

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 31 August 2023

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jarrod Calkin
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager- Corporate Services
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
- Mrs Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community Services
- Ms Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
- Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager- Community Wellbeing
- Ms Kym Skerman, Manager- Events and Venue
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 9.31am and Cr Wong read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/060

Apologies received from Leanne Hiroiti.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/061

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 29 June 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 B Carter. Carried

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

His Worship the Mayor arrived at 8.35am.

Item 1

Councillors requested that staff update the action to in progress until the problem is resolved.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/062

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J F Wong. Carried

7 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2023

There was no update.

Recommendation

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

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Events Sponsorship Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2023/24

Councillors highlighted that there has been a decrease from \$50,000 to \$25,000 as per the annual plan as a cost savings and councillors need to be mindful making their decisions on funding.

It was requested that the table in the order paper is sent to councillors when assessments open.

Huntermville Huntaway Festival

Cr Calkin declared a conflict of interest for this application as he is a sponsor of the event. His Worship the Mayor noted that he would have a conflict of interest for every event if this was the case.

Rangitikei Business Awards

Staff responded to comments that there is not an operational budget for events to support this event.

Staff responded to questions that logo and branding for council is always promoted through events council supports.

Marton Country Festival

His Worship the Mayor noted that there has been a change of ownership of this event.

Council does support the event through other ways such as cleaning the toilets and extra effort on our park space.

Turakina Caledonian Society Inc

That staff pass on comments that they include a full financial balance sheet as part of the application.

Marton Arts & Crafts Centre

That staff refer them to Creative Communities as part of the feedback for the application.

Doors Open Marton

There was a concern if this is not funded in total the event would not be held.

Staff to provide feedback that next year council expect to not see a private account.

Rangitikei Shearing Sports

There were concerns for funding the Taihape Shearing Sports and highlights the need to have funding remaining after round one.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/063

That the report 'Events Sponsorship Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2023/24' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/064

That the Finance/Performance Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants:

- Hunterville Huntaway Festival - \$2,750
- Rangitikei Business Awards-\$1,590
- Marton Country Festival - \$2,630
- Turakina Caledonia Society Inc-\$2,750
- Bulls & District Community Trust-\$1,290
- Marton Arts & Crafts Centre-\$980
- Doors Open Marton-\$880
- Mangaweka Heritage Incorporated- \$1,630
- All Points Camping Club of NZ-\$1,470
- Rangitikei Shearing Sports-\$2,500

Totalling 18,470.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.2 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2023/24

Sport Whanganui

Staff responded to questions that council do not have a contract with Sport Whanganui, but staff do support events as a stakeholder.

His Worship the Mayor noted they receive national funding to support services in the district.

Rangitikei District Council- Poppy Places Project

Staff responded to questions that there is no operational budget for this project.

Rotary Club of Marton

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest as he is the project lead. His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest.

Consent fees were waived previously from council for this project.

All Schools Reunion Taihape

Cr Wong declared a conflict of interest.

Councillors were concerned regarding the personal bank account and staff to provide feedback on this.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/065

That the report 'Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2023/24' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/066

That the Finance/Performance Committee approve the sponsorship of projects listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants:

- Taihape Neighbourhood Support-\$1,220
- Sport Whanganui- \$2,360
- Rangitikei District Council Poppy Places Project-\$1,930
- Rotary Club of Marton-\$2,700
- All Schools Reunion Taihape -\$2,600
- Epilepsy Association of New Zealand- \$600
- Bulls Toy Incorporated-\$2,320

Totally \$13,730

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Events Sponsorship Scheme - Project Report Form

The assessment reports be edited for spelling errors.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/067

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.2 Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/068

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

Meeting adjourned 10.29am and reconvened at 10.36am.

10.3 Financial Snapshot - June 2023

Mr Tombs responded to questions regarding the financial implications of the Emergency Works and explained how showing these as operating expenses has impacted Council's reported Financial Performance - they are unbudgeted operating expenditure, offset partially by unbudgeted external grants. However, the Emergency Works have resulted in some capital works not being completed which has resulted in some budgeted capital grant income not being received. Budgeted grant income associated with the Marton Rail Hub that has not been received has also resulted in an adverse budget position for 2022/23.

Mr Ross undertook the action that staff check individual properties not being added to the council rating database.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/069

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.4 Treasury and Debt - 2023/24

Mr Tombs advised that borrowings are increased in line with the Treasury Management Policy, the Long-Term Plan, and cash flow requirements. Generally, debt will increase as new growth assets (that have no grant funding) are paid for.

Mr Tombs and Mr Jones will provide a Finance 101 workshop at a later date.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/070

That the report 'Treasury and Debt – 2023/24' 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 J Calkin. Carried

10.5 QV Report

Mr Tombs will clarify the cost of the property sales report and whether this can start coming back to councillors.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/071

That the QV Report be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.6 LGFA - General Information

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/072

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Calkin. Carried

10.7 Statement of Service Performance 2022/2023

There have been significant IT changes to bring the report in a more timely manner.

Mrs Gordon responded to questions that the levels of reporting can change as part of the Long-Term Plan. There are some that are mandatory, such as water, but others that council has discretion over.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/073

That the report "Statement of Service Performance 2022/23" be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.8 Public Feedback / Performance Report - July 2023

Staff noted that majority of negative comments were alerting to an issue.

Resolved minute number 23/FPE/074

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

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.39am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 28 September 2023.

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Chairperson