



Rangitikei
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Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 August 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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- Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Tim Harris
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 Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator
- Tabled Documents:**
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| Item 6 | Chair's report |
| Item 7 | Further information from Rangitikei Heritage Group |
| Item 8 | Taihape Shearers Sport Inc Project Report Form |

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Councillor Ash read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/046** **File Ref**

That apologies for lateness from Councillors Harris and Sheridan and for absence from Councillor Peke-Mason be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Councillor Rainey. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

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

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/047** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 30 July 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

6 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/048** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 August 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Harris arrived 9.40 am

7 Consideration of applications to Community Initiatives Fund 2015/16 (round 1)

Cr Ash declared an interest with her role in Project Marton. The Chair ruled she could stay in the room and answer questions but not vote

His Worship the Mayor gave the Committee an overview of the process for considering the applications which had been separately circulated (together, for Committee members only, scoring sheets). He explained that all costs were shown: When staff reviewed applications, they excluded any ineligible costs (such as food and beverages).

Cr Sheridan arrived at 9.59am

His Worship the Mayor provided an opportunity for applicants to speak to the Committee on their particular project/event. Cr Ash spoke to the Committee on Project Marton and Mr Shane Ratima on the Hunterville Huntaway Festival (for the Events Sponsorship Scheme). The Committee noted the Rangitikei Heritage Group's written statement in lieu of attending and speaking to the Committee.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/049** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2015/16' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/050** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the following Project Report Forms be received:

- Marton Country Music Festival Inc
- Turakina Caledonian Society
- Bulls & District Community Trust (Wearable Arts 2014)
- Bulls & District Community Trust (Rangitikei's Got Talent 2014)
- Taihape and Districts A&P Show
- Rangitikei College
- Pukeokahu Hall Committee
- Marton & Districts Historical Society
- Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
- Bulls & District Friendship Club Inc.
- Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support
- Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Manawatu/Wanganui Area Inc
- Rangitikei Shearing Sports

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/051** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the Finance/Performance Committee does not consider the application from Project Marton for a celebratory volunteers event to be sufficiently different from the volunteers tea already part-funded through the MOU arrangements to be eligible for the Community Initiatives Fund.

Cr McManaway / Cr Harris. Carried

ABSTAINED Cr Sheridan

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/052** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the application from Mataroa Cemetery Trustees which was received after the closing date of applications be considered by Finance / Performance Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

The Committee reviewed the proposed amounts to be granted.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/053** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the application from Rangitikei Heritage be fully funded.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/054** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants.

Royal NZ Plunket Society Manawatu/Whanganui Area	\$1,500
Pukeokahu Hall Committee	\$1,400
Rangitikei Heritage Group	\$1,504
Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub	\$4,000
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Society	\$800
Wanganui Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc	\$900
Project Marton Inc	\$0
Mataroa Cemetery Trustees	\$1,550

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/055** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the unallocated portion of round 1 for the Community Initiatives Fund (\$8,346) be made available for round 2.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

8 Consideration of applications to Events Sponsorship Scheme 2015/16 (round 1)

Cr Ash declared an interest with her role in Project Marton. Cr McNeil declared an interest in the Mudder with her role in Rangitikei Tourism. The Chair ruled they could stay in the room and answer questions but not vote

His Worship the Mayor noted that the process was the same as that used for applications to the Community Initiatives Fund.

Cr Sheridan left the meeting at 11.14am/11.18am

Motion

That the Finance/Performance Committee suggested that \$2,634 be invested in promotional display materials as outlined in the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2015/16' that the organisers of sponsored events shall use as part of the sponsorship arrangement.

Cr McManaway./ Lapsed

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/056** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the Finance/Performance Committee requests that the Chief Executive funds promotional display materials as outlined in the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2015/16' that the organisers of sponsored events shall use as part of the sponsorship arrangement to the extent of \$2,634 from a budget to be identified.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/057** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the Finance/Performance Committee approves the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants:

Rangitikei Tourism – The Mudder	\$643
Ratana Maramatanga Sports Club – 90 th Anniversary celebration	\$975
Marton Country Music Festival Inc – Country Music Festival 2016	\$2,250

Turakina Caledonian Games Society Inc – Caledonian Games 2016	\$2,563
Taihape Shearing Sports Inc – Taihape Shearing Event 2016	\$1,688
Rangitikei Shearing Sports – Rangitikei Shearing Event 2016	\$2,063
Taihape Area Show Jumping – Taihape Show Jumping Event 2016	\$1,500
Huntermville Huntaway Festival – Shemozzle 2015	\$3,000
Project Marton Inc – Rangitikei's Got Talent	\$2,143

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/058** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the Finance/Performance Committee requests that the Chief Executive identifies another budget to fund MarketView Event Reports associated with the accountability reports for the high profile and high profile/community events sponsored.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/059** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the unallocated portion of round 1 for the Events Sponsorship Scheme (\$1,177) be made available for round 2.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11.58am / 1.04pm

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/060** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the tabled Project Report Form from Taihape Shearing Sports Inc be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

9 Financial report – draft full year 2014/15

Mr McIrvine spoke to his report. The financial tables from the Annual Report had yet to be audited, but no substantial change was anticipated. The only uncertainty lay on the financial treatment of damage to Council's roads following the extreme rainfall on 20-21 June 2015, together with the costs to repair and the subsidy from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Mr McIrvine outlined discussions to date with the auditors on this.

The new internal Parks & Reserve team commenced after the end of the 2014/15 financial year, so has had no impact on the year's financial result.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/061** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the report 'Financial report – draft full year 2014/15' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Discounted rates at the waste transfer stations for pensioners

Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs Lorraine Pearson requesting a discount rate at the waste transfer stations for pensioners.

Main points raised in discussion were:

- an opportunity for Council to provide some assistance;
- a trial period the only way to find out the impact
- potential for manipulation;
- others on low income couldn't benefit;
- might be viewed as a precedent for similar discounts on other Council services

Motion

That the Finance/Performance Committee asks the Chief Executive to thank Lorraine Pearson for her suggestion for discounted rates at the waste transfer station for pensioners, advising that Council has agreed to undertake a trial over three months offering a 50% discount on production of the Gold Card, such a trial to be reviewed after two months to assess the take-up, impact on revenue and any administrative issues, to inform a decision whether the discount should continue over a longer period.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Lost

11 Application of rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity – June 2015 rainfall event – suggested criteria

At its meeting on 30 July 2015, the Finance/Performance Committee resolved that the June 2015 rainfall event be deemed to fall within the scope of the Council's rates 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. A draft set of criteria was provided for consideration.

Points in discussion:

- The criteria provided a framework.

- Farm tracks (including bridges) implied culverts.
- Application of the criteria would be a Council decision unless delegated.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/062** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the suggested criteria for applying Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity – 20-21 June 2015 extreme rainfall event' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/063** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the suggested criteria for applying Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity – 20-21 June 2015 extreme rainfall event be adopted without amendment.

Cr McManaway / Cr Harris. Carried

12 Late Items

Nil

13 Future Items for the agenda

Nil

14 Next meeting

1 October 2015, 9.30am

15 Meeting closed – 1.51pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: