



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 31 March 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Rebecca McNeil
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, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 9** **Late Items** - Options for insuring Council's below-ground infrastructure assets – further consideration 2016 & Marton Swim Centre – Renewal of Management Contract 953

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr McManaway be received.

Cr Rainey / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

4 Confirmation of minutes

| Resolved minute number | 16/FPE/011 | File Ref |
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 29 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

5 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor gave a verbal Chair's report to the Committee. The following points were raised in his report:

- Gratitude to the Finance Team once again for the reports provided in the Order Paper.
- Cr Belsham will take over as Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the triennium.
- Published reports make it difficult to accurately calculate the salary portion of Council's expenditure and to understand the impact of contracting on those costs. Rangitikei District Council has participated in a bench-marking exercise with a New South Wales based company (along with other Australian and New Zealand councils) which will hopefully provide a stronger understanding and a more accurate figure. The final report will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
- Requested a report on Council's involvement in forestry, including costs and revenue.
- The success of the Parks and Reserves team.

| Resolved minute number | 16/FPE/012 | File Ref | 3-CT-14-1 |
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That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting of 31 March 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/013** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the requested late items of renewal of the Marton Pool contract and options for insuring Councils below-ground infrastructure be accepted. .

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Financial results, July 2015 to February 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report. The Committee asked for an update on the renewal of the Ratana Water Treatment facility and a breakdown of how much Council has received from the Emergency Funding Assistance Rate for addressing the damage to the roading network by the June 2015 rainfall event.

The Committee also sought clarification whether a Council resolution was required to authorise Debt Management Central to access Council's rates information.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/014** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 29 February 2016' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

7 Parks and Reserves – costs/benefits of transferring this activity from an external contractor to an internal staff team

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report. The Chief Executive took on-board the sensitivities expressed by the Committee around taking work away from local contractors if Council was approached to undertake works on non-council land.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/015** **File Ref** **6-RF-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Parks and Reserves – costs/benefits of transferring this activity from an external contractor to an internal staff team' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris. Carried

Cr Ash 10.47am / 10.50am

8 Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report. The Committee requested that the proposal be forwarded to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti to seek a representative to the panel.

File:

Recommendations

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/016** **File Ref** 4-ED-1

That the report 'Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016' be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Motion

That the Finance/Performance Committee approves the Rangitikei Youth Week Awards 2016 as outlined in the report 'Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016'.

Cr Peke-Mason / His Worship the Mayor. Withdrawn

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/017** **File Ref** 4-ED-1

That the Finance/Performance Committee approves the provision of up to \$2,000 annually for the Rangitikei Youth Week Awards Scheme.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Sheridan voted against

9 Late items

Options for insuring Council's below-ground infrastructure assets – further consideration 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/018** **File Ref** 3-FM-6-6

That the report 'Options for insuring Council's below-ground infrastructure assets – further consideration 2016' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/019** **File Ref** 3-FM-6-6

That Council gives notice of intention to withdraw from the LAPP Fund from 1 July 2017.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham. Carried

Marton Swim Centre – Renewal of Management Contract 953

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/020** **File Ref** 6-RF-2-2

That the report 'Marton Swim Centre – Renewal of Management Contract 953' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/021** **File Ref** 6-RF-2-2

That the Marton Swim Centre – Management Contract 953 be renewed for a further period of three (3) years in accordance with the contract, inclusive of any amendments, and on such terms and conditions as the Contractor and Council may agree within the provisions of this contract.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

10 Future items on the Agenda

Nil

11 Next meeting

28 April 2016, 9.30am

12 Meeting closed – 11.32am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____