

**THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT THE PUNAKAIKI TAVERN**  
**ON 13 OCTOBER 2009, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM.**

**PRESENT**

M. Keating, F. Keating, S. Griffin (Buller District Council), G. Beynon, I. Ryder, A. Beynon, D. Wilkins, N. Wilkins, A. Palmer, T. Pugno

**IN ATTENDANCE**

West Coast Regional Council  
S. Moran, W. Moen, T. Jellyman (Staff)

**APOLOGIES**

Cr T. Archer, S. Casey,

**BUSINESS**

S. Moran opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting.  
He introduced himself and the Council staff.

**Moved:**        *"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 14 October 2008, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

*F. Keating / G. Beynon - Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

S. Griffin raised the matter of obtaining a variation of the resource consent for the profiling of the beach. S. Moran responded that he has spoke to C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager, WCRC) regarding this matter. C. Dall advised that beach profiles would need to be done for a couple years prior to applying for the variation to the consent to see what is actually happening with the beach. S. Griffin stated that BDC have carried out profiling and he will send through copies of these to WCRC. W. Moen spoke to the recent cross section report. He advised that as part of the resource consent conditions cross sections of the beach profile have to be done every year. This identifies what erosion and build up on the beach is occurring that may affect the seawall.

W. Moen reported that the whole area has built up over the last 12 months. One small area opposite the camping ground, close to the middle of the seawall that has chewed into the bank but this is the only real piece of erosion that has occurred according to the cross sections. W. Moen stated that generally the whole area is pretty stable if not building up. A. Palmer asked how big is the area of change that has built up. W. Moen approximately 0.3 of a metre and the area that has chewed back into the bank is approximately three metres. W. Moen left a copy of the cross section report for the meeting to view.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2009. S. Moran drew attention to the expenses and revenue in the maintenance account, he advised that the closing balance in this account as at 30 June 2009 is \$27,571.17.

W. Moen advised that there was a credit balance in the annual loan account as at 30 June 2009 of \$1,295.53

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".*  
*I. Ryder / S. Griffin - Carried*

**Moved:** *"That the financial report for the Loan Account for the 2008 / 2009 year be adopted".*  
*G. Beynon / S. Griffin - Carried*

## **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising relating to the financial report.

## **WORKS REPORT**

W. Moen presented the 2008 / 2009 works report. He advised that the cost to carry out cross section surveys and analysis was \$1538.75. W. Moen reported that no physical works were carried out last year. He carried out an of the seawall inspection on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2009 and couple of small holes were identified that would benefit from having some large rock placed. W. Moen has recommended that \$12,000 be allowed for unforeseen maintenance. A. Palmer asked what would the holes be filled with and where would it come from. W. Moen responded that good quality rock is available from Ian Cummings quarry at Rapahoe or rock from the Kiwi Point quarry. A. Palmer stated that he was involved with the new rail bridge and they were not allowed to use rock from Kiwi Point because it was not durable. S. Moran agreed with this as it broke down when tested but stated that the conditions placed on this rock were pretty harsh. S. Moran advised that it is not viable to cart rock from Inchbonnie and the best local source is Ian Cummings rock and an ongoing maintenance cycle will be required. It was noted that MBD Contractors now own Cummings quarry. S. Griffin asked if it is worth flagging with OPUS that if there is good sized rock that can be stockpiled in this area. W. Moen agreed that if the rock were of good quality then this would be worthwhile. S. Griffin will contact OPUS regarding this matter.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Works Report covering the 2008 / 2009 financial year be adopted.*
- 2. That the 2009 / 2010 works proposals be approved.*

*F. Keating / D. Wilkins – Carried*

## **RATES 2010 / 2011**

S. Moran advised that the recommendation for the rate strike is \$15,000 which is the same amount as last year. M. Keating asked how much should the rating district account be built up to. W. Moen stated it depends on whether the rating district is contemplating extending the seawall, but he advised that should the seawall be extended in the future then money should be being put away now to fund it. S. Moran advised that this comes down to what the rating district feels is a reasonable figure and he stated that around \$50,000 to \$60,000 would be sensible as a maintenance fund but if an extension is planned then more money would be needed. M. Keating moved that the rate strike be lowered to \$10,000 for this year. It was noted that \$12,000 was spent on the seawall last year. M. Keating stated that we are never going to see a major breach in the seawall.

