

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KANIERE HALL
ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2000, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT

G. Linklater, P. McLaughlin, J. Condon, J. Paterson, H. Collett, R. Chapman, P. Burrows,
J. Stede, D. Muir (Westland District Council), & M. Dyne (late)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Duckett, D. Davidson (Councillors)
R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

T. Day, J. Clayton (West Coast Regional Council)
M. Orchard, J. Orchard, J. McLaughlin, S. Jones, T. Cain, & M. Hynes,

BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 1999, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."*

G.Linklater/ H. Collett (Carried)

MATTERS ARISING

R. Lowe spoke briefly on the reappraisal of the classification from last year's meeting.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 1998/ 1999 financial year and also for the six month transitional period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999.

Moved: *"That the financial statements for the 1998/ 1999 financial year and the six monthly period ending 31 December 1999 be adopted".*

H. Collett/ P. McLaughlin – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: That H. Collett be re- elected as Spokesperson for the 2000/2001 financial year".

P. McLaughlin/ J. Condon - Carried

RATES 2000/ 2001

Discussion took place on a proposed rate strike for the 2000/ 2001 financial year. Most of the ratepayers present felt that given the current financial burden of the Kaniere Sewerage Scheme the rate should be kept to a minimum.

Both R. Lowe and W. Moen explained the potential problems associated with a minimal rate strike if urgent maintenance works were required in the future.

H. Collett pointed out that in the event of major damage, ratepayers would have to find the finance if the situation arose.

G. Linklater was not convinced that a minimal rate was the preferred option, as he felt that it was easier to put aside a small amount on an annual basis rather than coming up with a large lump sum at short notice.

Moved: *"That a rate strike of \$1,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2000/ 2001 financial Year".*

H. Collett/P. McLaughlin - Carried

G. Linklater voted against the motion.

GENERAL BUSINESS

H. Collett sought information on the LAPP Fund insurance.

R. Lowe explained in detail the previous payout situation in the Karamea area and the current situation pertaining to the Poerua River at Hari Hari.

He pointed out that the LAPP Fund was not interested in paying out until damage had occurred to the infrastructural assets of the rating district.

He pointed out that the government share of damage in a successful claim was not significant and that a lot extra had to be found from internal sources.

H. Collett pointed out that the locals could not afford to meet the local contribution on its own.

B. Duckett felt that the LAPP Fund had been set up under false pretences and that the criteria for the "trigger point" for activation of the fund had never been clarified.

D. Davidson felt that the ratepayers were "blackmailed" into the scheme with promises of a secure, guaranteed payout if the situation arose.

H. Collett sought advice on what would constitute a claim in the Kaniere Rating District situation.

R. Lowe felt that a major failure of the groynes probably would, if this resulted in a danger to life. He felt that based on previous situations, it appeared that a Civil Defence declaration was the minimum requirement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Wayne Moen
Senior Engineering Officer.