



# **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply  
Ratepayers Annual General Meeting**

**10 April 2019**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ASHWICK OPUHA RURAL WATER SUPPLY RATEPAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2019 AT 4.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Chris McCarthy (Chairman), Brian Tiffen, Paul Gallagher, Noel McPherson, Graeme Page, Chad Steetskamp, Ashley Biggs, Steve Gallagher

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Graham Smith, Paul Morris (Group Manager Finance), Adrian Hodgett (Finance Team Leader), Bernie Haar (Group Manager), Charlotte Borrell (Committee Administrator), Cr Anne Munro, Cr Stuart Barwood

**1 OPENING**

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/7**

Moved: Graeme Page

Seconded: Brian Tiffen

That the apology received from Stephen Whittaker, Ron Smith and Dan Davies be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2018**

In Stephen Whittakers 2018 report the letter to consumers to remind them of their obligations when grazing was not written. The letter is to be written and distributed by Chris McCarthy and Geoff Horler (Utilities manager).

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/8**

Moved: Paul Gallagher

Seconded: Graeme Page

1. That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee, held on Tuesday, May 24, 2018, be confirmed and adopted as a correct record of the meeting.

<b>CARRIED</b>
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**5.2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr McCarthy read out his report as follows:

The water race system has worked pretty good over the past year. Except still not getting enough water down Cattle Valley in summertime. We need to do some works on the race in Biggs Place where the race crosses Trentham Road. We are also rationalising a couple of races so this may allow us to put more water down Cattle Valley when needed.

Thanks to Paul Gallagher for looking after the South Opuha headworks, Brian Tiffen for looking after the Stoneleigh headworks and Steve Whittaker our raceman.

Stephen Whittaker provided a racemans report (attached) which the Committee Administrator read out.

Paul Gallagher spoke of the South headworks and the flow is going reasonably well. The 24/7 monitoring is going well. One race has been removed which allows more water to other places. The average flow is good and everything is running smoothly.

Brian Tiffen talked about the pre-Christmas rain and that everything is drying out now, all is running smoothly.

<p><b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/9</b></p> <p>Moved: Graeme Page                  Seconded: Chad Steetskamp</p> <p>That the report be received and Mr McCarthy thanked for his work as chairman over the previous year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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<p><b>Attachments</b></p> <p>1 Ashwick Opuha Report - Stephen Whittaker</p>
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### 5.3 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report has been prepared for the Committee members to review the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 and determine the budget for the 2019/2020 year.

Paul Gallagher questioned Paul Morris (Group manager Finance) about the surplus. Mr Morris explained that there will be more contractor costs that need to come out.

There was discussion around extension of the current resource consent and that it could potentially be upwards of \$50k to apply for an extension.

Bernie Haar (Group Manager Assets) spoke to the group about Environment Canterbury talking about a major review of fishscreens and takes. There could be a requirement to put other measures in place. Council staff have asked for guidance from ECan and are awaiting reply. Future piping of the scheme was discussed and would be paid for by the schemes users, however funding via a loan from council is an option.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/10

Moved: Chris McCarthy

Seconded: Brian Tiffen

1. That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/11

Moved: Steve Gallagher

Seconded: Graeme Page

2. That the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018 be adopted.
3. That the budget for 2019/2020 be adopted as presented.
4. That the water supply recommend to Council a rate requirement it deems appropriate \$225.00 including GST.

**CARRIED**

### 5.4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/12

Moved: Paul Gallagher

Seconded: Brian Tiffen

1. That Chris McCarthy be elected chairperson of the Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee for 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2019/13**

Moved: Chris McCarthy  
Seconded: Steve Gallagher

- 2. That all present at the meeting, and those who have made apologies, remain as members of the committee for 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

A letter from Ron Smith was tabled (attached) and the options were discussed.

Mayor Graham Smith informed the committee that he has investigated with ECan and consent is likely to be approved but the cost is unknown. ECan have told him that if consent is approved there will likely be conditions that may involve some pipework requirements. He will share information when he receives it from ECan.

The group agreed that it is a large amount of money for only a short term (10 year) consent and that a comparison of what a full pipework scheme costs and how it runs would be beneficial. Mr Haar provided the approximate cost for application preparation of \$20k. The committee would like a price from AECOM and a third supplier (in addition to the one from Opus). Council staff to source another consultant and supply quotes to the committee once received.

There was further discussion around ECan wanting to reduce open stock water races as there are no losses in pipes. Open races are required for run off and are often not able to be blocked, many are natural water courses or springs. Consent conditions have been followed closely during this 10 year consent and stock bays were important to this consent.

**Attachments**

- 1 Ashwick Stock Water Race memo from Ron Smith 090419

**The Meeting closed at 4.56pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Annual General Meeting held on .**

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**CHAIRPERSON**