



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 November 2017 – 9:30 AM

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**Present:** Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr David Wilson  
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  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents** **Item 6:** Chair's Report  
**Item 9:** Mortgagee Letters for the last four years

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Council Prayer

His Worship the Mayor read the Council Prayer

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Platt be received

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. 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.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change in the order of business.

It was noted that the speakers to the funding applications would speak when they arrived.

## 6 Chair's Report

The Chair's report was taken as read.

The Committee was updated on Nga Tawa's multi turf project with the latest indication that it will be installed in 2019. A refurbishment to the tennis court area is taking place in the short term. Fundraising for the project is still being undertaken with a note that Council's funding was on the condition of being the last funder.

Cr Wilson declared conflict of interest as being the Chair of Nga Tawa Board of Trustees.

The Committee discussed the possibility of giving Nga Tawa the money prior to the previous arrangement of being the last funder. The Committee agreed to hold funds until further discussions with the school.

**Resolved minute number**

**17/FPE/154**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-14-1**

That the Chair's Report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 November 2017 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/155**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 26 October 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 8 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the comments in the agenda.

## 9 Financial Highlights and Commentary – October 2017

Mr McIrvine noted that two bonds have matured with a return of \$1.0 million from Rabobank and \$1.5 million from the former Manukau City Council. \$5 million has been placed in a Term Investment with Westpac which is the investment limit for any one bank. Council is in discussion with Craigs investment Partners regarding further investment opportunities.

Staff are discussing a process of an adjustment in rate payment dates to level out fluctuations.

Further investigations are underway into the increased water usage from the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, resulting in higher electricity charges for Council. This issue will be a discussion item at the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme meeting next week, with a follow up report to the Finance/Performance Committee.

Quotable Value is scheduled to attend the Council meeting on 14 December updating elected members on the District's recent revaluations.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/156**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – October 2017 to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 November 2017 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Ash left at 10:32-10:33

## 10 Treasury Management Policy

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/157**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Treasury Management Policy including Liability Management and Investment Policies' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 November 2017 is received

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 11 Consideration of applications to the Community Initiatives Fund

*Rachel Carter addressed the committee for the Bulls Toy Library application*

Ms Carter introduced herself as the President of Bulls Toy Library stating that it reopened in July with a new dedicated committee, and has 27 families joined as members, the highest on record. The committee has placed priority on replacing toys with other fundraising activities including other grants, raffles, sausage sizzles and lollies jars.

The committee has not gathered statistics on the number of young children in the region. The Toy Library services families in the wider region that included Bulls and southern Rangitikei as well as Ohakea, Sanson, Halcombe and Kimbolton.

The Committee then discussed each application; the main points raised being as follows:

### Taihape Playcentre

Committee was supportive of this application. Discussion noted that the fund was for a capital purchase.

### Project Litefoot

The committee noted that the application was for a national organisation, which did not include support from any local club and did not state which local clubs would be approached by the organisation. One Committee member has seen in the project in place at local club and spoke to its benefit to clubs and to District.

### Marton Friendship Club

The Committee agreed that the Hall and its Committee provide a good service to the Marton community and the facility is well used with good support.

### Bulls Toy Library

The Committee discussed the application noting the facility is much more than a toy library: young families share their experiences and find support.

Marton School

The Committee commented on the merit of the activity for its cultural and heritage aspect; however concern was raised in regards to the capital asset purchases and the fundraising aspect of the application.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/FPE/158</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-8-3</b>
1	That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2017/2018 – Round Two be received.		
2	That the following Project Report Forms be received:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marton Samoan Rugby Team – Rugby Jerseys</li> <li>• Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc – Neighbourhood Support Rangitikei</li> </ul>		

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/FPE/159</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-8-3</b>
That the Finance/Performance Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taihape Playcentre</li> <li>• Project LiteFoot</li> <li>• Marton Friendship Club</li> <li>• Bulls Toy Library</li> <li>• Marton School</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2500</li> <li>\$900</li> <li>\$950</li> <li>\$1254</li> <li>\$650</li> </ul>

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/FPE/160</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-8-3</b>
That the Finance/Performance Committee agree that the unspent portion of the Community Initiatives Fund remains unspent.			

