

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TARAMAKAU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE GROOT'S RESIDENCE
ON MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 12.37 PM.

PRESENT

M & A. Stewart, D. Groot, R & R. Langridge, P & A. Stevenson (P. Stevenson arrived 12.48)

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
A. Birchfield (Councillor)
R. Beal, B. Russ, J. Ellis, T Jellyman (Staff),

APOLOGY

A. Robb (away on Council business), J. Stewart, S. Langridge

Moved: *"That the apologies be accepted."*

D. Groot / A. Stewart – Carried

BUSINESS

Cr Birchfield 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 18 October 2017, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

D. Groot / A. Stewart – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Action Points were updated.

B. Russ advised that the cost of the resource consents per year is \$275 per annum, therefore it was felt that it was not worth merging them together.

B. Russ advised that he has surrendered all gravel take consents as they cost the rating district \$700 each per annum.

B. Russ advised that he has drafted an audit form but it has not yet been used as there hasn't been a job done. He stated that when the next job has been done, the audit can be done.

FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Beal spoke to the financial report. He advised that opening balance was \$36,612.10, total expenses were \$11,215.75 and the closing balance is \$88,027.02.

WORKS REPORT

B. Russ presented the works report, which covered the 12-month period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. He advised that there was \$7,000 worth of works done in January which was the only work done during the reporting period.

B. Russ advised that as a result of a recent inspection with members of the rating district, \$31,750 worth of future works were identified for the 2018 / 2019 year. He advised that this work will be done under the new maintenance contract and will include the placing of rock and recovering rock from the river. He recommended that \$30,000 is allowed for unforeseen maintenance.

RATES 2019 / 2020

Discussion took place on the rate strike. The recommended rate strike is \$60,000 with the balance in the rating district account of \$110,000 at the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 financial year. It was agreed that the rate strike would be \$60,000.

Moved: ***"That the rate strike for the 2019 / 2020 financial year is \$60,000 (GST Excl)."***

A. Stewart / D. Groot – Carried

Agreed Level of Service

R. Beal advised that Audit NZ have requested that agreed level of service is discussed at each rating district meeting this year. He stated that this has been one of the findings following the inquiry into the Edgecumbe flood event. B. Russ advised that currently 70% of the stopbanks in this rating district will not be able to hold a one in 50 year flood event of 4100 cumecs. B. Russ advised that cross section surveys will be done shortly and this will reveal which sections of the stopbank need to be raised and will also show what level of service is being provided.

B. Russ advised that once the information is to hand a decision can be made on where to from here.

Willow Tree Loss

J. Ellis advised that willow trees have been part of the NZ landscape for close to 180 years and have been used for bank protection, shelter and timber. He stated that willow trees have been used as a tool for erosion, and flood protection. J. Ellis spoke of the Large Willow Aphid which was found in NZ in 2013 and is now well established NZ wide. He stated that the aphid has killed willows in the North Island and there is evidence of it throughout the South Island, including the Grey Valley. J. Ellis advised that other species now need to be considered and Shane Jones, Regional Development Minister, has set up an initiative to plant one billion trees over the next 10 years. Government funding is available to communities via the Provincial Growth Fund. J. Ellis advised that the planting of riverbank species is important to and these alternative species could be used to for flood flow retardation, debris capture and to reduce debris raft formation against bridges as well as being a potential source of timber in future. J. Ellis advised that the root mass of willow trees is being destroyed and the cavity is rotting away with the damaged trees then being taken away by the river. R. Beal advised that engineering staff visited Edgecumbe following their flood event and were advised by their engineering staff that they had not realised how much of an effect willows had during this event. R. Beal that engineering staff also visited Kaikoura where vegetation is used extensively in front and behind riverbanks. R. Beal stated that further information will be forthcoming via the Weedbusters newsletter. R. Beal advised that once the annual meetings have been held throughout the region, depending on interest, then a combined application will be made to this fund. All present agreed that they would like to be a part of this initiative.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

T. Jellyman stated that traditionally all ratepayers in the rating district are members of the committee. D. Groot is the current spokesperson and A. Stewart is the current deputy spokesperson.

Moved: *"That the committee will comprise of all current ratepayers."*

M. Stewart / A. Stephenson – Carried

A. Stephenson stated that D. Groot has been spokesperson for two years, and he might like to take a break from this role.

Moved: *"That A. Stewart is elected as Spokesperson for the 2018 / 2019 financial year".*

A. Stephenson / D. Groot – Carried

Moved: *"That R. Langridge is appointed as Deputy Spokesman for the 2018 / 2019 financial year."*

A. Stephenson / D. Groot – Carried

R. Beal thanked D. Groot for his work as spokesperson.

GENERAL BUSINESS

B. Russ advised that H. Adams has given a price of \$7.00 + GST per cube for placed gravel to raise stopbanks. It was agreed that the usual practice of obtaining three prices would be undertaken.

The cross sections are scheduled to be completed over the next few months.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held each year.

There being no further rating district business to be discussed, the meeting closed at 12.48 p.m.

Action Points:

There were no action points.

Council Infrastructure Insurance Details

Information provided by R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager)

Council exited LAPP in 2011 following the Canterbury earthquakes, as it was going to be unaffordable to continue.

We then established a designated Catastrophe Fund, which has grown to \$1M.

As from 1/11/17 WCRC Infrastructure is covered under the AON Lloyds scheme. We are in a grouping of South Island Councils (Nelson, Tasman, Buller, Grey, Westland, WCRC, Queenstown Lakes, Environment Southland) with total programme cover of (now) \$300M.

WCRC carries cover of \$35M and the annual premium is paid for from interest earned on the \$1M Catastrophe Fund. The excess is \$250,000.

See details of actual cover below taken from the actual Policy wording: The infrastructure cover includes (quoting direct from Policy).

"Materials damage natural catastrophe insurance" including:

Earthquake, Natural landslip, Flood, Tsunami, Tornado, Windstorm, Volcanic eruption, Hydrothermal and geothermal activity, Subterranean Fire, And Business Interruption resulting from them.