

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PUNAKAIKI RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE PUNAKAIKI TAVERN
ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Cr R. Scarlett

BUSINESS

T. Archer opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting. He introduced himself and the Council staff. Cr Archer apologised for missing last year's meeting.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 13 October 2009, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."***

A. Beynon / T. Pugno - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the financial period ending 30 June 2010. W. Moen advised that there was a credit balance in the annual loan account as at 30 June 2010 of \$1,295.44.

W. Moen drew attention to the expenses and revenue in the maintenance account, he advised that the closing balance in this account as at 30 June 2010 is \$41,443.08

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

F. Keating / I. Ryder - Carried

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

F. Keating / I. Ryder - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising relating to the financial report.

WORKS REPORT

W. Moen presented the 2009 / 2010 works report. He advised that the only expense for the whole of last year was half of the costs for the surveys and cross section work, which is a requirement as part of the resource consent process.

W. Moen reported that as a result of the inspection that he carried out on the 21st of July 2010 a few holes in the wall where rock has slumped were identified. W. Moen advised that he has allowed for approximately 400 tones of rock to be placed in this area at an approximate cost of \$12,000. G. Beynon asked if this price is for the rock to be carted and placed. W. Moen confirmed this and advised that the Seven Mile rock is the closest or Kiwi Point at Stillwater.

M. Keating asked what happens if the quotes are more than \$12,000. W. Moen explained that the normal process is to contact the spokesperson for the rating district and then he would go with the cheapest tender price. S. Moran stated that if the quote is substantially more than the spokesperson would speak with the rating district committee and they would make a decision.

RECOMMENDATION

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

I. Ryder / S. Casey – Carried

RATES 2011 / 2012

W. Moen advised that in view of the proposed works being approximately \$12,000 and the \$15,000 rate strike agreed to at last year's meeting, the balance at the end of this year is likely to be \$47,000. He is suggesting that the status quo remains with the rate strike being \$15,000 again this year as has been over the last two years.

T. Pugno stated that he is not in favour of having \$47,000 in the kitty; he feels there is enough money in the account now. S. Moran spoke of the cost of the wall now and feels that costs have increased three fold and this job would never be done at the same cost now. S. Casey asked if it is an option to use some of the money from the maintenance fund to reduce the loan costs. Cr Archer that this would be at the discretion of the rating district as the money in the account is the rating district's money and what happens with it is their decision. S. Casey stated he would like to keep the same amount of money coming in but draw back on the loan if possible. S. Moran advised that the rating is for maintenance and if there were any damage to the wall then a loan would be required to cover this damage. S. Moran advised it would be different if there were \$150,000 in the account but the rating district is spending pretty much what is being put in each year. He feels this would be defeating the purpose.

W. Moen drew attention to the information contained in the annual cross section report, from June 2009 to March 2010, he advised that there is a general erosion trend from the south end to Owen Street which is the camping ground area. He advised that from Owen Street to the Pororari River there is a general accretion trend. W. Moen advised that the cross section report is just a snapshot in time and this could change overnight.

Further discussion took place regarding the rate strike. G. Beynon stated that he wishes the rate strike to remain at \$15,000. W. Moen advised that he recommends that all rating districts built up a sizeable reserve so that should they be hit with a big repair job, there is money to cover it. F. Keating stated that if this should happen in the future none of those present at the meeting might be bach owners. She questioned whether they should build up the fund for others. Cr Archer advised that this is the rating district's choice and their decision to make.

RECOMMENDATION

"That the rate strike for the 2011 / 2012 financial Year is \$15,000 (GST Excl)."
G. Beynon / I. Ryder

T. Pugno moved an amendment to the motion. That the rate strike be \$10,000. L. Totzauer seconded the amendment. Cr Archer put the amendment to the meeting. Cr Archer asked for a show of hands, this revealed a five / four vote and therefore the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion. Cr Archer asked the meeting to vote again for the substantive motion. The substantive motion was carried.

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

*T. Pugno / L. Totzauer - Carried
I. Ryder, G. Beynon, S. Casey - against*

W. Moen explained to L. Totzauer what is required to repair the slumping on the seawall and advised that the wall is not being raised, but holes are being filled in as required. W. Moen advised that 400 tonne of rock is flexible and it may need 500 tonne but he will liaise with the spokesperson if it goes over 400 tonne.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cr Archer read out the names of those on the committee and advised that G. Beynon was elected as the spokesperson. Cr Archer called for nominations for the committee. S. Griffin moved that the whole committee is re-elected with the addition of L. Totzauer.

Moved: ***"That the committee for 2010 / 2011 consist of G. Beynon, M. Wilkins, S. Casey, F. Keating, A. Beynon, I. Ryder and L. Totzauer.***

S. Griffin / S. Casey – Carried

G. Beynon be re-elected as Chairperson for the 2010 / 2011 financial year."

F. Keating / I. Ryder – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Casey asked when does the loan come off its fixed term. S. Moran advised that this is due in November. S. Casey asked what would happen then. S. Moran stated that the Corporate Services Manager would be looking for the best interest rate available.

M. Keating stated that he would like to see a limit put in place as to how much the spokesperson can agree to spend on maintenance before it is brought back to the committee. S. Moran explained the usual procedure in these circumstances.

"That \$15,000 is the limit for the amount that can be spent on maintenance before the matter is brought back to the committee for consideration."

M. Keating / G. Beynon - Carried

Discussion took place on how contracts are managed if costs or amounts of rock work out at more than what has been agreed to. S. Moran clarified the contract management process and the quoting process. He advised that the job would not be stopped but the committee would be advised of this problem at the time. Cr Archer confirmed that this is an inclusive process.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.