



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 April 2015 – 9:32 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 Rebecca McNeil
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 Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 7** Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 March 2015 (Rates Debtors Report as at 31 January 2015)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

Cr McNeil read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Peke-Mason be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that a report on Rates Debtors would be tabled as part of the discussion on Item 7.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/011** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 26 March 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/012** **File Ref** 3-CT-14-1

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 April 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 March 2015

Mr McIrvine spoke to the report, giving a brief overview of the commentary to the report and the budget variances.

The Committee asked for a breakdown of what is in Net Projects to be brought to the next meeting.

The following queries for referred to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee:

- Will the unspent capital funds within the Halls activity be carried forward?
- Will the capital funds tagged for a pit access upgrade at the Marton Waste Transfer Station be used this financial year?

The Committee also asked that the following information be included in future reports:

- Identify the \$100,000 grant for the Shelton Pavilion upgrade.
- Additional budgetary provisions for overspent or new projects.
- Carry-forwards from the previous financial year.
- A forecasting position (at least on a quarterly basis).

It was agreed that a report on the benefits of E-road would be provided to Council after a full twelve-months experience with the system had elapsed and the necessary analysis done.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/013** **File Ref** 5-FR-4-1

That the report 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 March 2015' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

During this item, Mr McIrvine tabled a report on overdue rates debtors. He spoke briefly to the report and informed the Committee of what is being done to recover these overdue rates.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/014** **File Ref**

That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council that it proceed with further action pursuant to the Local Government Rating Act 2002, including the sale of the properties owned by the six ratepayers identified in the report who have been through the all the prescribed steps, to recover the overdue unpaid rates on these properties.

Hs Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

8 Nine-month Statement of Service Performance

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the nine-month Statement of Service Performance, highlighting the inclusion of the results of the recent Versus surveys.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/015** **File Ref** 5-FR-1-2

That the nine-month Statement of Service Performance to 31 March 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

9 **Review of Criteria for Funding Events through Council's Contestable Funding Scheme**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, focusing on the conclusions drawn within the report and what feedback is being sought from the Committee.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/016** **File Ref** 3-GF-8

That the report "Review of Criteria for Funding Events through Council's Contestable Funding Scheme" be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/017** **File Ref**

That a further report is brought to the Finance/Performance Committee's meeting in May 2015 with a draft Event Sponsorship Application Form prepared in line with the conclusions in the report "Review of Criteria for Funding Events through Council's Contestable Funding Scheme" as amended, viz:

- Council will consider developing sponsorship arrangements with any organisation seeking financial support for an event in the District;
- Council will consider recurring sponsorship arrangements where an event has the potential to gain considerable community interest and/or achieve a high profile outside the District;
- The normal maximum term of any sponsorship arrangement (reviewed annually) will be 5 years, at which time Council and the event organisers will jointly review the value of the event and its future potential (after which Council may develop a further sponsorship arrangement);
- Events will be classified as community, community/high profile or high profile based on actual and/or estimated numbers and locations of participants/attendees;
- Applicants will be required to outline their strategies for maximising interest in attending the event and for income generation strategies (including the potential for the event to be self-funding);
- Successful applicants will be required to complete a Post-Event report form which includes financial and attendance data;
- Council may commission an independent economic impact report for all high profile and high profile, community events
- Evaluation of events will be incorporated into the annual residents' survey.
- Council will require recognition of its sponsorship of an event (signage), and events need to be listed on the events calendar on Rangitikei.com.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Update on Strategic Water Assessment and review of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme

Mr McNeil provided a brief verbal update on the Strategic Water Assessment and the review of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme.

He provided a brief overview of the meeting held with the local farming community to inform them of the proposed stage two application for funding. At this meeting there was universal support for the development of a stage two application.

11 Late items

Nil

12 Future items for the agenda

Treasury Function Policy

13 Next meeting

Thursday 28 May 2015, 9.30 am

14 Meeting closed – 11.28am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____