

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 27 April 2023

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Simon Loudon (*Zoom*)
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jarrod Calkin

In attendance

- 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 Joanne Manuel, Manager Community Development
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Wong opened the meeting at 9.30am and Cr Calkin read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/029

Apologies received from HWTM and Cr Dalgety.

Cr J F Wong/Cr G Maughan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No declarations where made.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/030

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2023 **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 J Calkin/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - April 2023

As the meeting was being Chaired by Cr Wong (Deputy Chair) no Chair's report was provided.

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2022/23

It was requested that staff provide feedback to the applicants.

Door of Hope Charitable Trust

There were concerns that this application was for a salary for an administration role and therefore not in the spirit of the application.

There was support for the initiative as there is a need in the community.

Taihape Community Development Trust (Hobby Hut)

HWTM assessment figure showed \$100 and the committee changed to \$1,000 believing this was in error.

Marton and District Historical Society

HWTM had declared an interest in this application as he is on the committee however the committee decided that since he has no pecuniary interest his comments can stand.

The Koha Shed Taihape

A private bank account number was used in this application. The quotes for the shelving were expensive and therefore what they were addressing is excessive.

It was agreed that staff would set up a purchase order to pay an invoice rather than pay directly to the bank account.

NZ Council of Victim Support Groups Inc - Rangitikei/Whanganui

Concern was expressed with this application, being based in Whanganui and whether this funding would be spent in the Rangitikei or support the Rangitikei district.

Taihape Community Development Trust (Housing Steering Group Administrator)

This Trust advocates for other smaller groups this is why they have two applications in this funding round. The applications are being made on behalf of two different groups not for the trust themselves.

Marton Development Group

Clarity on the limit of the fund allocation for each application. Members are able to increase amount allocated if funds are available.

The Marton Development Group was asked to apply for the community initiatives fund rather than through council.

The committee requested to relook at applications that were highly recommended as there was a substantial amount of funds remaining.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/031

That the report 'Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2022/23' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/032

The committee noted the Taihape Community Development Trust applications are on behalf of two separate groups, subject to receiving acquittal form.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/033

That the community initiatives fund be distributed:

- Marton & Districts Budget Service-\$2,000
- Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc-\$1,110
- Rangitikei Toy Library -\$1,390
- Door of Hope Charitable Trust- \$1,000
- Marton Food Pantry- \$2,000
- Taihape Community Development Trust (Hobby Hut)- \$2,500
- Marton and District Historical Society- \$2,500
- Taihape Musicians Club- \$2,500
- The Koha Shed Taihape- \$930
- NZ Council of Victim Support Groups Inc- Rangitikei/Whanganui- \$1,220
- Taihape Community Development Trust (Housing Steering Group Administrator)- \$790
- Scotts Ferry Beach Community-\$2,500
- Marton Development Group- \$3,765

Cr J Calkin/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/034

That, regarding the funding for the application for the Koha Shed the Committee advised a purchase order arrangement will be set up to allow related expenditure of up to \$930 to be paid direct to suppliers via Council finance system (ensuring compliance with GST considerations)

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Events Sponsorship Scheme - Project Report Form

This item was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/035

That the Events Sponsorship Scheme – Project Report Form be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Calkin. Carried

9.2 Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms

This item was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/036

That the Community Initiatives Fund – Project Report Forms be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.3 Financial Snapshot - March 2023

Mr Tombs introduced the report, noting three key points:

- Overall, at a high level, the Year To Date operational situation is similar to that shown in previous months.
- The recent decision to write off the Bulls Historical Society loan will result in an unbudgeted expense.
- The roading team are currently assessing a change to the budgets relating to their work program and that a report is expected to be presented at an upcoming Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/037

That the report ‘Financial Snapshot – March 2023’ be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.4 QV Report

Mr Tombs advised the next valuation is in 15 months’ time, which is the year after adoption of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. Mr Tombs will circulate the exact date to the committee.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/038

That the QV Report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.5 Treasury and Debt - 2022/23

Mr Tombs spoke to his report noting that more information on three waters reforms and its impact on the next long term plan will continue to be provided.

It was requested that the tracking of liquidity ratios be provided to the committee in the next report.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/039

That the report ‘Treasury and Debt – March 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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.6 Proposed Reforms - Future Financial Impacts

Councillors and officers discussed the anticipated timing, and implications, of debt repayments associated with the reforms.

If Council wanted earlier repayment for three waters debt this would be a decision of council.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/040

That the Proposed Reforms - Future Financial Impacts report be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Calkin. Carried

9.7 Statement of Service Performance: July - December 2022

Ms Etheridge presented the six month report. The committee asked questions regarding roading and the expectation of achievement. These questions will go back to the roading team for a response.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/041

That the report "Statement of Service Performance July - December 2022" be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.8 Public Feedback / Performance Report - April 2023

Mrs Gordon took the committee through the report noting that this would now be a joint report with herself and Ms Prince as a number of the happy or not and QR codes sit in across both areas of Council.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/042

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – April 2023 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 11.05am

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/043

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1 Finance/Performance Committee Meeting - 30 March 2023

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of

the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
10.1 - Finance/Performance Committee Meeting - 30 March 2023	[enter text]	S48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Calkin. Carried

11 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 11.06am

Resolved minute number **23/FPE/044**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

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Cr G Maughan/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.06am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 24 May 2023.

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Chairperson