

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
OKURU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE OKURU HALL
ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 3.05 PM

PRESENT

G. Anderson, A. Anderson, R. Snow, G. Brown

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

D. Gordon, A. Gordon, C. Goom,

R. Snow / G. Anderson - Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Chinn 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 14 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

G. Anderson / A. Anderson - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

G. Brown asked if there has been any progress on the Infinity Wall resource consent. W. Moen responded that they have the consent to do the wall but he has not heard anything for two years and he doubts if this will progress.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2010. He advised the current credit balance is \$31,710.32 in the account.

Moved: ***"That the financial report for the 2009 / 2010 year be adopted".***

G. Brown / G. Anderson – Carried

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2009 / 2010 works report and advised that there were no works carried out this financial year. W. Moen advised that he carried out an inspection on the 6th of July 2010 and identified \$1200 worth of work and suggested that \$5,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance. W. Moen explained to R. Snow asked what is required for the grading work. G. Anderson stated that there are a few potholes on the wall and he will get a local contractor to do this work at a good price. G. Brown asked if spraying would be done this year. G. Anderson offered to ring W. Moen to arrange spraying once growth starts.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2009 / 2010 financial year be adopted.**
- 2. That the 2010 / 2011 works proposals be approved.**

G. Anderson / R. Snow – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

W. Moen advised that with the proposed works and the rate of \$10,000 previously struck for the 2010 / 2011 year the balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2011 / 2012 year is likely to be \$37,000. W. Moen advised that the recommended rate strike for 2011 / 2012 is \$10,000 (GST Excl).

G. Brown asked if there is an upper limit as to what to have in the kitty. G. Anderson stated that if the balance got to \$60,000 then they might not need to strike a rate but he feels that it is important to keep building up the account in case there is a big job in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$10,000 (GST Excl)."

R. Snow / A. Anderson – Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman read out the names of the current rating district committee. Cr Chinn asked if anyone present would like to be on the committee or if anyone would like to come off the committee. G. Brown proposed that the status quo remains.

Moved: ***"That the committee for the 2010 / 2011 financial year now consists of:***

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

G. Brown / R. Snow – Carried

Moved: ***"That G. Anderson be re-elected as the spokesperson with A. Anderson elected as Deputy Spokesperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."***

G. Brown / R. Snow – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Chinn thanked G. Anderson for his efforts and stated that G. Anderson knows what he is doing and has answers.

W. Moen stated that A. Gordon expressed to him that he feels rates should be paid on Crown Land. G. Brown stated that the only way to change this would be to put a request to parliament asking for new legislation. She spoke of a case in Canterbury relating to this matter. Cr Chinn spoke of Council's attempts to gain rate relief for West Coasters ratepayers as only 13% of our total land mass is ratable as 87% of this is the DoC estate. Cr Chinn

stated that Crown Land was not included as this would impact on schools, hospitals, churches etc that don't pay rates. It was agreed that this is unlikely to happen. G. Anderson stated that taxpayers would still be paying this anyway. S. Moran advised that Council made some strong submissions to the Rates Inquiry but at the end result was that the DoC estate will not be rated.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.22 pm.