

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

In attendance

- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr Doug Law, Group Manager-Corporate Services
- Ms Kym Skerman, Manager- Events and Venues
- Ms Lorraine Bergen, Financial Services
- Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Mr Shane Ratima, Public Forum (Zoom)
- Ms Erin Wirihana, Public Forum (Zoom)

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1 Welcome / Prayer

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

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/063

Apologies received from Leanne Hiroti, and His Worship the Mayor for lateness.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

His Worship the Mayor arrived during this item at 9.35am.

Public forum- 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt – Hunterville

Shane Ratima and Erin Wirihana joined via zoom.

Mr Ratima spoke of the high costs associated with the event such as the application fee and the flying out of the judges. Ms Wirihana spoke of the benefits of the event and how the event will promote the district and Hunterville, especially as a place for working.

It was noted that Council could support in other ways such as rubbish and waste and the use of the comms team to promote the event.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/064

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 29 August 2024 **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 F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

Item 3-Smartygrants

The alternative to smarty grants for an in-house system will not be happening in the next twelve months due to the complexities of this.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/065

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - September 2024

The Chair read her tabled report.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/066

That the Chair's Report –September 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Events Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round One for 2024/25

The committee were concerned about the funds available in the round and the spread across the two rounds.

Manawatu Wanganui Golf Association

There were concerns that the group was profiting from the event and therefore did not require council funding.

3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville

Councillors noted that at public forum that there was the possibility that the group's costs may be higher than flagged in their budget.

Bulls and District Community Trust

Councillors noted that there are no other sources of funding shown in their budget. It was highlighted that there is a MOU in place with the trust and this way one of securing funding to promote the district.

St Joseph's School PTA

Councillors noted the large profit for the event; however, this is a fundraiser for a PTA therefore it goes back to the school and is not profited by an individual or business.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/067

That the report 'Event Support Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2024/25' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/068

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

- Turakina Caledonian Society- \$2390
- Hunterville Huntaway festival – \$2720
- BCDT, Christmas Parade-\$2,500
- Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc- \$780
- Taihape Area Dressage Group- \$1570
- 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville- \$1400
- Marton Country Music Festival - \$2000
- BCDT, Bulls 147th Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull- \$1,000
- St Joseph's School PTA- \$1100

Totalling - 15,460.00

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.2 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round One 2024/25Bulls and District Community Trust

It was noted that in future staff check the guidelines for receiving applications for funding requests across rounds.

Councillors acknowledged Matt Burke for decreasing the cost.

Marton and Districts Budget Service Inc

His Worship the Mayor noted that a change from MSD has impacted the funding that the group receives to provide services.

Parkinson's NZ

Councillors discussed that in their application they missed the opportunity to be local for the Rangitikei and that no other councils had been approached for funding.

Councillors spoke of knowing that they are active in this district.

House of Science NZ Charitable Trust

Cr Dalgety rang schools about this applicant, and they were positive about the trust and the work being completed.

Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch

Councillors requested that staff provide feedback to the group to advise that they should apply for funds from other places and include this in their budget.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/069

That the report 'Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2024/25' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/070

That the Finance and Performance committee provides funding of \$1,497 for the Bulls Community Development Trust for the Youth project/ Cage.

Cr S Loudon/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/071

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

- Marton and Districts Budget Service - \$1560
- Parkinson's NZ- \$1170
- House of Science NZ Charitable Trust -\$1390
- Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust - \$1800
- Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch- \$1180
- Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust - \$1860
- Marton and District Historical Society- \$1880

Totalling \$12,337

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.3 Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/072

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.4 Events Support Scheme - Project Report Forms

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/073

That the Event Support Scheme – Project Report Form be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Information**10.1 Finance Snapshot - August 2024**

Staff highlighted that since the last meeting that the fees are now covering the cost of waste management.

There will be a paper at the end of October regarding the carry-forwards of the projects.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/074

That the report 'Finance Snapshot – August 2024' be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

10.2 QV Report

His Worship the Mayor highlighted his concerns with the 22 building consents post July and that if these are new builds they will not be rated until the following year.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/075

That the QV Report be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.3 Rate Remissions

Councillors discussed whether the penalties are included as income for Council. They are included as income and the average income from these are included in the budget. It was noted that there is a cost included in recovering debts.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/076

That the Rate Remission report be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10.4 Summary of Bad Debts

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/077

That the report 'Summary of Bad Debts' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.5 Budget Implications of Ending the Shared Services

Councillors were concerned that the cost saving may be overstated, however, overall, this is a great result.

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the vacancies are included in the costs provided.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/078

That the report 'Budget Implications of Ending the Shared Services' be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

10.6 Public Feedback / Performance Report - August 2024

Mrs Gordon introduced the report, noting that the report will now come from Ms Manuel and Mrs Gordon.

Mrs Gordon introduced the new communications manager, Sophia Sykes.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/079

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – August 2024 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.21am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 31 October 2024.

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Chairperson