



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 2 May 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Also Present: Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance & Business Support
Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Gioia Damosso, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Ruth Rainey read the council prayer.

3 Public forum

Nil.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Resolved minute number	19/FPE/010	File Ref
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That the apologies of Cr McManaway be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Wilson. Carried

5 Members' Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts declared at this point.

6 Confirmation of order of business

No late items.

7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number	19/FPE/011	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 28 March 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The report was taken as read. The chair commented on:

- The teething issues with the new Smartygrants system. However felt positive that would be able to be resolved easily.
- It is exciting to physically see the Bulls Community Centre getting traction. The Local Government Funding Agency loan application is underway.

- There has also been another sponsor, who has offered to insulate the bottom and top of the Walton St house for free, and install a CRV system for \$500.00

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/012** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the 'Chair's report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 2 May 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

9 Progress with strategic issues

The members noted the commentary in the agenda.

The chair commented:

- The value of the Placemaking fund has been communicated with the Community Boards and Committees.
- Exciting to have fibre available in Marton now.

10 Financial Highlights and Commentary – February 2019

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/013** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – March 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 2 May 2019 be received.

Ms Devine spoke to the reports. Highlights are as follows:

- Total revenue is below budget by \$107k year to date, due to a number of contributing factors across the board.
- Total rates revenue is above budget by \$329k
- Council continues to maintain a strong working capital position.
Rates debtors – we are currently undertaking some modelling work to improve this process.

Undertaking **Subject** **Term deposit options**

Mr Dahl to investigate and report back to the Committee regarding term deposit options for the next Finance/Performance Committee meeting.

11 Property sales report, January – March 2019

The report was taken as read.

Undertaking Subject Sale report format

Future sales reports are to break down the sales into towns, as well as urban and rural.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/014 File Ref 4-ED-1-5

That the property sales report, January-March 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Platt. Carried

12 Economic Development Project and Activity Report – March 2019

Gioia Damosso spoke to the report:

- A workshop has been held with elected members to discuss priorities for the Economic Development Strategy. A second workshop is to be held with Iwi partners.
- Have met with heritage homeowners and 'Take it easy Tours' to discuss tour packages within the Rangitikei.
- BA5 function to be held on 14 may.
- Feedback for local businesses is showing that rangitikei.com needs to be improved.

Cr Ash suggested we include cycle ways, and Cr Belsham suggested we include Golf tours as part of the tourism packages.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/015 File Ref 4-ED-5-1

That the report 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report – April 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 2 May 2019 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash. Carried

13 Consideration of applications to the Community Initiatives Fund

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/016 File Ref

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiatives Fund 2018/19 Round Two be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/017 File Ref

That the following Project Report Forms be received:

- Whanau Sports Day Committee

- Alzheimers Whanganui
- First Marton Scouts Group
- Bulls and Districts Historical Society Ltd
- Ratana Community Gym

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

Cr Ash declared a conflict of interest, as she has applied for funding via Project Marton.

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/018** **File Ref**

That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants.

- Destination Hunterville - declined
- Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc - \$900
- Whanganui Safe and Free Inc - declined
- Bulls and Districts Historical Society Inc - \$1,175
- Marton & District Historical Society - \$2,133
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki ki Mōkai Pātea - \$3,000
- Project Litefoot Trust - declined
- Marton Country Music Festival - \$2,125
- Project Marton Inc - \$1,833
- Rangitikei Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society - \$350

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson/ Cr Rainey

14 Consideration of applications to the Event Sponsorship Scheme

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/019** **File Ref**

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2018-2019 – Round Two' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/020** **File Ref**

That the following Project report forms be received:

- Project Marton – Marton Christmas Parade
- Hunterville Huntaway Festival – Shemozzle
- Bulls Junior Rugby Club – Bulls Junior Rugby 10-a-side Tournament

Cr Wilson / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/021** **File Ref**

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

- Marton Golf Club - \$1,591
- Sport Whanganui - \$2,024
- South Makirikiri School - \$1,173
- Bulls Junior Rugby Club - \$519
- Taihape Community Development Trust - \$1,337
- Marton Music Society - \$369
- St Andrews Presbyterian Church Marton - \$774
- Project Marton Inc - \$1,549

Cr Rainey / Cr Wilson. Carried

15 Late Items

Nil.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

Smartygrants debrief and return on investment discussion.

17 Next Meeting

30 May 2019, 9.30 am.

18 Meeting Closed

11.19am.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: