year be \$30,000 + G.S.T.”*

P. Rivers / J. Keeney - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion also took place on the potential raising of the main stopbank, especially the 500 metre section downstream of the Orangapuku Outlet.

A rough indication, without any survey work was \$80,000.

D. Horn advised that if this work was to be considered in the 2005 / 2006 financial year, the Grey District Council should be advised of the Rating District's intentions so that allowance could be made to the Grey District Council's Annual Plan process.

General discussion took place on the operation and maintenance of the Inchbonnie quarry site. W. Moen explained that it was Council's intention to construct stockpiles away from the floor of the quarry to allow easier access to all Contractors. D. Horn explained that the rehabilitation of the quarry had to be allowed for in future financial arrangements and should be built into the rock prices. J. Keeney and others felt that is was essential for the Council to retain the operation and ownership of all quarries throughout the region. Other speakers included D. Horn, W. Gault and D. Shaffrey.

W. Moen pointed out that the aerial spraying contract for the Inchbonnie Rating District would be carried out in conjunction with the aerial spraying contract of the Taramakau Rating District to reduce cost to both parties.

P. Rivers expressed concern of the Taramakau River change of course in the vicinity of the Orangapuku River.

D. Shannahan outlined the general ratepayer premium of the LAPP scheme pointing out that Council considered this a general ratepayer responsibility.

W. Moen detailed the cross section information that was being recovered progressively over the past 5 years and pointed out that extra design work was required to ascertain the current service potential of the stopbanks. He explained that there might be some outside funding available to the Regional Council for this work. D. Horn suggested that some of the financial requirements for this work probably should come from general rates as well as possible funding from the utility holders such as Transit, Tranzrail, Telecom, Trustpower etc.

Moved: ***“That the Grey District Council be advised to make allowance for extra expenditure in the 2005/2006 financial year.”***

P. Rivers / J. Keeney – Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Wayne Moen
River Engineer
22 November 2005