



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 November 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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The quorum for the Finance/Performance Committee is 5.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that “The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Tim Harris
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
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: Item 5 Chair's report

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Rainey read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That apologies for absence from Councillor McNeil and for lateness from Councillor Ash be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham

4 Confirmation of agenda

His Worship the Mayor noted that his intention, if business was not complete by 11.00 am (or soon after), that the meeting would adjourn at 11.00 am and reconvene at 3.15 pm (or later if Council has not completed its business by that time).

Cr Peke-Mason arrived 9.33 am

5 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report, noting the work being done for next year's Annual Plan. The targeted rate increase proposed in the Long Term Plan of under two percent was under pressure from the cost to repair roads damaged by the severe rainfall in June. This impact could have been worse if the base Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) had been not been increased from that initially proposed and the consideration given to an enhanced FAR in acknowledgement of that event.

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/076	File Ref	3-CT-14-1
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That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 November 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/077	File Ref	3-CT-14-1
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 29 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

7 Treasury policies

Brett Johanson, Partner, Financial Risk with PricewaterhouseCoopers, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Treasury policies.

Mr Johanson noted it was important for the Council to have policies consistent with sector best treasury practice and risk frameworks aligning with prudent financial management objectives. This included identification, monitoring, management and reporting treasury risk exposures. A key aspect of the policy lay in its implementation within delegated authorities and policy risk control limits, with regular treasury reporting to Council, with a review every three years.

Mr Mclrvine noted that the adopted policy would allow membership of the Local Government Funding Agency. A new debenture would be needed – the previous one had lapsed.

Cr Ash arrived 9.59 am

Cr Ash left the meeting at 10.03am and returned at 10.04 am.

Questions following his presentation included security, interest rates and credit margins.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/078** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the memorandum 'Treasury policy (incorporating Investment and Liabilities policies)' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/079** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends the draft Treasury Policy without amendment to Council for adoption for public consultation.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

8 Financial results for October 2015

Mr Mclrvine commented on the results provided in the Order Paper and answered questions.

Resolved minute number **15/PFE/080** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the report 'Financial results for October 2015' be received

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

9 Queries from previous meeting

There are no outstanding queries.

10 Effect of enhanced funding for flood damage reinstatement and rates impact

Mr McIrvine spoke to the report. His Worship the Mayor referred to his report: he doubted the Council would win this.

Resolved minute number **15/PFE/ 081** **File Ref** **6-RT-2-3**

That the memorandum 'Effect of enhanced funding for flood damage reinstatement and rates impact' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/PFE/082** **File Ref** **6-RT-2-3**

That, as a first option, Council approach relevant government ministers regarding the Emergency rate shortfall for Rangitikei.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

11 Proposed disposal of land – update

A report will be provided to the Committee's meeting in March 2016.

12 District Promotion Strategy – proposed collaborative, cross-regional promotional activities

The Regional Economic Development Officers' meeting has been re-scheduled for early December where this item will be discussed.

A report will be brought to the Committee in February 2016.

13 Request for reduction of water charges

Mr McNeil spoke to the note in the agenda.

Resolved minute number **15/PFE/083** **File Ref**

That the Finance/Performance Committee authorises the Chief Executive to grant a remission of excess water charges at the site of the former Taihape College subject to his discretion of the \$23,570 owing.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

14 Considerations for a Mayoral Discretionary Fund

Committee members discussed the idea.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/ 084** **File Ref** **3-GF-5**

That the memorandum 'Considerations for a Mayoral Discretionary Fund' be received

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Cr Ash left the meeting at 11.14 am.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/ 085** **File Ref** **3-GF-5**

That a Mayoral Discretionary Fund be established for the Rangitikei District, based on the terms of reference without amendment presented to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting of 26 November 2015, with an initial allocation for 2015/16 of \$2000.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Cr Ash returned 11.19 am.

15 Consideration of applications to Round Two of the Community Initiatives Fund

The Committee discussed the applications to Round Two of the Community Initiatives Fund.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/086** **File Ref** **3-GF-8-3**

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2015/16 – round 2' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / His Worship the Mayor. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/087** **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.

Marton RSA	\$3,283.00
Creative Critters	\$0

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried.

16 Consideration of applications to Round Two of the Events Sponsorship Scheme

Councillors discussed the applications to Round Two of the Events Sponsorship Scheme. On a show hands the Committee accepted the late application from the Taihape A& P Show.

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/088	File Ref	3-GF-11-3
1.	That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2015/16 – Round 2' be received.		
2.	That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants.		
	Marton Jaycees – Marton Christmas Parade 2016		\$1,000
	Taihape Area Dressage Group – Taihape Dressage Championships 2016		\$1,400
	Taihape A&P Show – Taihape A&P Show 2016		\$1,600
	Nga Iwi O Mokai Patea Services Trust – Waitangi Big Day Out 2016		\$1,600
	Total		\$5,600

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the Agenda

Comparison of current rates arrears with same period last year

Cost-benefit analysis of bringing parks and reserves under direct Council management

19 Next meeting

25 February 2016, 9.30 am

20 Meeting closed – 11.37am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____