

**Minutes of the Annual Public Reporting Meeting of the
Marlborough Electric Power Trust
Held at 9.00 am on the 26th November 2015
In the St John's Rooms, Seymour St**

Present: John Cuddon, Paul Ham, Ross Inder, Clive Ballett

In attendance: Brenda Munro (Trust Secretary), Michelle Alexander (Minute Secretary)
Marlborough Lines Ltd representatives: Ken Forrest, David Dew.
Members of the Public: Andrew Munro, Hamish McFarlane, Maurice
Cresswell, Heather Simpson, Helen Faulkner, Helen Magyer, Alan
Wilson, Leo McKendry, Graham Stuart, Dominic Romano, Cathie Bell

R Inder opened the meeting, expressed his disappointment at the lack of numbers present then detailed the purpose of the meeting, introduced the trustees, trust secretaries and company representatives present.

Apologies: Ian Martella and Malcolm Aitken

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting dated 8th October 2014

Moved:

That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

J Cuddon/M Aitken

Chairman's Report

R Inder's report has been circulated within the financial reports and he asked that it be taken as read and then discussed further comment on issues covered in the report. He made special mention of the relationship between the Trust and Company as regards distribution of profit, dividends and beneficiary distributions.

With a quorum present discussion on the report was suspended.

Appointment of Auditor

Nominations were called for the position of auditor.

Brenda Munro spoke to the issue of timeliness of the completion of the audit (with consolidation of Marlborough Lines reports with the Trust) and reporting to the public. A recommendation was therefore made that the Auditor General be responsible for the audit of the accounts.

Moved: That the Auditor General be appointed as auditor for the Trust and hold office for the ensuing year.

B Munro/ C Ballett

Chairman's Report (cont'd)

R Inder spoke of the responsibilities of trustees to both current and future beneficiaries and of their responsibility to the company to support it as a successful business. The chairman took the opportunity to have other trustees report to the public on current issues. P Ham spoke of the recent director appointments and gave a brief resume of each of the three appointees.

C Ballett spoke to communication with beneficiaries, use of the company newsletter and the recent creation of a trust website with information and important dates.

Annual Accounts

B Munro asked that the reports be taken as read and called for any questions.

Moved:

That the annual financial reports be accepted.

B Munro/P Ham

Marlborough Lines Presentation

K Forrest gave a verbal presentation discussing the complexity and cost of regulation on the industry as they report to both the Electricity Commission and the Commerce Commission as required under legislation. This results in the need for financial, taxation and industry compliance reporting all of which are different, with it resulting costs. He spoke to the financial benefits going forward of the recent investment strategy involving the Yealands purchase.

A question was put to Mr Forrest as to why Otago was sold and Mr Forrest explained the process and the substantial profit that was derived from the sale.

A question was put that there is not enough underground reticulation being undertaken and this was answered and Mr Forrest spoke of the high quality of the lines and reticulation in the district.

General Business

Dominic Romano asked the trustees what their investment strategy was, given that other trusts have a number of investments and a diversity of investment. MEPT has just the one investment, that being the 100% shareholder of Marlborough Lines and there is currently no intention to alter that. The mechanism to do so would be through an ownership review.

David Dew spoke of the Marlborough Lines investment strategy and that diversification was taking place, but at the company level.

There were no further matters of general business and the meeting closed at 10.10 am.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record

Ross Inder, Chairman

Date