#### THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATAINUI RATING DISTRICT

HELD AT THE WHATAROA COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATAROA ON WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2002 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.

#### **PRESENT**

G. Blackburn, M. Walker, A. Nolan, M. Dennehy, J. Jones, C. Burrows, G. Aburn

#### IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Wood, D. Davidson (Councilors) W. Moen (Staff)

#### **APOLOGIES**

J. Clayton & R. Lowe (West Coast Regional Council)

## **BUSINESS**

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: "That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on

4 April 2001, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that

meeting."

G. Blackburn / M. Walker - Carried

## **MATTERS ARISING**

W. Moen explained that a field inspection had been carried out immediately after the previous Annual General Meeting downstream of the State Highway Bridge. It was explained that in the staff's view, no extra works were required in the area, however a watch would be kept on the area.

## **FINANCIAL MINUTES**

W. Moen presented the financial statements for the 2001 financial year.

Moved: "That the Financial Reports for the 2001 financial period 1 January

2001 to 31 December 2001 be adopted."

G. Blackburn / G. Aburn - Carried

# **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moved: "That G. Blackburn be re-elected as Chairperson/Spokesperson for

the Matainui Rating District for the 2002 / 2003 financial year."

A. Nolan / J. Jones - Carried

Moved: "That all present be the committee for the 2002 / 2003 financial

year".

M. Dennehy / M. Walker - Carried

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## **RATES 2002 / 2003**

G. Blackburn again felt, that as the rating district account was in a sound state and there appeared to be no outstanding works, no rate strike was justified this year. W. Moen explained that the Asset Management Plan for the area strongly recommended an annualised rate.

Moved: "That a zero rate strike be set for the 2002 / 2003 financial year."

G. Blackburn / A. Nolan – Carried

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

J. Wood outlined his thoughts regarding the future of Council's quarrying operations. He explained that in the previous two years, the quarries had run at a deficit and the general ratepayer had subsidised this shortfall.

He was not happy at this situation and felt that those quarries which did not "pay their way" should be closed.

General discussion took place, the general consensus being that Council should maintain the current situation, keeping the quarries within budget.

Duncan Davidson also spoke on the lack of Department of Conservation funding towards protection works.

W. Moen explained that numerous advances had been made to the Department over the last three years, with no positive outcomes.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.28 a.m.

W. Moen Senior Engineering Officer

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