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey

## **12 Consideration of applications to the Event promotion Scheme**

*Jan Harris addressed the committee for the Bulls Christmas Parade application*

Ms Harris highlighted how the Bulls Christmas Parade brings rural and urban communities together with 500 people involved either coming to the parade or participating in a float. The Bulls community has had a lot of fundraising requests recently with large financial contributions to the Bulls Community Centre project. Further business fundraising has included the new Bull-Bag eco bags that saw \$7500 raised by local business.

Questions asked by the Committee noted that the photography quote was \$150 instead of \$300 and the bouncy castle was no longer planned and therefore not an expense to include.

The Committee then discussed each application; the main points raised being as follows:

#### Taihape Area Dressage

The Committee noted that this is a proactive group, which has invested time and energy into Council facilities for their sport. It was noted that the application is a repetitive requests for funding.

#### Bulls Christmas Parade

The Committee questioned whether the funding of the Bulls Christmas Parade was covered within the MoU agreement with the Bulls Community Development Trust, noting that approach had not been made to other potential funders. The Committee agreed that further consideration needs to be given to the ongoing funding of the District's Christmas Parades. Currently traffic management services are covered by Council.

#### Taihape A & P Show

The Committee noted there were new members of the A & P Committee who are committed to reinvigorate the event. Attendance numbers had been dwindling. The Committee favoured this event coinciding with Gumboot Day.

#### Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapahaka Competition

The Committee saw this was a special and one off event, but saw a need for wider conversation for a regional perspective and buy-in. While only a small number of people from Rangitikei were expected to attend, the event would provide high exposure for the District, with value from the number of people travelling through the District to attend.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/FPE/161</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-GF-11-3</b>
1	That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2017-2018 – Round Two be received.		
2	That the following Project Report Forms be received:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marton Jaycees – Marton Christmas Parade 2016</li> <li>• Shane Bird - Hunterville Bullride</li> <li>• Mangaweka Community Committee – Mangaweka French Twilight Dinner</li> </ul>		

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/162**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-11-3**

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

- Taihape Dressage Christmas Championships                      \$ 1900
- Annual Bulls Christmas Parade                      \$525
- Taihape A & P Show                      \$ 1000
- Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapahaka Competition                      \$ 5600

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

Motion

That the remaining funds for Events Sponsorship Scheme of \$825 be allocated to the Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapahaka Competition

Cr Peke-Mason. *Lapsed - No seconder*

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/163**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-11-3**

That the Finance/Performance Committee agree that the unspent portion of the Events Sponsorship Scheme remains unspent

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried  
Cr Peke-Mason against

Cr Peke-Mason left at 12:01-12:02

### **13 Update from Subdivision Group**

There was no verbal update.

### **14 Statement of Service Performance 1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017**

Mr Hodder spoke to the 3 month Statement of Performance noting that some information was not available in that timeframe. While there would be more detail in the six-month Statement, the residents' survey (typically done during April) would not be noted until the 9 month Statement of Performance.

Timeliness of responses to roading requests for service is less than desired.

The Committee raised with staff a recent incidence of the Council phones experiencing an outage during out-of-hour service times, understanding that service request breakdowns would be slightly skewed during such incidences.



The Committee discussed strategic analysis of future works programmes and reprioritising and reallocation of surplus funds into such areas.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/FPE/164**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Statement of Service Performance 1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **15 Late Items**

None

## **16 Future Items for the Agenda**

None

## **17 Next Meeting**

Thursday, 22 February 2018, 9.30 am

## **18 Meeting Closed**

12.11 pm.

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

Date: