

Rangitīkei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday 27 June 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)

Cr Lynne Sheridan

Cr Cath Ash Cr Graeme Platt Cr Ruth Rainey Cr David Wilson

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance & Business Support

Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure

Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Ms Gioia Damosso, Economic Development Ms Bonnie Clayton Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents Item 7 Chairs report

Item 10 Bulls Community Centre - Costs to 31 May 2019

Item 11 Economic Snap Shot 2018-2019

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10.33am.

2 Council Prayer

Nil

3 Public forum

Nil

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for Cr McManaway be received.

His Worship the Mayor / 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 conflicts declared.

6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/032 File Ref

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Wilson / Cr Ash. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/033 File Ref 3-CT-14-1

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that with the signing of Ngati Rangi settlement coming up, Rangitikei District Council has reiterated its interest in resolving landlocked Maori land. He was waiting for a response from the Crown.

10 Financial Highlights and Commentary – May 2019

The memorandum was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the Activity Performance Report and noted a zero rates revenue from Community Housing.

Undertaking Subject

Ms Devine to reissue page 8 of 25 of the Activity Performance Report.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/034 File Ref 5-FR-4-1

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – May 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Question raised at previous meeting

Rates rebate policy

The fact sheet was taken as read.

Vehicle Policy

A revised policy on replacing council vehicles is being developed.

Disaster Relief Funds

The only reserve fund council currently maintains is the flood damage reserve.

Costs to date for the new Bulls Community Centre

The tabled report was taken as read.

The Committee noted that the report is a snapshot from the 2018/19 year. A larger report will come post 30 June 2019 which will reflect the entire process (i.e. budget and estimated costs).

12 Economic Development Project and Activity Report May/June 2019

The report was taken as read. Ms Damosso spoke to the report:

- Business Visited Te Pae Tata in Ohakune a learning / digital / innovation / business hub for Ruapehu. The visit was to look at how a similar model a centralised business network would work in the Rangitikei. The Provincial Growth Fund has offered \$400,000 to 3 regions to fund their Digital / Business Centres, Rangitikei will be applying for this funding and will also link with Iwi.
- Hemp Info Day Hemp Info Day is to be held on the 30 July 2019 from 2pm 5pm, with three speakers confirmed. There is a lot of interest from the public. The day is open to all who may have an interest in the future of hemp.
- Whanganui Rangitikei Skills and Talent The tertiary and industry lead initiative has had its first meeting. These are every 6 weeks, with Rangitikei representatives Speirs, Gallaghers and Alf Downs have been asked to attend the second meeting scheduled for 28 July at Te Poho Tuariki.
- Promotion The filming at Rakatepauma Marae has been completed, this was the final section needed to complete the film. The first edit is a work in progress and we will be working alongside the Communications team once it is finalised.

Resolved minute number

19/FPE/035

File Ref

4-ED-1-NGHS

That the 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report May/June 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left 11.41 am – 11.42 am.

13 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

14 Future Items for the Agenda

Grant funding and utilisation of the website*

Rural Water*i

15	Next Meeting	
	25 July 2019, 9.30 am.	
16	Meeting Closed	
	11.45 am	
Confirmed/Chair:		
Date:		

^{*} First raised 30 May 2019