I. Ryder stated he would like to see that rate strike to stay at \$15,000. S. Moran asked for a show of hands. Five people voted in favour of the rate strike staying at \$15,000 and four people voted in favour of a \$10,000 rate strike.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

***"That the rate strike for the 2010 / 2011 financial Year is \$15,000 (GST Excl)."***

*G. Beynon / T. Pugno - Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

I. Ryder recommended that the committee and Chairperson be rolled over for this year.

**Moved:** ***"That the committee for 2009 / 2010 consist of G. Beynon, M. Wilkins, S. Casey, F. Keating, A. Beynon and I. Ryder.***

***G. Beynon be elected as Chairperson for the 2009 / 2010 financial year."***

*I. Ryder / S. Griffin – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

W. Moen advised that he has received correspondence from the Punakaiki Promotions group asking what is happening with the seawall and is it going to be extended. W. Moen advised that this decision is up to the rating district and WCRC would not be actively pushing for this. A. Palmer asked if there is an estimated cost for the extension. W. Moen responded that no time is being spent on getting a costing until it is agreed by the ratepayers to go ahead with an extension. I. Ryder stated that there are a few people in the Punakaiki Promotions group who feel that the wall should have been funded by the whole community as the whole community benefits from the seawall protection. I. Ryder stated that DoC needs to contribute but he has been told that they will only contribute to land that has buildings on it. S. Griffin advised that an approach to central government was to be progressed to see what other funding options are available. S. Moran stated that the outcome from last year's meeting is the right one, as it needs to come from the community, he stated that WCRC discussions with DoC have made no progress whatsoever. S. Moran advised that DoC is basically driven by the Coastal Policy Statement which advises to stay away from hard structures on the coastline and stop putting up seawalls. I. Ryder stated that nobody is prepared to pay any more towards an upgrade of the seawall and the rating district will follow up with DoC now that they have other issues such as sewage and water sorted out.

T. Pugno tabled photographs of beach erosion, comparisons of vegetation were noted prior to the seawall being built. T. Pugno stated he is concerned about land values and the loss of tourist dollars if erosion becomes a big problem. T. Pugno feels that financial help needs to be progressed from the government. S. Moran advised that DoC do not see the dollar value in the land close to the coast. M. Keating asked if WCRC would need to get involved if sewage was affected. S. Moran advised that the district council would have to become involved if the disposal field was affected.

S. Griffin stated that BDC has beaches that are eroding from one end of the district to the other and this beach and camping ground cannot be treated any different from Karamea, Mokihinui, Little Wanganui etc. S. Griffin advised that money generated from the camping ground has been put back into the facilities. S. Griffin stated that the council cannot fund this in isolation. I. Ryder asked S. Griffin if the rating district were to get something underway would BDC advise and help with this. S. Griffin confirmed that they would. I. Ryder stated that the ratepayers are not prepared to pay anymore. F. Keating stated that this issue for Punakaiki really needs to go to another level as it is too big for BDC to deal with and it is part of the whole tourism issue that affects the entire West

Coast. W. Moen stated that if the rating district had not gone ahead with building the seawall the government would not have assisted with it.

S. Moran stated if the rating district is going to lobby central government for funding then they need to show a willingness to part fund an upgrade. I. Ryder stated that TV 1 has approached him with a view to publicising this problem. S. Griffin advised that DoC need to be approached prior to the rating district engaging with the media. I. Ryder stated that DoC are taking land over but not accepting any responsibility for it.

M. Keating stated that a community approach is required as it is not just a rating district problem. T. Pugno stated that it is unaffordable for the rating district to have to keep funding the seawall. S. Moran advised the meeting that a cautious approach towards the media is advisable in order for the issue to be seen in a positive way. S. Griffin stated that during the resource consent hearing process to get the extension of the rock wall covered by the existing consent several submissions were received from DoC. S. Griffin advised that the thrust of their submissions was that they were not interested in having a rock wall in place as they consider the erosion occurring in this area to be a natural event. S. Griffin stated that it would only be if the camping ground and houses close to this started to be affected that people would rally and be prepared to fund further protection. He advised that this is no different to what is happening at Carters Beach. S. Griffin stated that the only way to get the area protected is if the landowners pay for it. He feels that houses in the vicinity would need to be incorporated into the scheme to pay for it or the whole of the rating district is included. S. Griffin stated it needs to be the occupier and not the owner who is approached to assist with funding matters.

S. Moran advised that realistically the chances of getting government funding are not high but there is nothing to be lost by having a crack at getting government funding. T. Pugno asked if WCRC would support this. S. Moran confirmed this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

**Action Point:**

- W. Moen to follow up with S. Griffin about rock discussions with OPUS