



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 25 October 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

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

In attendance:
Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents
Item 8 Chair's report
Item 13 Riskpool memorandum

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.35am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Rainey read the Council Prayer.

3 Public forum

Nil.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the leave of absence of Cr Peke-Mason, Cr McManaway and Cr Ash be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

5 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.

6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed. No late items were proposed.

7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number **18/FPE/126** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-2**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 27 September 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

Resolved minute number **18/FPE/127** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the 'Chair's report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 October be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Chief Executive noted that an appointment to the position of Economic Development Advisor had been made.

10 Financial highlights and commentary – September 2018

In the absence of Mr Dahl, Mr McNeil took the report as read.

Points that were highlighted were:

- There were some anomalies with the way in which the information for this has been captured and reported:
 - '2019 Actual year to date rates by activity' (page 19): 30% budgeted for investment (compared with 4% actual year-to-date);
 - '2019 Budget FY rates by activity' (pages 21-28): Zero budgets showing for a number of activities
- Roading – clarification was needed on the year-to-date over-expenditure of \$242,000 (since only \$28,000 was attributed to 2017 emergency works)
- Budget Structure – With the appointment of a new Group Manager Finance & Business Support there is an opportunity to look at the overall budget structure.

Resolved minute number **18/FPE/128** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the report 'Financial highlights and commentary – September 2018' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 October 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

11 Playground upgrade budget for 2018/19

Mr McNeil took the report as read. The rating implications for capital expenditure were explained – the year after such expenditure occurred. Council could resolve to carry-forward

specific unspent capital commitments to the next financial year (meaning that the rating impact was also carried forward).

The Committee sought clarification about Council's commitment to the Nga Tawa turf project and discussed what information it needed on landlocked lands in the District.

Undertaking

To explain (to the next meeting) the treatment of Council's \$100,000 commitment to the Nga Tawa turf project

Undertaking

To ensure the Finance/Performance Committee is kept informed on developments over resolving land-locked lands (because of the implications this would have for Council's rates revenue).

Resolved minute number	18/FPE/129	File Ref	5-FR-4-1
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That the memorandum 'Playground upgrade budget for 2018/19' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 October 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

12 Quarterly property sales in the Rangitikei District, July – September 2018

Mr McNeil took the report as read.

The Committee discussed that the rural property sales have increased, although it has been noted in the report that there were some anomalies between the capital value and the sale price of a rural property.

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That the report 'Quarterly property sales in the Rangitikei District, July – September 2018' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 October 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

13 Riskpool – call on members

Mr McNeil took the memorandum as read.

Points highlighted were:

- Although Council withdrew from Riskpool on 11 June 2009 and has not paid annual membership fees since that time, it remained liable for calls relating to disputes up to that time.
- This situation represents a liability for Council. It needs to be reported in the risk register at the Audit/Risk committee meeting.
- The Chief Executive is seeking legal advice (in common with other MW LASS councils) who face similar calls.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to report on what Insurance arrangements the Rangitikei District Council currently has.

Resolved minute number 18/FPE/131 File Ref 5-FM-6-7

That the memorandum 'Riskpool – call on members, July 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 October 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

14 Update from subdivision working group

The Chief Executive discussed progress with Walton St and Johnson St, Bulls.

His Worship the Mayor reported on progress at Bredins Line, Marton.

Resolved minute number 18/FPE/132 File Ref

That the Chief Executive prepare a draft development agreement template for Council's consideration at its meeting on 29 November 2018.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

15 Late Items

There were no late items.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

17 Next Meeting

Thursday, 29 November 2018, 10.30 am

18 Meeting Closed

10.51am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: