



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 17 December 2020 – 9.30am

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Angus Gordon
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Kathryn McDonald, Accountant
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Janine Simpson, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30am.

2 Public Forum

No public forum.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for lateness of Councillor Ash be received. Apologies were received from Cr Hiroa and Cr Wilson.

Cr Panapa/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/38**

That the 'Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee' meeting held on 26 November 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Carter/Cr Dalgety. Carried

7 Chair's Report

Councillor Belsham took the Chair's report as read and took the opportunity to thank Mr Tombs and his team's work on the Long Term Plan, along with the information on re-valuations across the district acknowledging there is a huge amount of work going into these processes.

Cr Gordon arrived at 9.46 am.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/39**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the 17 December 2020 Finance/Performance Committee be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

8 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Mr Tombs advised that the timeframes noted for completing the three follow up actions from the previous meeting (reports on Council's Forestry Holdings, Depreciation and Revaluation) would need to be extended until March.

Mr Beggs thanked Cr Belsham for his acknowledgement of the work being done, saying there is a lot of hard work going on and taking into consideration the Long Term Plan work, he supported the delay in producing the reports. There is also demand on Mr Tomb's time with the 3 Waters issue.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/40**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 17 December 2020 Finance/Performance Committee Meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Carter. Carried

9 Financial Snapshot – November 2020

Mr Tombs spoke to his report showing the comparison between the previous Financial Report and the new Activity Performance Reports. The new format provides a greater level of information and was considered an improvement to the current format.

It was noted that the phasing of several capital budgets does not reflect the fact that most of the related work is conducted in the January to June period.

Mr Beggs advised in regards the Putorino Landfill, the estimate does not appear to cover all the costs.

Ms Mcilroy has uncovered a fund within MBIE for the remediation of landfill, she has sent through an application which was declined. She responded by querying the decision and was given some information that she has used in a new application which has now been resubmitted (with the approval of MBIE).

There was general discussion around the different accounting treatment of capital versus operating expenditure and the naming of some of the capital projects.

Cr Ash arrived at 10.19 am

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/41** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Financial Snapshot - November 2020' to the 17 December 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Gordon. Carried

That the Committee appreciates the explanation around the differences between the Capital Expenditure and Operational Expenses that has been given by Mr Tombs, and the Committee endorse the approach and note that it fits within standard accountancy policy.

HWTM/Cr Panapa. Carried

Recommendation to amend bullet point 3 on item 10 to read Marton Memorial Hall Playground Toilet.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Outcome of Grant Applicants - Event Sponsorship and Community Initiatives 2020/21 Round One

A query was raised in the Chair's report dated 19 November 2020 in regards the Grants Funding decision making process and the significant amount of work required to administer it. The Chair wanted an understanding of the process and was it achieving the outcomes desired.

Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend to Council that the Finance / Performance Committee make decisions on the community grants process.

It was agreed that Smarty Grants should remain as it is a valuable tool. From an administrator's point of view, Smarty Grants has made it a lot easier to manage, particularly due to the tight time frames that are involved. It has also reduced the number of late applications that have been received.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/42** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Outcome of Grant Applicants - Event Sponsorship and Community Initiatives 2020/21 Round 1' to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting 17 December 2020 meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Carter. Carried

Recommend to Council that decisions around the community grants process be put under the control of the Finance / Performance Committee as from July 2021.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

11 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

12 Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

13 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 10.46am.