

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKURU RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE OKURU HALL ON 15 OCTOBER 2008, COMMENCING AT 1.08 PM

PRESENT

D. Gordon, A. Gordon, G. Anderson, A. Anderson, R. Snow, P. Hosken, C. Goom

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

B. Chinn (Councillor), D. Davidson (Councillor)

S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

APOLOGIES

C. Hahn, T. Campbell

R. Snow / A. Gordon - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr 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 24 September 2007, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

G. Anderson / P. Hosken - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2008. This left the account with a current credit balance of \$23,292.51. W. Moen advised that the \$9,000 rate strike from last year is currently being collected.

Moved: *"That the financial report for the 2007 / 2008 year be adopted".*

R. Snow / G. Anderson - Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2007 / 2008 works report.

He reported that the only work done this financial year was some top up of rubble on R. Snow's bank at a cost of \$4,335.00.

W. Moen outlined a proposed allowance of \$10,650.00 (G.S.T. Exclusive) for maintenance expenditure for the following 2008 / 2009 year.

W. Moen carried out an inspection with A. Anderson on the 11th of August 2008 and advised that some top up of rubble is required in three places. G. Anderson advised that there is a leak in the rock wall. This leaking only occurs during a flood.

W. Moen suggested combining this job with the other top up works.

C. Goom suggested if there is money left in the rating district account could some planting be done on the sea wall. W. Moen stated he does not want flax planted amongst the rocks,

as it is very hard to remove once the roots are established and it can cause rock movement. It was agreed that planting could be done on the flat along the inland side of the wall. W. Moen advised that spraying of gorse on the top of the wall would be done again this year by Harry Spiers Contracting.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2007 / 2008 financial year be adopted.***
- 2. That the 2008 / 2009 works proposals be approved including work required on the sea wall this year.***

G. Anderson / C. Goom – Carried

RATES 2009 / 2010

W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike for 2009 / 2010 is \$15,000. He advised that the extra work required needs to be taken into account. G. Anderson asked how much is currently in the account. W. Moen confirmed \$23,292.51.

D. Gordon stated that a \$15,000 rate strike is a 50% increase.

S. Moran advised the meeting that the proposed works and the rate strike from last year will leave the account at around \$23,000. He advised that it is important not to go backwards.

W. Moen suggested that a minimum of \$15,000 for the rate strike is required in view of the extra works for this year and it would be reset again next year. G. Anderson confirmed that he is happy with \$15,000 for the rate strike.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2009 / 2010 financial Year is \$15,000 (GST Excl)."

P. Hosken / D. Gordon – Carried

D. Gordon raised the matter of contractors carrying out works in the area. W. Moen advised that if the rating district is happy to keep an eye on works in the area then it saves them money. S. Moran asked the meeting to confirm that this was their preferred option, they confirmed that it is. He advised that it is important that when contractors are carry out works and the rating district have concerns then they need to contact W. Moen as soon as possible.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of those currently on the rating district committee. A. Anderson advised that C. Anderson wished to be removed from the committee. The meeting also considered that D. Beynon should be removed from the committee.

Moved: ***"That D. Beynon and C. Anderson be removed and replaced by A. Anderson and that the committee for the 2008 / 2009 financial year now consists of:***

***G. Anderson
A. Anderson
A. Gordon
C. Goom
R. Snow
S. Johnston***

G. Anderson / A. Gordon – Carried

Moved: ***"That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson with A. Anderson elected as Deputy Spokesperson for the 2008 / 2009 financial year."***

A. Gordon / C. Goom – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the access to Infinity Wall. W. Moen advised that when the wall behind G. Anderson's subdivision was built one of the specifications was that the wall was vested in the regional council to ensure that the regional council has permanent access to this area. W. Moen advised that he is of the opinion that the same will apply this time. Discussion ensued. C. Goom stated that he would like to be informed in writing regarding access conditions, as he is happy for walking access but not vehicle access. It was agreed that W. Moen would check out the legal situation regarding access arrangements.

Discussion took place regarding tourists using the sea wall. G. Anderson stated it is important that the wall isn't used as a racetrack and that campervans and buses are kept off the wall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.48 pm.

Action Point:

- W. Moen to check the conditions on the Infinity Wall resource consent.