

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KARAMEA RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KARAMEA FIRE STATION
ON 24 OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM.

PRESENT

B. Jones, D. Simkin, M. Watt, G. Johnson, B. Lodge, A. Bruning, B. Langford, P. McClintock

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
T. Archer, N. Clementson (Councillors)
R. Beal, P. Birchfield, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Lowe.

B. Lodge / P. McClintock - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Archer 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 11 November 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

B. Jones / D. Simkin - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Action points were updated. Cr Archer advised that a meeting was held to discuss the NIWA report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal spoke to this report. He reported that the opening balance was \$205,523.30 and the closing balance is \$101,565.89.

P. Birchfield explained the cost of the domain stopbank reconstruction and advised that there was a low section in the bank and this incurred extra costs to join the two sections together.

WORKS REPORT

P. Birchfield spoke to this report. She advised that a total of \$149,395.20 worth of work was carried out during the reporting period. P. Birchfield reported that these works included an aerial survey of the Karamea river mouth and estuary, survey of the Karamea Domain stopbank; weed spraying, channel excavation at the Karamea River mouth, and clearing of the Granite Creek channel in the lower Otumahana Estuary, willow clearance, domain bank reconstruction, and stopbank repairs. P. Birchfield answered various questions.

P. Birchfield stated that she is keen to improve the engineering standard of the stopbank in areas where necessary to make this a bit more robust. It was noted that stock need to be kept off this area as this is causing pugging. P. Birchfield advised that the next step would be to get a survey and cross sections done. She stated that it would cost around \$30,000 to \$40,000 to do a couple of hundred metres at a time. It was suggested that a dollar figure rather than meterage is worked out so that the rating district knows how much money is required each year. Discussion took place on extending the rock wall to prevent the Karamea River from entering the estuary. P. Birchfield advised that costings were done but

this was quite expensive. She stated that NIWA were asked to do some modelling work on the implications and effect this work would have on the bank on the north side but NIWA were not available until next year. Cr Archer asked the meeting if they would like survey work done to ascertain what the ramifications would be. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that an engineering survey would be carried out.

Moved: ***"That an engineering survey of the north wall be undertaken to provide estimates of costs for further work from the bridge to The Last Resort bank upgrade."***

D. Simkin / P. McClintock - Carried

B. Langford advised that that rock has fallen into the river at Miedema's corner and this needs to be checked once weather permits.

B. Langford spoke of a drain in the domain which backs onto the school, he stated that the drain needs to be found and a floodgate needs to be fitted to it. He stated that the domain would like the area to be drained but they are unsure where the outlet is. P. Birchfield stated that Westreef could deal with this next time they are in the area.

The current position of the mouth of the Karamea River was discussed. It was noted that the mouth is moving slightly towards the south and is looking good.

P. Birchfield reported that an inspection was carried out in August and \$20,000 worth of works were identified. P. Birchfield advised this vegetation clearance and \$10,000 for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2018 / 20198

Cr Archer advised that the proposed rate strike is \$50,000. It was noted that the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2018 / 2019 financial year is likely to be \$136,828.

Moved: ***"That the rate strike for the Karamea Rating District remains at \$50,000 for the 2018/ 2019 financial year."***

B. Langford / B. Jones – Carried

D. Simkin suggested topping up the rate strike this year in view of the potential work on the south stopbank. P. Birchfield advised that once the survey work is done she could report back to the committee on prices.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of the current committee. Cr Archer asked if anyone would like to come off or go on to the committee. He called for nominees. There were no nominees. B. Lodge thanked the committee for the work that it does.

Moved: ***"That the present committee:***

Paul McClintock, Peter Langford, Darryl Simkin, Brian Jones, Andrew Bruning, and Bevan Langford be the committee for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."

B. Lodge /M. Watt - Carried

Cr Archer stated that the current spokesperson for the committee is B. Langford. P. McClintock nominated B. Langford; the nomination was seconded by D. Simkin.

Moved: ***"That B. Langford is appointed as the spokesperson for the 2017 / 2018 financial year."***

P. McClintock / D. Simkin - Carried

Cr Archer thanked B. Langford for his work and commitment to the rating district.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

Cr Archer thanked the meeting for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.38 p.m.

Action Point

- P. Birchfield to follow up floodgate with Westreef.