

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, 3 MAY 2000 COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT

J. Gibson, T. Howard, J. MacPherson (Department of Conservation), R. McLennan, & D. Green.

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council
B. Duckett & D. Davidson (Councillors)
R. Lowe & W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

J. Clayton & T. Day (West Coast Regional Council)
R. McCullum

BUSINESS

B. Duckett opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: ***"That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 3 May 1999, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting."***
R. McLennan/R. Lowe - Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen outlined the reasons for a temporary delay in adding the new subdivision into the rating district area.

R. Lowe pointed out that until the existing situation became more clear in the Franz Josef area regarding hazard management any reclassification would be placed in abeyance.

He also explained that no response had been received from Transit New Zealand regarding communication with the local community.

FINANCIAL MINUTES

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 1998/1999 financial year and the 6 month transitional period from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999.

Moved: ***" That the Financial Reports for both the 1998/1999 financial year and the six monthly transitional period ending 31 December 1999 be adopted."***
D. Green/R. McLennan - Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: ***That Owen Morris be re-elected as Chairperson/Spokesperson for the 2000/2001 financial year.***
D. Green/R. McLennan – Carried

RATES 2000/2001

Discussion took place on the proposed rate strike.

R. McLennan felt that she did not have the sanction to increase rates above the normal level without further consultation.

B. Duckett felt that the day to day maintenance of works had to be considered when contemplating a rates strike.

Moved: ***" That the rates strike for the 2000/2001 financial year be set at \$15,000 + GST."***
R. McLennan/J. Gibson - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Green sought answers on recent developments in the LAPP Scheme.

R. Lowe outlined the Karamea and Poerua situations. He also pointed out that only the Council structures are protected by the insurance (i.e. stopbanks) and that it appeared that a Civil Defence emergency declaration was a possible "trigger point" for possible LAPP intervention. He pointed out that until any damage occurred to such structures LAPP would not become involved.

B. Duckett explained possible changes in the LAPP fund and associated changes in the Civil Defence structure.

D. Green asked if it was considered worthwhile to continue with the LAPP Scheme.

B. Duckett advised that it would be prudent to stay in the scheme in the interim.

D. Green felt that the present scheme is not what was originally "sold" to the ratepayers and that the money was being wasted.

R. Lowe suggested that the option be reviewed in 12 months time when the situation becomes clearer.

R. McLennan raised issues on the proposed extension to the classification eg northern area of town.

D. Green asked of the rock Transit New Zealand had "borrowed" had been replaced.

R. Lowe told her that it had been.

D. Green felt that both the Franz Josef and Canavans Knob Schemes could be combined.

R. Lowe explained that all options were to be examined and the outcomes discussed with the community.

General discussion took place on the Bailey Bridge replacement.

R. Lowe had heard of no plans for a new bridge – only the raising of the existing Bailey Bridge.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.50 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer