



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 March 2015 – 9:36 a.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: **Item 6** Chair's Report
Item 7 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 28 February 2015
(commentary)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

Cr Peke-Mason read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for lateness from Cr Harris be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from the set out in the agenda.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/005	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 26 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

6 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor provided further detail on the item in his report on MP's salaries.

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/006	File Ref	3-CT-14-1
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That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 March 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 28 February 2015

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report and gave an overview of the commentary provided in the tabled document.

The Committee asked if the unused expenditure within the repairs area of the Cemeteries budget, could be used within the maintenance area of the Cemeteries budget.

The Committee asked that the answers to the questions raised by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be also made available to that Committee.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/007** **File Ref**

That the Finance/Performance Committee looks to review the Investment Policy, noting that at present there is more investment in short term loans than the current Policy permits.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Harris arrived 10.03 am

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/008** **File Ref** 5-FR-4-1

That the report 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 28 February 2015' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Community Initiatives Fund – review of assessment criteria, marking sheets and application forms

Ms Servante spoke to the report, giving a brief overview of its contents and the appendices.

Discussion was held around the following points:

- Ratepayers support initiatives to promote more business for local retailers.
- Stallholders can be very 'nomadic'; monies spent at these stalls could be taken out of the District.
- There is a need to encourage local retailers to become more involved with local events, especially when held outside normal retail hours.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/009** **File Ref** 3-GF-8

That the report "Review of Criteria for the Community Initiatives Fund" be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/010** **File Ref** 3-GF-8

That a further report is brought to the Finance/Performance Committee's meeting in April 2015 with proposals for criteria to fund events (new and recurring) in line with the comments in the report "Review of Criteria for the Community Initiatives Fund".

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

9 Late items

Nil

10 Future items for the agenda

Nil

11 Next meeting

Thursday 30 April 2015, 9.30 am

12 Meeting closed – 10.59 am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Unconfirmed