

## 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, 30 APRIL 2003 COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.

#### PRESENT

M. Williams, M. Nixon, K. McCarthy, T. Skinner, S. Robinson, R. Squire (DOC), G. Gibb, S. Matthews, K. Gibson, M. Mellsop, T. Howard, R. Brooker, O. Morris, G. Blackburn

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council  
J. Wood, (Councilor)  
W. Moen (Staff)

#### APOLOGIES

J. Clayton, R. Lowe, D. Davidson, D. Horn (West Coast Regional Council)  
C. Brooks

#### BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**Moved:** *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 17 April 2002, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

*G. Blackburn / R. Squire - Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen briefly outlined the reclassification process, but said that it would be further discussed in the general business section of the meeting.

J. Wood explained to those present, that he was able to report that the quarries were now operating on a “break even” basis and that the contractor was able to have a steady supply of rock on the floors of the quarries at all times.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2002 financial period from 1 July 2002 to 31 December 2002.

**Moved:** *“That the Financial Report for the 2002 financial period ending 31 December 2002 be adopted.”*

*G. Blackburn / R. Squire – Carried*

#### MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that the Franz Josef Loan repayment had been completed in July 2002 and that no further payments were required.

He also added that at 31 December 2002, a credit balance of \$813.20 had been credited from the Loan account to the current Maintenance account.

He also explained that the service fees represented a fair proportion of the contract works that had been carried out during the year.

J. Wood then explained that the Council had decided that the LAPP Fund premium, which had been paid for from individual rating districts in the past, was now considered as a region – wide responsibility and as such should be funded by the greater population of the West Coast.

He pointed out that all premiums would now be paid for by the general ratepayer.

W. Moen outlined the second rate instalment was to be added.

This left a current up to date credit balance of approximately \$85,900.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved:** *“That the committee, namely:*

*Chris Brooks*

*Kevin Gibson*

*Mark Williams*

*Sheena Matthews*

*Gary Blackburn*

*remain the same for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”*

*O. Morris / K. Gibson – Carried*

**Moved:** *“That G. Blackburn be appointment as the spokesperson for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”*

*K. Gibson / S. Matthews – Unanimous*

## **RATES 2002 / 2003**

Discussion took place on the proposed rate strike for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.

G. Blackburn urged caution when setting a rate and said that although there was a reasonable credit balance in the account, the area was faced with a new threat from the area above the Transit deflectors.

**Moved:** *“That the rates strike for the 2003 / 2004 financial year be set at \$30,000 + GST.”*

*K. Gibson / S. Matthews – Carried*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

W. Moen introduced the concept of the new reclassification.

He explained that he had recently met with the committee and had agreed that the most equitable rating system for the area would be one based on property capital values.

He also explained that, as previously requested, he had extended the present area to include the newly developing properties to the north of the township.

These areas would start to pay their fair share as the area was developed.

The committee endorsed this approach.

R. Brooker sought clarification on the rating of the Department of Conservation properties.

W. Moen explained that some DOC properties are not eligible for rating, however some of the residential properties do qualify and are rated.

J. Wood felt that if those DOC properties that were not rateable, carried out activities which were run on a profit basis, they should be subject to rates.

Transit NZ's role in the south bank stopbank extensions were raised.

W. Moen outlined the stance that Transit had taken to date and that any works carried out below the bottom boundary of the Camping Ground would still be Transit NZ's responsibility.

The question of the maintenance of the stopbank below the State Highway Bridge was raised.

The general feeling was that if Central Government was forcing the issue of the abandonment of the Camping Ground area, they, through Transit NZ, should cover the total maintenance of the left bank downstream of the bridge.

**Moved:**            ***“That a vote of thanks be given to W. Moen for preparing the reclassification at short notice in time for the Annual General Meeting.”***

*G. Blackburn / O. Morris – Carried*

J. Wood raised the issue of the erosion problem upstream of the Transit NZ deflectors. He explained that Transit NZ had agreed to meet 50% of the Southside Hokitika proposed works and that an approach should be made to that body, as the upstream threat on the Waiho, posed an even greater threat to their infrastructure as well as the community's.

W. Moen pointed out that a detailed inspection of the area was required in order to arrive at a reasonable estimate.

He explained that he hoped to be able to carry this inspection out and prepare preliminary costings for proposals in approximately 3 months time.

These would be presented at a special meeting.

**Moved:**            ***“That the existing funds be used to complete the reclassification, carry out the proposed work study and then prepare appropriate resource consents to cover any agreed works.”***

*G. Blackburn / K. Gibson - Unanimous*

K. McCarthy pointed out that Punga Grove Holdings had made a voluntary cash donation towards the Franz Josef Rating District in the last 3 years and asked why this had not been shown on the balance sheet.

W. Moen said that he would check this out with the Corporate Services Manager and report back in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.55 p.m.

W. Moen  
Senior Engineering Officer