

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 TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2004 COMMENCING AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT

M. Nixon, S. Robinson, G. Gibb, S. Matthews, G. Blackburn

IN ATTENDANCE

West Coast Regional Council

J. Clayton, D. Davidson, J. Wood, (Councillors)

D. Horn, R. Lowe, W. Moen (Staff)

APOLOGIES

M. Williams

BUSINESS

J. Wood opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Moved: *“That the minutes of the previous Annual General meeting held on 30 April 2003, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*

G. Blackburn / S. Robinson -Carried

MATTERS ARISING

W. Moen explained that no record of voluntary contributions by Punga Grove owner was evident in Council's accounting system and that more details were required if this issue was to be further investigated.

It was generally agreed that no further action to be taken.

G. Blackburn tabled a letter from the Department of Conservation (Franz Josef Area) regarding the payment of rates on Department land within the township area.

The letter was received and the rates levels noted.

Speakers included J. Clayton and J. Wood.

FINANCIAL REPORT

W. Moen presented the financial statement for the 2003 financial period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003.

Moved: *“That the Financial Report for the 2003 financial period ending 31 December 2003 be adopted.”*

S. Robinson / G. Blackburn –Carried

MATTERS ARISING

D. Horn outlined the provisions of the new Local Government Act, including the requirement for LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) and the consequent compulsory provision for an estimated 10 year works expenditure programme.

He also explained that the requirements of the Act now meant that for advanced planning purposes Annual General Meeting should be held in the latter part of the year, around September / October in order to give a clear indication of the following year's expenditure in advance.

W. Moen explained that the service fees represented mainly costs associated with the reclassification carried out in the 2003 year.

J. Wood again pointed out that all LAPP premiums are now paid for by the general ratepayer.

W. Moen explained that the second rate instalment was to be added and the recently completed works were to be deducted.

This left a current up to date credit balance of approximately \$102,000.

W. Moen presented the detailed works report, which spanned 10 years and also outlined possible future capital erosion protection works on the right bank of the Waiho River above the State Highway Bridge.

He outlined possible estimated costs (\$670,000), possible contributors and possible funding options if the project developed.

S. Robinson noted that all works downstream of the State Highway Bridge had not been damaged and demanded little maintenance costs.

He also asked if continuous rockwork was the best design for such works.

W. Moen explained, that in his experience, it was the best form of protection for the area, based on track records.

He explained that it was apparent that Transit NZ preferred the "groynes" option for their works and were prepared to repair and maintain the works after each flood event as and when required.

Speakers included: S. Robinson, S. Matthews, G. Blackburn, J. Wood, M. Nixon.

Ratepayers noted that the groynes had been raised several times and one ratepayer noted that the size of the groynes now exceeded the resource consent conditions.

W. Moen explained that detailed designs had not been carried out and it was suggested that up-to-date cross sections of the area be carried out to determine design levels of such future works.

W. Moen agreed to contact Transit NZ regarding their ongoing commitment to the surveying of the existing cross sections.

S. Robinson asked if modern aerial photographs of the area could be supplied for the mid - September meeting.

He also felt that the community had an ongoing commitment to protecting the Camping Ground area until the ownership issues were resolved.

Moved: ***"That Council take the design of the upstream right bank proposals to the next level by presenting indicative design and costings, the estimated costs of approximately \$2000 plus the cost of up-to-date photography being borne out of existing rating district reserves."***

G.Gibb / S. Robinson – Unanimous

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Chris Brooks

Kevin Gibson

Mark Williams

Sheena Matthews

Gary Blackburn

remain the same for the 2004 / 2005 financial year."

J. Wood / M. Nixon – Carried

Moved: *“That G. Blackburn be appointment as the spokesperson for the 2004 / 2005 financial year.”*

S. Matthews / M. Nixon – Unanimous

RATES 2004 / 2005

Discussion took place on the proposed rate strike for the 2004 / 2005 financial year.
W. Moen outlined the basis of the recommended \$60,000 rates strike.

Moved: *“That the rates strike recommendation for the 2004 / 2005 financial year be set at \$30,000 + GST and for the purposes of the LTCCP an indicative rate of \$35,000 + GST for the years 2 to 10 be indicated.”*

G. Gibb / S. Matthews – Unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

S. Robinson asked if any approach had been made by the Scenic Circle Group, for inclusion in the Franz Josef Rating District.

W. Moen explained that no firm discussions had occurred..

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.01 p.m.

W. Moen
Senior Engineering Officer