

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KOWHITIRANGI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE KOWHITIRANGI HALL
ON 25 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 10.34 AM.

PRESENT

W. Diedrichs, R. Lourie, M. Hyde, T. Taft, P. Cook, N. Monk, S. Keenan, R. Burdon (arrived 10.38), M. Nicholls

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
P. McDonnell, S. Challenger (Councillors)
B. Russ, J. Ellis, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

B. Wilmshurst, R. Beal

S. Keenan / M. Nicholls - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
He introduced himself, Cr Challenger and the Council staff.

Moved: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 16 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

S. Keenan / N. Monk - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

S. Keenan asked if meeting would be held biannually from now on. Cr McDonnell advised that this year there are matters raised by Audit NZ that need to be discussed at every rating district meeting. It was agreed that the biannual meetings will be held from now on.

FINANCIAL REPORT

B. Russ presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2018. He advised that the opening balance at 1 July 2017 was \$120,408.71. Total expenses were \$410. The closing balance was \$135,112.27.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the financial report.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period; 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. He reported that no works were carried out during the reporting period.

B. Russ advised that following discussions with the spokesperson no future works were identified, but he suggested that \$10,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2019 / 2020

The recommended rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial year is \$10,000. The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year is likely to be approximately \$140,000. B. Russ advised that the prudent reserve for this rating district is \$100,000. He stated that \$100,000 is a little low in the event of a large flood. S. Keenan stated the balance in the account is good but the previous year over \$22,000 was spent. Discussion took place on work carried out over the years, rock prices and money spent over the years on private works. S. Keenan stated that works in the area seem to be stable. Further discussion took place on the rate strike. Cr McDonnell commented that it is always difficult to increase the rate strike once it has been cut down. The meeting agreed that the rate strike would remain at \$10,000.

Agreed Level of Service

B. Russ advised that Audit NZ have requested that each rating district is informed of the levels of service and protection they receive from their assets. B. Russ advised that this scheme will withstand a 1 in 100 year return period flood flow plus 900mm freeboard. B. Russ advised that cross section surveys are due to be done at the end of this year. Council pays half of the costs of this work and the rating district pays the other half. It was agreed that cross section survey work would be done this year as it is now 10 years since this work was last done.

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis addressed the meeting. He stated that willow trees are used as an erosion tool in a lot of places around New Zealand. J. Ellis advised that since 2013 willow trees are being attacked by the large willow aphid. J. Ellis stated that during autumn and winter the trunk and limbs will turn black and drip honey dew. He stated that bees and wasps are attracted to this honey dew and the aphid is now killing willows. J. Ellis advised that the root system on willow trees is dying and this is affecting the protection the willow trees provide to riverbanks.

J. Ellis advised that Hon Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund.

B. Russ advised that native planting can help as a second line of defence if a creek or river does break through. He stated this helps to stop debris going through paddocks and knocking down fences in a flood event.

J. Ellis advised that some willow trees are resistant to the aphid but it is likely that those to be replanted are likely to be a combination of exotics and native trees. It was agreed that the rating district would like to be included in an application to the tree fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current committee. S. Keenan stated that there has been no indication that anyone wants to come off the committee. It was agreed that the status quo would remain.

Moved: ***"That the committee consist of the following: -***

S. Keenan

R. Burden

P. Cook

T. Taft

N. Monk

be re-elected as the committee for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."

N. Monk / T. Taft - Carried

Moved: *"That S. Keenan be re-elected as the spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."*

N. Monk / T. Taft - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

N. Monk stated that he has some works on his property that he would like included in the rating district scheme. B. Russ advised that the general process is after completion of works, they are monitored for two years, inspected by a Council Engineer and if there is no problem with them they can then be included in the scheme. S. Keenan stated that private works have been accepted into the rating district in the past. P. Cook requested that works on his property be included as well. It was agreed that B. Russ would inspect both lots of work.

B. Russ advised that one of that action points from last year's meeting was to provide a summary of rock prices. He stated that rock from the Camelback Quarry is \$17.50 per tonne. J. Ellis explained the plan to tender out quarry work for Council owned quarries. Discussion took place on historic rock and rubble prices.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Kowhitirangi Rating District would be held in 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.11 a.m.

Action Point

- B. Russ to inspect works on N. Monk's and P. Cook's property with a view to them being included in the rating district assets.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.