



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 May 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:** Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Cath Ash  
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 Mclrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 6** **Chair’s Report** – Chair’s Report

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Sheridan

## 3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr McNeil, and the apology for lateness from Cr Harris be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of Order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change from that set out in the agenda.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/026**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 28 April 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

The Committee requested clarification on how the work completed by the Parks and Reserves Team in other activities was being tracked and how it would be displayed in future financial years. Mr McIrvine informed the Committee that the Team are currently completing work outside of their main activity that was not anticipated when the Team was created. In future financial years the work done outside of their main activity will be budgeted for.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/027**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-14-1**

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting of 16 May 2016 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 7 Financial results, July 2015 to April 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the major variances within Council's budgets.

The Committee discussed various parts of the report, including:

- The length of time it was taking to process Council's insurance claims (other than Rooding) from the June 2015 flood event.
- Overdue rates and the processes being undertaken to recover these rates.
- The anomalies within the budgets for the Environment and Regulatory activity, and why Council budgets to make a profit within this area.
- The addition of an explanation on the variances within the Strategic Perspective.
- The various reasons behind the lack of progress with capital expenditure. Mr McNeil informed the Committee that a report would be brought to a future meeting on the reasoning behind the lack of progress with completing some of Council's capital projects.
- The variances within the Non-Current Assets.

The Committee noted that the current investments were outside the parameters defined in the Investment Policy but accepted the reason for this situation.

The Committee requested that a comparison of rates recovery in 2015/16 with 2014/15 be provided to the July 2016 meeting.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/028**                      **File Ref**                      5-FR-4-1

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 30 April 2016' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

## 8 LGFA update

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the memorandum. He informed the Committee that there were no charges to Join LGFA and that there was no commitment to ever borrow while a member.

The process for joining LGFA would be for Council to make a formal resolution to join and then staff would make the approach to LGFA.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/029**                      **File Ref**                      5-FM-8-3

That the memorandum 'LGFA Update' to Finance/Performance Committee's meeting of 26 May 2016 be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Ash. Carried

## 9 Standardising lease arrangements for sports club and other community facilities on Council land

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee requested further work be done into how the original lease amounts were reached and on the potential for standardising the lease arrangements for all community facilities and sports clubs on Council land.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/030**                      **File Ref**                      6-CF-5-5

That the memorandum 'Standardising lease arrangements for sports club facilities on Council land' be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Harris. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/031**                      **File Ref**                      6-CF-5-5

That the Finance/Performance Committee agrees that the maximum rental charge for an organisation with facilities on Council and (or Council administered land) be \$1,500.00 (GST inclusive) with no additional charges being made for apportioned rates or Council services.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/032**                      **File Ref**                      6-CF-5-5

That a review be undertaken on charges for all property owned by sports clubs, and other community facilities, on Council land.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 10 Late items

Nil

## 11 Future items on the Agenda

Invite Quotable Value (QV) to a meeting to discuss the potential direction of the upcoming revaluation of properties within the Rangitikei District, prior to the start of their next revaluation process – The Chief Executive undertook to look at when the next scheduled revaluation process is to occur and negotiate an appropriate time for QV to address the Committee.

## **12 Next meeting**

30 June 2016, 9.30 am

Apologies to this meeting were made by Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Rainey.

### **13 Meeting closed – 10.42 am**

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_