



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 25 July 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr David Wilson

Also Present: Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance & Business Support
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Gioia Damosso, Economic Development
Ms Bonnie Clayton Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents	Item 8	Chair's Report
	Item 11	Property Sales Report
	Item 12	Bulls Community Centre Financial Update
	Item 14	Economic Development Strategy - Draft

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9.31 am.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer.

3 Public forum

Nil

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for His Worship the Mayor who is away on Council business and Cr McManaway be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Wilson. 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/036	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 27 June 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/037** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 25 July 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

10 Financial Highlights and Commentary – June 2019

The provisional results were taken as read.

Ms Devine noted that June results will be audited in August, with results in September and to be available in October.

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/038** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – June 2019' to the 25 July 2019 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Property sales report, April – June 2019

The tabled report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the new layout of the report which was converted into a visual graph rather than a written report. The Committee requested to continue receiving the new format.

Resolved minute number **19/FPE/039** **File Ref** **4-ED-1-5**

That the property sales report, April - June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

12 Questions raised at previous meeting

Costs to date for the new Bulls Community Centre

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled report:

- Report shows a total cost of the project to 30 June 2019, most of the costings are due to come to an end and others to continue such as W & W Construction.

- The costing includes land costs, town square, car park and bus shelters.
- The report does not cover incoming funds such as grants, land sales, individual contributions, or outgoing costs such as Council staff, those contracted to Council and the amount which is forecasted to be spent up until the project is completed.
- Will provide a report with cash flow incoming and outgoing costs for the entire project.
- Still tracking to have the project completed by the end of December 2019.

The Committee agreed that they wish to have a monthly update on the development of the Bulls Community Centre.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Dunn arrived 10.03 am.

13 Economic Development Project and Activity Report July 2019

The report was taken as read. Ms Damosso briefly highlighted the Committee:

- Promotional: The 1st edit of the Promotional Video was presented to the Committee, in response to feedback Ms Damosso will be meeting with Kylie Stewart from Rangitikei Farmstay to take some footage of their Agri Tourism. This will be the final piece of filming to be added to the Promotional Video.
- Business: The proposal to the Provincial Growth Fund for the Regional Digital Hub was declined. Meetings are to be had with Te Puni Kokiri and Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa to discuss other funding opportunities.
- Hemp Info Day: There has been articles both the Whanganui Chronicle and District Monitor advertising the Hemp Info day. 80 people have RSVP'd to date, along with 4 or 5 Hemp growers from the Whanganui / Rangitikei Districts. There are plans to host another Hemp Info Day.
- Arts and Placemaking: Discussions have been had about the possibility of forming an arts/placemaking steering group to coordinate and provide oversight to community art and place making activities. Further considerations have been made around stocktaking current art and possible opportunities for public art in the district. Statistics show that more people travel to a district for Art, over Casinos, Sports events and Wineries.

Resolved minute number

19/FPE/040

File Ref

4-ED-1-NGHS

That the 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report July 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 25 July 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived 10.19 am.

14 Economic Development Strategy

Mr McNeil spoke to the presentation:

The draft document A Thriving District – Our Plan for Growing the Rangitikei, was presented to the Committee. Mr McNeil explained that targets and measures are missing from the document as these details have not yet been worked out. It is to be determined what role our stakeholders will play and that Council is only one part of the bigger engine. The plan is to use the document as a terms of reference for Economic Development in the Rangitikei District. The final document will be presented to the next Committee meeting in August.

Any feedback is to be sent to Ms Damosso within the week.

15 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

Grant funding and utilisation of the website* (November)

17 Next Meeting

29 August 2019, 10.30 am.

18 Meeting Closed

10.48 am.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: