

# MINUTES

## FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 30 June 2022

**Time:** 9.00 am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Cath Ash [*via Zoom*]
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Tracey Hiroa
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Gill Duncan [*via Zoom*]
- HWTM Andy Watson [*via Zoom*]

**In attendance**

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
- Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture
- Mr Sam Zhang, Manager – Financial Services
- Ms Hilary Walker, Management and System Accountant
- Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor
- Ms Laurel Mauchline Campbell – Grants Assessor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 9.00 am. Cr Belsham read the Council prayer.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/061**

That the apology for Cr Dalgety, and apologies for lateness from Cr Hiroa, Cr Duncan, and Cr Gordon, be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest, prior to the meeting, in relation to item 9.1; specifically the application from Kiwiburn.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/062**

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2022, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Ash. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/063**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/064**

That the tabled Chair's Report – June 2022 be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Events Sponsorship Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round 3 of 2021/22

#### Turakina Caledonian Society Inc.

The Committee agreed to support this event, noting that it was long-standing and had high recognition within the district.

#### Asia-Pacific Global Foundation

The Committee did not support funding this event.

#### Arohanui Hospice Foundation

There were mixed views from Committee members on this application. While all agreed that the hospice is a great service, several members commented on the cost of the tickets and the profitable outcome of the event (assuming full attendance). However, the Committee agreed to support it.

#### Kiwiburn

The Committee did not feel that this scheme was the right way to fund the event, although it was noted that the organisation has been in contact with staff and have been advised of alternative funding mechanisms (such as an application to the Chief Executive to waive consenting fees).

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/065**

That the report 'Events Sponsorship Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round 3 of 2021/22' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/066**

That the Finance/Performance Committee approve sponsorship to the applicants listed below:

- Turakina Caledonian Society Inc: \$6,900
- Arohanui Hospice Foundation: \$4,600

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/067**

That the remaining funds of the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2021/22 (totalling **\$28,455**), be allowed to expire.

Cr C Ash/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Financial Snapshot - May 2022

Mr Tombs noted that roughly \$1m under the subsidised roading maintenance programme will be carried forward to 2022/23. This is unusual as it is an operating budget (not capital expenditure). He also advised that \$950k has been spent, year to date, in relation to emergency works, but the funding is yet to be received from Waka Kotahi.

The Committee noted its concern with the delays in the availability of Council's regular contractor to complete emergency works.

In response to a query about staff's timeline for the expenditure on these emergency works prior to funding from Waka Kotahi, Mr Tombs advised that he is unable to provide this advice at this stage. He will look into this and email advice to Committee members.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/068**

That the report 'Financial Snapshot – May 2022' be received.

Cr C Ash/Cr A Gordon. Carried

### 10.2 Treasury and Debt - May 2022

The Committee discussed the potential impact of the Three Waters reform on Council's debt position and borrowing capacity. Mr Tombs advised that the removal of Council's water assets will not affect liquidity ratios with the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) under the current rules,

but that this issue is widespread. He believes that LGFA will need to address how they determine their funding ratios after the new water entities assume control of Council's assets.

Committee members noted that it would be important to gain an understanding of Council's likely debt position after the transfer of water assets in 2024.

In response to a query, the Mayor noted that Council's "ownership" of water assets after the transfer to the new water entity is a technical concept, relating to Council's role as a shareholder. The financial control of the assets and their related debts will sit with the new entity.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/069**

That the report 'Treasury and Debt - May 2022' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr B Carter. Carried

**10.3 QV Monthly Report - May 2022**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/070**

That the QV Monthly Report – May 2022 be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**10.4 HappyOrNot Report - May 2022**

Mrs Gordon advised that the Feedback Forms are now live, but have not been communicated out to the public as staff are still organising the placement of QR codes within the district. Staff will discuss the reporting of this information with elected members at a future workshop.

**Resolved minute number 22/FPE/071**

That the HappyOrNot Report – May 2022 be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 10.08 am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 25 August 2022.**

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**Chairperson**