



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM.

The Extraordinary Council Meeting was recorded and loaded to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the council website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	His Worship the Mayor	
Members	Cr Carruthers (Deputy)	
	Cr Davidson	Cr Hart
	Cr Keogan	Cr Martin
	Cr Hartshorne (Via Zoom)	

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai.

ABSENT

Cr Neale.

Moved Deputy Mayor Carruthers, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the apologies from Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services; S. Baxendale, Group Manager: District Assets; D.M. Maitland; Executive Assistant, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor, L. Truman, Finance Manager.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and made available on the Council table. There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

3. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

- **Adoption of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021**

The Strategy and Communications Advisor and the Finance Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report is to present the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 for adoption.

The Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 had been previously circulated to the Mayor and Councillors. The Strategy and Communications Advisor advised that the tabled copy of the Annual Report has a few minor changes to the group figures and the group notes; but the Council figures remain the same, and the tabled report also contains the unqualified Audit opinion.

His Worship the Mayor spoke to this item and noted that the adoption of the report today was within the legislative timetable and congratulated the Group Manager: Corporate Services and team for the work involved in the final sign off from Audit New Zealand. His Worship the Mayor also thanked Audit New Zealand staff for their work under pressure with large staff shortages.

The challenges, achievements and financial information for the 2020/2021 Audit period were noted, and the Mayor praised the Chief Executive and Council Staff for their work during this difficult time resulting in a surplus of \$7,640,000.

Deputy Mayor Carruthers supported His Worship the Mayor's statement and acknowledged the leadership of Council during a couple of difficult years for New Zealand, the Westland District and Council. The Deputy Mayor recognised the strong leadership and continued efforts of His Worship the Mayor in supporting the Westland District during this difficult time and acknowledged the work accomplished by the CE, the Executive Team and staff. He spoke to the collaborative nature of the Elected Members for this triennium and thanked them for their support.

Moved Deputy Mayor Carruthers, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that:

- A) Council receives the report.
- B) Council adopts the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 as tabled.

**DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 FEBRUARY 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 4.12 PM
AND WISHED EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Confirmed by:

Mayor Bruce Smith
Chair

Date: