

Rangitīkei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 29 March 2018 – 9:30 a.m.



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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr David Wilson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 7:** Chair's report

1 Welcome

The meeting commenced at 9:33 am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, with special acknowledgement of Mr Dahl.

2 Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Peke-Mason and for lateness from Cr Ash is received.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. 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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number	18/FPE/005	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 1 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to his tabled report highlighting the results of the tree harvest of Marton B and C Dam.

Further discussions are highlighted:

- Although residential properties have shown a value increase with the latest QV valuations, the commercial sector has a decrease in valuation due in part to the Building (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment Act.

- Turkington and Associates as the brokers and contractors of Council harvested trees are paid a percentage of the gross revenue. In addition they are commissioned to produce an annual audit report for Council.
- Hihitahi and Marton B and C Dams Forests have been signalled as possible pilot projects for reforestation, with potential for collaboration with Government through the Provincial Growth Fund.
- The Rata Block has had nothing replanted since its harvest, with neighbours potentially interested in purchase.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to investigate Council's resolution to engage with Bulls to sell Rata Block, and email bullet point update on the Block to Councillors.

Undertaking Subject

Mr McNeil to email the Committee members details of Turkington and Associates fees and charges.

Resolved minute number 18/FPE/006 File Ref 3-CT-14-1

That the Chair's Report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 29 March 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived at 9:39

8 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda

9 Financial Highlights and Commentary – February 2018

Mr Dahl spoke to the report. Points raised through discussions were:

- Priority work on Community Housing is being undertaken. Funding has been set aside in 2018/19 for major works pending the outcome on the Government's position regarding their funding contributions for community housing, due in April.
- Depreciation of assets is fed back into the relevant areas of budget.
- Assets given to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) by Council were initially acquired for a community purpose and under a good will arrangement are expected to remain servicing the district. The location of the equipment should not impede on that expectation; however, there is no way of monitoring.

Undertaking Subject

Mr McNeil to speak to FENZ regarding housing of equipment and servicing of district.

Resolved minute number 18/FPE/007 File Ref 5 FR-4-1

That the 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – February 2018' to the Finance/Performance Committee on 29 March 2018, be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Gordon left at 9:50-9:55 am.

Cr Aslett left at 10:06-10:15 am.

Cr Ash arrived at 10:09 am.

10 Half year Statement of Service report (July-December 2017)

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. Points raised through discussions were:

- Concern was raised over the high level of carry overs that occur every year.
- Community Housing carry overs were questioned when refurbishment work needs to be carried out.
- It was noted that although this report notes no fatal crashes and no serious crashes, the time period is different for which analysis is done on road network improvement requirements due to serious crashes.

Resolved minute number 18/FPE/008 File Ref 5-FR-1-2

That the half-year Statement of Service report (July-December 2017) be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Update from Subdivision Group

No verbal update was provided.

12 Late Items

None

13 Future Items for the Agenda

No new items were proposed.

14 Next Meeting

Thursday, 26 April 2018, 9.30 am

15 Meeting Closed

10:36 am.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: