



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting
Thursday, 25 March 2021

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**MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 46 HIGH STREET, MARTON
ON THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021 AT 10.30 AM**

Chair: Cr Nigel Belsham

Deputy Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Membership: Cr Cath Ash
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Dave Wilson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

Cr Belsham opened the meeting at 10.39 am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/001

That the apologies from Cr Gordon and Cr Hiroa be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Ash. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10.45 am and re-convened at 11.28 am.

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting,

- Fees and charges

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/002

That the minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2021 (with amendment: Cr Wilson was in fact present during the meeting) be confirmed.

Cr Wilson/Cr Ash. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's report was tabled in the meeting.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/003

That the Chair's report be received.

Cr Wilson/HWTM. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Financial Snapshot - February 2021

His Worship the Mayor noted that several capital works not completed this year are rated for next year. Effectively Council is rating for some work that is not yet done. Where possible, Council will do carry overs early enough that they can be incorporated in our budgets.

Mr Tombs suggested that Council's rating will remain the same until Council moves into a surplus position.

The Committee asked for its concerns to be noted, around the amount of projected carry forwards.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/004

That the report 'Financial Snapshot – February 2021' to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Carter. Carried

8.2 Quarterly Property Sales

The committee confirmed that they would like to see this report in future meeting agendas.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/005

That the report on Quarterly Property Sales be received.

HWTM/Cr Dalgety. Carried

8.3 QV Monthly Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/006

That the QV Monthly Report be received.

HWTM/Cr Dalgety. Carried

8.4 Bad Debt Summary

Cr Belsham asked staff to include this report in meeting agendas on a six monthly cycle.

His Worship the Mayor advised that these reports can paint a picture that is misleading. Many of these payments are late but do end up coming in (with penalties). They are not hard core debt.

Mr Tombs clarified that the debts in this report have been allocated to a third party.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/007

That the report on Summary of Bad Debts be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Panapa. Carried

8.5 Follow-up Actions from Previous Meeting

Mr Tombs advised that the rates remission follow-up will have to be extended out. He clarified that Council has to depreciate assets on an annual basis.

His Worship the Mayor offered some clarification around depreciation. If the Council chooses not to fund the depreciation of a particular asset, this lets the community know that in the future any replacement will need alternative funding. Depreciation is separate from regular maintenance costs.

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/008

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

9 Late Item - Fees and charges

Mr Beggs advised that the directive behind this item is how Council can make operational savings. Other Councils charge for more services than RDC. Mr Beggs suggested that when Council staff are directed to commit time to a request from the member of the public, that we provide an initial period of time for free, and then charge for any time beyond this period (similar to the process for official information requests).

Resolved minute number 21/FPE/009

That the late item "Fees and charges" be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Carter. Carried

10 Meeting Closed

Cr Belsham closed the meeting at 12.17 pm.