

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Fi Dalgety (Chair)
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- HWTM Andy Watson

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 of Community Services
- Ms Hilary Walker, Management and Systems Accountant
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/001

Apologies be received from Cr Calkin.

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No declarations were made.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/002

That the late item “Financial Support – Cyclone Gabrielle” be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Finance / Performance meeting on 22 February 2023. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as payment to areas affected by the cyclone may be required prior to the next Finance/Performance meeting. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that discussions on financial contributions to those areas affected by the recent cyclone were held by the Regions Mayors after the agenda had been sent out.

HWTM A Watson/Cr B Carter. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Item 9.6 Proposed Changes to the 2022/23 Rooding Budget, that a full stop be added in between ‘There is a new rooding contract to be negotiated next year, there is a need to work with the contractor to make sure they have staff resource for backlog.’ This is to separate out these two conversations.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/003

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2022 **as amended** 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.

HWTM A Watson/Cr B Carter. 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 23/FPE/004

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr J F Wong. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2023

Cr Fi Dalgety welcomed everyone to a new year for the committee and read highlights from her report.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/005

That the Chair's Report – February 2023 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9.0 Financial Support Cyclone Gabrielle

It was noted the \$20,000 would come out of Councils operating expenses for the 2022/23 financial year.

Mr Beggs noted that Rangitikei Council has supported Council's affected by the Cyclone with staff from this Council. These roles were Council's emergency management officer deployed to the Hawkes Bay, with Council's GIS specialist. In addition Mrs Grant was deployed to be a controller for the Central Hawkes Bay District Council.

HWTM noted the Rangitikei community has been showing support by individually donating to funds or directly supporting the affected areas. It is also intended to set up a RDC Mayoral Relief fund for donations.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/006

That the report Financial Support – Cyclone Gabrielle, be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/007

That the Finance / Performance Committee recommend to Council that \$ 20,000 to be paid into the Mayoral Relief Fund, to be used to support areas affected by the recent Cyclone.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Financial Snapshot - January 2023

It was noted there were accounts for the Marton Memorial Hall that have not been finalised. The project management team will provide a close out report for this project.

Mr Tombs responded to questions from the committee regarding the rates remission policy for new build properties. The purpose of the policy was to incentivise housing stock in the district and there has been a strong uptake in the southern part of the district. The policy was amended on 1 July this financial year and reflects this by removing the incentives for the southern area of the district but not the northern.

Mr Beggs commented on the three water assets. Council is currently going through a process with DIA and a meeting is scheduled with DIA on 01 March regarding this.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/008

That the report 'Financial Snapshot – January 2023' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

9.2 Treasury and Debt - January 2023

Mr Tombs clarified that net debt will go up and down with as our bank balance fluctuates due to the large receipts and/or payments.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/009

That the report 'Treasury and Debt – January 2023' be received, noting the justification in S2.2 for Council having a Current Account Bank Balance higher than that recommended in Council's Treasury Management Policy.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.3 Future Treasury Position

Mr Tombs took the Committee through this report and stated the summary of our debt figure will be important for the meeting on 01 March.

The Committee raised concerns that the DIA and Council may have different perspectives on debt levels. Mr Tombs responded that the DIA need to establish absolute debt payments as part of a definite position as to what they will pay.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/010

That the report Future Treasury Position be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9.4 Annual Report 21/22 Progress Update

Mr Tombs advised the draft Annual Report 21/22 should be able to be adopted in March.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/011

That the report 'Annual Report 2021/22 Progress Update' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.5 LGFA - General Information

Previous committees have requested this information which is provided every six months.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/012

That the report 'LGFA - General Information' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.6 QV Report

This is a report that was previously requested by the committee.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/013

That the QV Report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

9.7 Public Feedback to Council - February 2023

Mrs Gordon responded to questions relating to a drop in positive feedback for Te Matapihi stating that this is a trend that happens every school holidays.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/014

That the Public Feedback to Council Report – February 2023 be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.51am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 30 March 2023.

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Chairperson