

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
MATAINUI CREEK RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY HALL
ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2007, COMMENCING AT 10.02 AM

PRESENT

V. Northcroft, M. Komen (arrived 10.20am), B. Nolan, L. Kelly,
P. Dennehy, M. Nolan, W. Nolan.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Chinn, (Councilor), D. Davidson (Councillor)
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M. Kennedy

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 18 October 2006, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

W. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen advised that G. Dennehy's requested at last year's meeting for the assessment of the cut by the bridge and for a pipe and one-way valve to be considered as part of the works programme. This is to prevent back flow from the creek into the Whataroa Hotel car park. W. Moen advised that this was installed last week by J. Arnold. W. Moen feels that this needs to be laid again as it is not deep enough. He has arranged for this to be done shortly at a cost of less than \$3,000.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2007. This left the account with a current credit balance of approximately \$11,684.63.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2006 / 2007 year be adopted".*

P. Dennehy / M. Nolan - 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 2006 to 30 June 2007.

He explained that no works had been carried out in the 2006 / 2007 financial year. W. Moen outlined a proposed allowance of \$8,625.00 for maintenance expenditure for the year from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. He carried out an inspection on the 25th of

July 2007 and outlined the proposed work for this period including the cleaning out of excess gravel at the Golf Club Bridge.

W. Moen spoke of the phone call he received last week from Mrs Kennedy requesting that consideration be given to doing some works below the bridge where the creek has built up. W. Moen advised that he will report back to the chairperson once he has had chance to inspect this area.

W. Moen advised that cross section work has never been carried out on the creek and that the rating district should consider having this survey work done in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed works around the Golf Club area. W. Moen advised that he is yet to put this work out to tender. P. Dennehy queried whether excess gravel could be put onto the flat land over the bridge. W. Moen advised that this is a possibility but it would impact on the cost and permission is yet to be obtained from the Golf Club prior to pricing of this work.

Moved: ***"That the Works Report covering the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted and the 2007 / 2008 works proposals be approved."***

M. Nolan / V. Northcroft - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***"That P. Dennehy be elected as the spokesperson for the 2007 / 2008 financial year."***

M. Komen / L. Kelly - Carried

W. Moen advised that Brian Nolan the rating district chairman is sometimes difficult to get hold off. P. Dennehy advised that he is happy to put his name forward. There were no further nominations for the position of chairman of the rating district.

RATES 2008/ 2009

General discussion ensued on future rate strikes.

W. Moen pointed out that \$2,000 is adequate to carry out the existing work but he is mindful of cross section work required and the creek requiring a cleanout in future.

Therefore he advised it would be prudent have a reserve of funds in the rating district account for these future projects.

Moved: ***"That the suggested rate strike recommendation to Council for the 2008 / 2009 financial Year be \$2,000 + G.S.T."***

L. Kelly / M. Nolan - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Komen asked how much did it cost to put the culvert in behind the hotel. W. Moen advised that he hasn't received the final price yet but he expects it will cost approximately \$2,000. M. Komen expressed his concerns with works around the golf club area. W. Moen explained that the process for this work is underway.

M. Komen asked what else is planned for the next year. W. Moen explained that cross sections are being done on other rivers and creeks which council administer. This involves getting the creek surveyed to gain information on gravel movements in the river. He advised he has recommended that this rating district also consider having cross sections done. S. Moran advised that this was spoken about at last year's meeting. He spoke of 50 / 50 cost share option and the ability of Council to be able to fund a portion of this to enable more cross sections in other schemes to be done each year rather than having to prioritise each year. W. Moen offered to get a quote for

the cross section work. W. Moen explained that the creek is surveyed to determine what capacity of water the creek can hold. S. Moran advised that cross sections give an indication every three years of the build up or cutting down of the riverbed. He advised that the analysis of this information is another cost but this works out how much water the channel can hold before it over tops. He advised that the analysis would cost approximately another \$5,000. W. Moen agreed to check out how far down the Matainui scheme covers as it would be unfair for the rating district to pay for areas not included in the scheme.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35 am.

**Wayne Moen
River Engineer
19 September 2007**