

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
KANIERE RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KANIERE TAVERN
ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2004, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

M. Dyne, G. Linklater, P. Hill, H. Collett, M. Ward, M. Orchard, P. McLaughlin

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Wood, D. Davidson, P. Ewen (Councilors)

D. Horn (CEO), W. Moen, (Staff)

APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

H. Collett / G. Linklater - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

D. Horn advised that the proposed Land and Riverbed Plan hearings were occurring in the second and third weeks in May and that council was now taking submissions.

M. Dyne queried H. Collett over ratepayers paying extra for more works.

H. Collett explained that this was agreed to last year in order to derive the rate strike of \$2,000.

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10-year works expenditure programme.

He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meetings should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2003.

This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$23,500.

Moved: *“That the financial statements for the 2003 period ending 31 December 2003 be adopted”.*

M. Orchard / H. Collett – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

G. Linklater queried who was covering the LAPP insurance.

J. Wood explained the Council would cover this from general rates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That H. Collett be re-elected as Spokesperson for the 2004 / 2005 financial year”***

M. Orchard / P. McLaughlin - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years projected works.

He explained to the meeting the legislative requirement for the council to have a 10-year plan of projected works.

No works had been carried out during the 2003 reporting period.

He outlined the proposed works plan for the next 10 years suggesting an average maintenance expenditure of \$3,400 and recommended an annualized rate strike of \$4,000 per year to cover this.

This figure did not include future capital works which would require separate funding.

RATES 2004 / 2005

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

Moved: ***“That a suggested rate strike of \$3,000 + G.S.T. be recommended for the 2004 / 2005 financial Year”.***

*H. Collett / P. McLaughlin – Carried
(M. Dyne against)*

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Dyne queried if W. Moen had been involved at the beginning of the Kaniere scheme.

W. Moen informed him that he had not and that he only became involved for the setting up of the Rating District.

He had not been involved in discussions with Transit NZ nor the Westland District Council.

Further discussion occurred about the Hokitika River channel pattern.

M. Ward raised a drainage problem and was advised to refer it to the Westland District Council, through Councilor D. Muir.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.11 pm.