



**Mackenzie**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Unconfirmed MINUTES**

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

**22 June 2022**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ASHWICK OPUHA RURAL WATER SUPPLY RATEPAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022 AT 3.04PM**

**PRESENT:** Chair Chris McCarthy, Stephen Whittaker, Brian Tiffen, Steve Gallagher, Chad Steetskamp, Alex Toombs and one other

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Murray Cox, Cr Stuart Barwood, Sandy Hogg (Finance Manager), Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor)

**1 OPENING**

The chairman opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/17**

Moved: Stephen Whittaker

Seconded: Steve Gallagher

That the apologies received from those named below be accepted and leave of absence granted:

- An Chan and Trevor Bliss
- Ralph Moffat
- Graeme Page
- Paul Gallagher
- Ashley Biggs

**CARRIED**

**3 REPORTS**

**5.1 MINUTES OF ASHWICK OPUHA RURAL WATER SUPPLY RATEPAYERS COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 JULY 2021**

These previous minutes were those of a special meeting, not an annual general meeting.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/18**

Moved: Chris McCarthy

Seconded: Chad Steetskamp

1. That the Minutes of the Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 July 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The chairman said the water scheme had operated very well during the year. There were no major issues and lots of water in the system. He thanked Paul Gallagher, Brian Tiffen, and Steve Whittaker for their work.

Race man Steve Whittaker gave a report as follows:

*In the past year we have streamlined the race system with some sections been shut off. In the next year there will be some other races that will be decommissioned as we move towards 2024 when the whole race system will be shut down.*

*I am continuing to measure the by-wash weirs on a monthly basis and test the water every three months with Hills. The water tests have been quite low for nitrate and nitrite, which is pleasing.*

*The race has run well this past year and being a wetter season we have been able to get water to where it should go.*

*Paul has controlled the flow well and when we have had high flows with incoming spring water we have shut the flow down at the control gate and opened it up as needed.*

*Thank you to Paul, Brian and Chris for the work they do. We had to get a digger in to fix up intake race due to a fresh in the past year and these boys handled that. This concludes my report. Stephen Whittaker.*

Average flows were 115.9 litres a second and the take was 115 litres per second. So the take was spot on. Normally it would be a lot lower than that.

Geoff Horler asked if they wanted to keep measuring this, given the race is shutting down. Stopping this would save money.

The chairman said he would like to stop this monitoring. Ecan hasn't asked for this information.

Brian Tiffen said the race needed a clean out at some stage.

Discussion took place on flow monitoring.

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/19**

Moved: Steve Gallagher

Seconded: Alex Toombs

That the chairperson provide a report to the meeting on current activity, and be thanked for their work as chairperson over the past year.

**CARRIED**

## 5.3 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

This report was prepared for the Committee members to review the forecasted financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and determine the budget for the 2022/2023 year.

Finance manager Sandy Hogg introduced her report. The chairman asked her to run through it so she outlined the highlights.

The water supply was building up a fund to go for a new consent, but this was no longer needed, so the rate had reduced this year. After the supply closes the amount left in the reserve would go back to the consumers.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/20**

Moved: Steve Gallagher

Seconded: Chris McCarthy

1. That the report be received.
2. That the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 be adopted.
3. That the budget for 2022/2023 be adopted as presented.
4. That the water supply recommends to Council a rate requirement of \$92.26(GST Incl.) per unit to achieve an income requirement of \$4,060 for the scheme.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE**

At each annual general meeting an election is held for the position of chairperson and members of the committee. Traditionally, all those present at the AGM have been made members of the committee, with all having voting rights.

Chris McCarthy was nominated as chairman by Chad Steetskamp. This was seconded by Steve Gallagher. He was elected unopposed.

It was agreed that the committee would continue to be represented by everyone at the meeting and those who sent apologies. A further apology was received from Dan Davies.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/21**

Moved: Chad Steetskamp

Seconded: Steve Gallagher

1. That Chris McCarthy be re-elected chairperson of the Ashwick Opuha Rural Water Supply Ratepayers Committee for 2022/23.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ASH/2022/22**

Moved: Chris McCarthy

Seconded: Stephen Whittaker

2. That the members of the committee for 2022/23 are Chris McCarthy, Stephen Whittaker, Brian Tiffen, Steve Gallagher, Chad Steetskamp, Alex Toombs, An Chan and Trevor Bliss, Ralph Moffat, Graeme Page, Paul Gallagher and Ashley Biggs.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Survey results** – A survey went out to water race users last year. Out of 44 ratepayers there were 18 replies. This showed agreement to close the race down by June 2024.

Do they have access to an alternative stock water supply?– 14 said yes, 4 said no. One person wanted a new community Ashwick scheme. Three asked for an extension of the Allandale Scheme. With only one person wanting a community scheme the committee did not believe this would happen. Geoff Horler suggested an extension to the pipe planned for Allandale to service this property. This would depend on decisions made by the Allandale water scheme users.

Mr Horler answered technical questions related to individual properties.

Mr spoke about the planned new Fairlie water supply and how this would affect Allandale users. The new water plant was designed to include Allandale users and future growth.

Now that the Ashwick/Opuha water users were on the same page with what was planned, Steve Whittaker was asked to approach the Allandale scheme.

Moving forward Geoff Horler asked that the shutdown process was done properly to avoid future issues. Was an environmental impact report required? The committee did not believe this was needed. The committee agreed to continue with plans to shut down the race. Conversations with Fish and Game and Maori showed both were keen to have the water remain in the river.

**The Meeting closed at 3.54pm.**

**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**