

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRANZ JOSEF RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE FRANZ JOSEF COMMUNITY HALL, FRANZ JOSEF ON WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2001 COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT

T. Skinner, A. Wells, M. Coburn, O. Morris, L. Wyber, D. Green, D. Haynes, D. Dalley,
A. Miller

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Duckett (Councillor)
R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, D. Davidson & T. Day (West Coast Regional Council)
S. Graham, R. McLennan

BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 3 May 2000, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

R. Lowe/ W. Moen - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

L. Wyber asked if there had been any advances on any proposed reclassification of the general Franz Josef area.

R. Lowe explained that nothing had been advanced until some form of direction was evident on the whole Franz Josef question.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2000 financial period from 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Moved: *“That the Financial Report for the 2000 financial period ending 31 December 2000 be adopted.”*

L. Wyber/ T. Skinner – Carried

MATTERS ARISING

L. Wyber asked when the loan repayments would be completed.

W. Moen said he would check with the Corporate Services Manager and report back.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***“That Tom Skinner be elected as Chairperson/Spokesperson for the 2001/2002 financial year.”***

L. Wyber/ D. Green – Carried

RATES 2001/ 2002

Discussion took place on the proposed rate strike.

L. Wyber asked if the existing rate needed to be retained.

R. Lowe explained that ongoing maintenance of works would be required in the future.

L. Wyber asked if any of the developed land had been added to the existing Rating District.

W. Moen pointed out that no land outside the existing classification had been added.

D. Green felt that the Westland District Council should be approached for financial support.

W. Moen outlined the Okuru situation, where the total works were paid for by the ratepayers.

L. Wyber said that Westland District Council carried out regular inspections but felt that the Franz Josef Community Council should follow up possible funding assistance with the Westland District Council.

Moved: ***“That the rates strike for the 2001/2002 financial year be set at \$30,000 + GST.”***

L. Wyber/ T. Skinner – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Green asked who was responsible for the protection of the sewerage ponds.

R. Lowe pointed out that the responsibility was the Westland District Council's.

D. Green felt that the classification should be reviewed to incorporate the sewerage ponds into the scheme.

B. Duckett outlined her views on the future prospects of government funding.

She pointed out that central Government had effectively withdrawn all financial support for damage caused by flooding or erosion.

She said that they were more interested in supporting earthquake and volcanic related damage.

R. Lowe explained that a withdrawal of Central Government support for the LAPP Fund, would mean that participating rating districts would face a 30% increase in their annual LAPP fees.

Those present felt that the sooner a private economic insurance could be found, the better.

B. Duckett felt that The West Coast Regional Council may chose to opt out of the LAPP Scheme if no reasonable answers are forthcoming from that group.

D. Green wondered if it would be prudent to withdraw at this stage.

B. Duckett advised against this at this stage.

L. Wyber asked what works, if any were proposed for this year.

R. Lowe pointed out that he was waiting for the cross sections to be analysed

The general feeling of those present was that communications from Councilors and the Chief Executive Officer needed improvement as many felt that they were unaware of possible developments in the area.

L. Wyber asked if any decision had been made on the protection of the south side properties.

B. Duckett pointed out that any delays should be leveled at the Prime Minister's office.

R. Lowe advised not to expect any financial help from the Government.

L. Wyber asked where the community should go from here.

R. Lowe explained, that in his view, there was no support for modeling from the community.

D. Green felt that Transit NZ does not pay a realistic share towards costs of the area.

L. Wyber asked that if any classification, or greater Franz Josef discussion took place, that the relevant supporting information be circulated to the community well in advance of any meeting.

She felt that the previous meetings were not well presented, that they showed a lack of cohesiveness, and the tabling of information on the night of the meeting was not conducive to good public relations.

She asked that Councilors properly consider the true process of public consultation.

B. Duckett assured those present that in future, full public consultation would occur.

O. Morris asked if Transit NZ had made a resource consent application for a temporary Bailey bridge.

Staff present were unsure if any consent had been applied for.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.55 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer