



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 July 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (Chair)  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Rebecca McNeil  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Ruth Rainey

**Apologies:** Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Lynne Sheridan

**Tabled document:** **Item 11** Statement of Service Performance 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

## **1 Welcome**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2 Council prayer**

Councillor Harris read the Council prayer.

## **3 Apologies/leave of absence**

That the apologies from Councillors Ash, McManaway and Sheridan be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **4 Confirmation of order of business**

His Worship the Mayor informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

## **5 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/032**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee for 25 June 2015 be amended to include Councillor Peke-Mason as an apology.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/033**                      **File Ref**

That, as amended, the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 25 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report. He noted that, even with increased government assistance, there would still be a cost to ratepayers from the damage to roads from the 20-21 June rainfall event. The New Zealand Transport Agency was currently reviewing the cost estimates prepared by the Council's roading team; it was expected that a view on these would be formed within the next fortnight. Although these estimates had considered every slip and dropout, there would be some damage that would become visible only when repairs were undertaken.

The Committee considered whether the Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity should apply to this event.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/034**                      **File Ref**                      **CT-14-1**

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 June 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/035**                      **File Ref**                      **CT-14-1**

That the June 2015 rainfall event be deemed to fall within the scope of Council's rate remission policy for land affected by natural calamity and that the Chief Executive subsequently provide advice on the criteria to be used for rates remission.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 7 Financial commentary and progress to finalise accounts to 30 June 2015

Mr McIrvine spoke to his report, highlighting the intended treatment of damage to the roading network in the Annual Report.

Councillor Peke-Mason left the meeting at 10.21am/10.23am

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/036**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-4-1**

That the report 'Financial commentary and progress to finalise accounts to 30 June 2015' be received.

Cr McNeil/Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/037**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-4-1**

That the Finance/Performance Committee notes the need to consider the capital works programmes for the next two years in light of the June 2015 rainfall event.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

## **8 Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) – membership recommendation**

Mr McIrvine spoke to his memorandum.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/038**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FM-8**

That the memorandum 'Local Government Funding Agency - Membership Recommendation' date 24 July 2015 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/039**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FM-8**

That the Council approves 'in principle' membership of the Local Government Funding Agency, noting the process to be followed and costs involved, and that the proposal to join the Agency be consulted on as part of the draft 2016/17 Annual Plan process or at an earlier date determined by Council.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/040**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FM-8**

That Council does not become a shareholder or guarantor member of the Local Government Funding Agency.

Cr Belsham / Cr McNeil. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/041**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FM-8**

That Council notes that it could have Local Government Funding Agency borrower notes, where from time to time it may place surplus funds with the Agency as noted in the current policy.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Harris. Carried

## 9 Queries from Previous Meeting

The analysis of subsidised and unsubsidised roading programmes would be presented to the Committee's September 2015 meeting, as part of a review of funding options taking into account the savings from the new roading contract and the anticipated costs to Council of making good the damage to the local roading network from the rainfall event 20-21 June 2015.

## 10 Strategic Water – next steps

Mr McNeil gave a verbal update on the next steps to progress the Strategic Water project. He was investigating the feasibility of an alternative or potential rural water scheme for potentially 100 properties north of Marton. The first draft of an application had been reviewed with officials at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), who had confirmed that it met two key tests – extending on-farm irrigation and demonstrating farmer need. Before submitting this draft to Council (potentially at its 27 August 2015 meeting), there would be some refinement, and cost-estimates for the work. Assuming the application is successful, the work will be committed through a tender or other open market process. It would be funded through the Council's economic development budget.

Councillor Harris left the meeting at 10.55am

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That the verbal update on Strategic water – next steps be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried.

## 11 Statement of Service Performance – draft full year

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled provisional report which was circulated electronically beforehand to Committee members. It was agreed that the final Statement (i.e. in the Annual Report) should clarify which actions in the 2014/15 Annual Plan had not been done and aligned to the year's capital expenditure for that group of activities.

Councillor Harris entered again at 10.56am

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That the draft full-year 2014/15 Statement of Service Performance be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **12 Accountability Pro-formas for the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme**

The Committee noted the advice note on the agenda and the proposed cover letters and pro-forma accountability reports.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/044**                      **File Ref**

That the Accountability Pro-formas for the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme are received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/FPE/045**                      **File Ref**

That the Finance/Performance Committee adopts the Accountability Pro-formas for the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## **13 Late items**

Nil.

## **14 Future items for the agenda**

The sale of the Santoft Domain and other surplus Council lands was under discussion with the Chief Executive and Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

## **15 Next meeting**

Thursday 27 August 2015, 9.30 am

## **16 Meeting closed – 11.25am**

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

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