



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 25 August 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 7** **Chair's Report** – Chair's Report  
**Item 9** **Comparison of current rates arrears (2015/16) with the same period in the five preceding years** – Presentation

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr McNeil read the Council Prayer

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for lateness from Cr Harris and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

The Committee briefly discussed whether there was a need for members to declare an interest in events that they sponsor. The Chief Executive suggested that due to the current election period, it may be a good idea for Elected Members to declare a personal interest in any of the applications.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

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

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to his report.

The Committee echoed the Chair's expression of gratitude to the Finance Team on a good year-end position and the provision of useful information throughout the year.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/038**                      **File Ref**                      3-CT-14-1

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee's meeting of 25 August 2015 be received

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason arrived 9.46am; Cr Harris arrived 9.47am

## **8 Draft 2015/16 Annual Report**

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the draft full-year accounts highlighting the comments provided within the report on various aspects of the year-end accounts.

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the full-year Statement of Service Performance.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/FPE/039**                      **File Ref**                      5-FR-1-1

That the draft 2015/16 Annual Report be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

## **10 & 11**

### **Huntermville Huntaway Festival**

Shane Ratima, Chair of the Huntermville Huntaway Festival, spoke briefly to the Committee providing a brief overview of the history of the Festival and the impact it has on the local community. The Committee asked Mr Ratima to confirm that the organisation is a non-profit.

Mr Ratima informed the Committee that the event is heavily reliant on funding and that the biggest income during the Festival was from the bar.

### **Marton Samoan Rugby**

Mr Vaa, Minister of the Samoan Methodist Church in Marton and representative of the Samoan Rugby Team, spoke briefly to the Committee providing further detail on how the Team was established. The Committee asked for clarification around the number of games the team plays per season, where they play and how long the season was. Mr Vaa informed the Committee that there was growing interest both from within the District (Bulls residents) and outside the District (teams in Hawkes Bay etc.).

Mr Vaa informed the Committee of the positive impact this team is having within the Community in bringing people together and promoting collaboration.

## 11 Consideration of Applications for the Event Sponsorship Scheme 2016/17 – Round One

The Committee discussed the merits of each application. A figure was decided for each application by each Committee member providing a figure they would be happy providing the applicant and an average was taken of these figures.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/FPE/040</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-11-3</b>
1	That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2016/17 – Round One be received.		
2	That the following Final Written Reports be received:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Marton – Rangitikei's Got Talent</li> <li>• Marton Country Music Festival – Country Music Festival 2016</li> <li>• Hunterville Huntaway Festival – Shemozzle 2015</li> <li>• Taihape Area Dressage Group – Dressage Taihape Championships</li> <li>• Rangitikei Shearing Sports – Rangitikei Shearing Sports 2016</li> <li>• Rangitikei Tourism – The Mudder</li> <li>• Taihape A&amp;P Association – Taihape A&amp;P Show 2016</li> <li>• Turakina Caledonian Society – 152<sup>nd</sup> Turakina Highland Games</li> </ul>		
3	That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Maru o Ruahine Trust – Ngati Hauti te ra o nga tamariki \$350</li> <li>• Taihape Area Dressage Group – Dressage Taihape X-Mas Championships \$1,800</li> <li>• Marton Country Music Festival – Country Music Festival 2017 \$2,600</li> <li>• Hunterville Huntaway Festival – Hunterville Huntaway Festival 2016/Shemozzle \$4,000</li> <li>• Rangitikei Shearing Sports – Rangitikei Shearing Sports 2016 \$2,700</li> <li>• Turakina Caledonian Society – 153<sup>rd</sup> Turakina Highland Games \$3,400</li> <li>• Taihape A&amp;P Association – Taihape A&amp;P Show \$2,000</li> <li>• Ruapehu REAP – 11th Annual Whanau Sports 2016 \$2,000</li> </ul>		

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

## 10 Consideration of Applications for the Community Initiatives Fund 2016/17 – Round One

The Committee discussed the merits of each application. A figure was decided for each application by each Committee member providing a figure they would be happy providing the applicant and an average was taken of these figures.

<b>16/FPE/041</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-8-3</b>
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**Resolved minute number**

- 1 That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2016/17 – Round One be received.
- 2 That the following Project Report Forms be received:
  - Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc.
  - Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
  - Alzheimer's Whanganui Inc.
- 3 That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants.
 

•	Marton Samoan Rugby Team	\$1,293.81
•	Bulls and District Community Trust	\$345
•	Koitiata Residents Committee	\$2,750
•	Te Maru o Ruahine Trust	\$850
•	Marton Community Garden	\$1,800
•	Alzheimer's Whanganui Inc.	\$650
•	Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc.	\$700
•	Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust	\$3,600

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 9 Comparison of current rates arrears (2015/16) with the same period in the five preceding years

Mr McIrvine narrated a presentation on the position of rates debtors over the past five years. It was suggested that the presentation be emailed to the Committee.

The Committee asked that their appreciation be expressed to Council's Rates Officer, Sheryl Bright, for the work she does in managing rates.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/FPE/042</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-RA-2-1</b>
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That the presentation 'Comparison of current rates arrears (2015/16) with the same period in the five preceding years' be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Sheridan left the meeting 12pm; Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 12.27pm

## 12 Late Items

Nil

### **13 Future Items for the Agenda**

His Worship the Mayor brought the impending Centenary celebrations at Ratana in 2018 to the attention of the Committee and suggested some thought should be put into what funding Council could provide to the event.

### **14 Next Meeting**

Thursday 29 September 2016 9.30am (this will be the Committee's last meeting for the Triennium)

### **15 Meeting Closed – 12.33pm**

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

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