

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015, AT 10.07AM

PRESENT:

Cr Graham Smith (Chairman)
Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Cr James Leslie
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Noel Jackson
Cr Russell Armstrong
Cr Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Finance and Administration Manager)
Julie Jongen (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

VISITOR:

Pukaki Airport Board never had a presentation to do.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on February 3, 2015, including such parts as were taken with the public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Mayor Barlow/Evan Williams

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO JANUARY, 2015:

Finance Manager Paul Morris took councillors through the financial report. Some figures may be different due to Christmas holiday period.

Page 4. Mayor Barlow queried governance expense re employment, reply was that this expense was for the temping committee clerk.

Page 9, a query on employment expense, this is for the Project and Administration Manager role.

Paul Morris explained that rating valuations are done on sales within the area.,

Page 13, miscoding for Fairlie water .

Page 14, Manuka Terrace water supply – Mayor Barlow asked why didn't Council budget for this? Reply was Bernie Harr and his team would know the answer to this. Cr Noel Jackson asked how did Manuka Terrace come about, Paul Morris replied Mr Frank Hocken bought two or three big blocks then subdivided them further, but there are no services and it is up to each individual to provide these.

Cr Graham Smith questioned roading calibration. Wayne Barnett replied Council will have a maintenance contract which would have been put together by four councils instead of one. Maintenance contract will be let at the same time as other councils.

Page 24, Solid Waste - returns for recyclables is going down.

Page 26, Planning - employment expense is down due to the fact there has been difficulty in finding a planner.

Page 28, Regulatory - clarified the variances. Paul Morris acknowledged he should of chased up the managers to clarify variances.

Page 35, Commercial activities - investments not doing as well as budgeted which will result in approximately 1.5 % to make up in the rates.

Cr Graham Smith commented that better explanations and better care needs to be taken when doing these reports.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/James Leslie

WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL, A20 QUARTERLY REPORT: Oct-Dec 2014

Wayne Barnett commented that the level of reporting is honest and good.

There is a lot of usage for this trail and all is progressing well.

Will need to look at opportunities for funding of sealing the roads.

Good Morning TV show is doing a programme on the trail.

Resolved that the report be received.

Mayor Barlow/Evan Williams

BANCORP QUARTERLY REPORT:

Paul Morris commented that it's business as usual, slightly under performed, days of good interest has gone.

Request that the investment policy be reviewed within the next 12 months, Cr

Graham Smith stated we need a long frank discussion on this topic.

Wayne Barnett mentioned that it would be best not to discuss it while we are working on the LTP and consultations.

Resolved that the report be received.

James Leslie/Evan Williams

REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR NOEL JACKSON:

Cr Graham Smith requested Cr Noel Jackson to speak on his letter.
Cr Jackson stated we need to up our game and to improve our facilities, he would like to put a motion forward that the Council rate the whole district on these items and the rating should be across the board.
Paul Morris commented that council could levy as a whole district and some investigating in to what other councils do could be worthwhile.

Resolved that instructions be given to staff to investigate a community facilities rate across the whole district.

Noel Jackson/James Leslie

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.07AM

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____