

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KANIERE RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE St JOHNS ROOMS, STAFFORD STREET, HOKITIKA ON 19 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 6.33 PM.

PRESENT

M. Orchard, G. Provis, G. Linklater, J. Jones, M. Ward

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

D. Davidson, (Councillor)

B. Chinn, (Councillor)

C. Ingle, T. Jellyman, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

P. McLaughlin, J. Collett

M. Orchard / M. Ward - Carried

BUSINESS

D. Davidson 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 20 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

The meeting venue was discussed, it was noted that the meeting was to have been held at the Kaniere Hotel. Last year the venue was locked and the meeting was held on the side of the road. It was agreed to hold both the Kaniere and the Southside rating district meetings at the same location, which is convenient for Council staff and elected members.

W. Moen advised that at last year's meeting Harry Collett had asked that contractors extracting gravel in the area be kept an eye on as he would like them to take gravel from the point on the south side upstream of the scheme. W. Moen advised that he spoke to Alastair Cameron to see if he is able to get access to his land but the land in question isn't his anymore and now belongs to John Gardiner and this is the only access to the south side. There are four contractors who have consent to take gravel in this area. They have all been advised to ensure that they stay well clear of the bank. G. Linklater spoke of the gravel build up in the river. B. Chinn noted that the build up is only on the south side of the river. W. Moen advised that he is keeping a careful eye on this area and Council's Compliance staff are directing contractors to the correct part of the river.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. He advised that at the start of the reporting period there was \$42,490.65 in the account and the closing balance as at 30 June this year is \$47,072.14. W. Moen stated there was very little expenditure during the reporting period.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".***

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. An inspection was carried out with G. Linklater on the 18th of August 2009 and no works were identified. W. Moen advised that there is increased erosion upstream from the existing works, but at this stage no urgent remedial works are required. He advised that it would be prudent to allow \$3,000 for future maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.

2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.

M. Orchard / M. Ward – Carried

RATES 2010 / 2011

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes. W. Moen stated that by the end of June 2010 there will be approximately \$50,000 in the rating district account. W. Moen advised that in view of the increased erosion upstream from the existing works which is looking worse than it has in previous years, he feels that the rate strike should be increase to \$10,000 for contingency purposes as at this stage no remedial work is required but this could change in the foreseeable future. Therefore he feels it would be prudent to allow \$3,000 for future maintenance. M. Orchard stated that ratepayers have just been sent their rates bill, they are quite a bit higher than last year as valuations have increased. W. Moen agreed that this is a 25% increase. M. Orchard requested W. Moen send out the proportions for the A, B, and C contributions to the rating scheme. M. Orchard stated that money is better in the bank so that interest can be gained. W. Moen advised that it is prudent to have a nest egg in the rating district account so that should emergency works be required then the money can be accessed. G. Linklater spoke of the importance of having emergency access to the groyne area. He asked if the landowners in this area have signed the access agreements. W. Moen advised that he wrote to these landowners, they will are happy to access to be taken through their properties but they are not prepared to sign the access agreements. D. Davidson asked W. Moen how long is it until protection works will need to be carried out in this area. W. Moen responded that work may be required within the next five years but it could be tomorrow should there be a flood. W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike is \$10,000. M. Orchard moved an amendment to the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for 2010 / 2011 be held at the current year level of \$4,000 (GST Excl)."

*M. Orchard / M. Ward
G. Linklater against
Carried*

G. Linklater is against the lowering of the rate strike as he feels there will not be enough money in the rating district account. G. Linklater advised that he is selling his property next year and he will be informing the real estate agents that his property is included in the Kaniere Rating District. He stated that it is important that potential landowners are aware of the rating district and he will advise them of how important it is that a good balance is retained in the rating district account in the event of remedial works being required. M. Ward stated that if G. Linklater does sell his property then he does not get the money back that he has paid into the rating district account.

Discussion took place regarding the outlet pipes for the Kaniere township water supply. It was felt that Westland District Council should contribute to the rating district fund as the outlet pipes are coming into this rating district scheme. M. Orchard asked if the easement that Westland District Council has in this area is rateable. W. Moen stated that he did not think this area is rateable. W. Moen stated that he does not see how this impacts on the protection works in the area. W. Moen agreed to check the outlet pipes and drains which are situated between G. Linklater's property and the Westland District Council easement area to ensure that they are not affecting the protection works in this area. W. Moen confirmed that the existing resource consent only covers the three rock spurs that are already in place but he will check this.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That G. Linklater be elected as the spokesperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

Moved: ***"That all members present plus J. Collett be on the Committee, the current Committee now consists of J. Collett, G. Linklater, G. Provis, J. Jones, M. Ward and M. Orchard."***

M. Orchard / G. Provis - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

G. Linklater requested further information on the LAPP insurance fund, he asked how much are they likely to contribute should there be a major flood event. C. Ingle advised that LAPP stands for Local Authority Protection Programme, it is an insurance scheme that was put in place when local authorities realised that some of their functions are not insured via the private sector. LAPP only applies in a major disaster, C. Ingle stated that the question council staff have is how sure are we that LAPP will pay in a disaster, as they only pay out if the whole community were affected. C. Ingle advised that the Kaniere scheme is one scheme where LAPP should pay out, as there is a community of people who would be affected. W. Moen advised that the LAPP fund only covers damage to existing works.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

Action Points

- M. Orchard requested W. Moen send out the proportions for the A, B, and C contributions to the rating scheme.
- W. Moen to check outlet pipes and drains belonging to Westland District Council.