

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz (Chair), Josh Wharehinga (Deputy Chair), Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop

MINUTES of the FINANCE & PERFORMANCE Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 10:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour and Terry Sheldrake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Liveable Spaces Manager De-Arne Sutherland, Revenue Team Leader Fiona Scragg, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn, and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

Secretarial Note: Director Environmental Services & Protection Helen Montgomery and Cr Kerry Worsnop attended via audio visual link

1. Apologies

MOVED by Mayor Stoltz, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the apologies from Cr Faulkner, Cr Hughes & Cr Akuhata-Brown be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 6 April 2022

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 6 April 2022

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Minutes of 6 April 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes 6 April 2022

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Confidential Minutes of 6 April 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.3 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.4 Governance Work Plan

Noted.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff

10.1 DECISION Reports Finance

10.1.1 22-118 Fees and Charges Hearings Report

Debbie Bidlake attended via audio visual link and submitted on behalf of Federated Farmers.

Questions of clarification included:

- In a region like Gisborne with extensive sheep and beef farms most of the dogs on farms will be working dogs.
- If it is a user-pays service, irrespective of whether a dog is working or a farm pet, it is not having an impact on Council services. Dog control is mainly an issue in urban areas.

- Broaden the definition of working dogs and allow farmers to determine the working dog status.
- In many instances the landowners carry out their own pest control.
- There is an issue of dog control in our rural townships and need to ensure that it is well managed.
- Think more broadly and not to be too punitive. Agree that all dogs should be registered.
- Support a reduction in the fees for working dogs and widening the definition of working dogs.
- Government, through the Dog Control Act, provides working dog definition and it does not just cover rural working dogs.
- Costs should sit where they fall.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Dowsing

That the Finance & Performance Committee:

1. Considers all submissions (written and oral) on the draft Fees and Charges for the 2022/23 financial year.
2. Considers submissions on the proposal on joining the Regional Shared Services Organisation.
3. Recommends that Council:
 - a. Adopts the final Fees and Charges for the 2022/23 financial year but widen the definition of working dogs by removing the breed Huntaway and Heading.
 - b. Instructs the Chief Executive to carry out a zoning assessment and cost recovery analysis.
 - c. Agrees to join the Regional Shared Services Organisation.

CARRIED

10.1.2 22-120 Request for Funding - Waingake UV Water Treatment Facility

Secretarial Note: Cr Wharehinga chaired the meeting during Her Worship the Mayor's absence. The Mayor resumed the Chair on her return to the meeting.

Points of clarification included:

- This will be loan funded however the interest on the capital expenditure debt will not be transferred to the new entity.
- UV treatment has already been installed at the Waipaoa Water Treatment Plant.

The Chief Executive advised that in relation to the 3-Waters Reform it was Central Government decision to hand over assets. The Water Services Bill is expected in October and will outline what the Entities will look like. The National Transition Unit has been set up and the local terms of reference established. Some Council staff are already sitting on Working Groups.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Finance & Performance Committee:

1. Notes that changing statutory compliance is the driver for requiring this unbudgeted capital expenditure in the 2023 budget.
2. Notes that additional operational budget will be required in 2024 onwards for depreciation and operating costs of the new water treatment UV facility.
3. Approves additional loan funding for capital expenditure of \$1.2m in the 2023 financial year for a UV treatment facility at the Waingake water treatment plant.

CARRIED

10.1.3 22-130 Annual Plan 2022/23 Capital Programme

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 11.04am and reconvened at 11.20am.

Points of clarification included:

- Investigative works for the 1000 Year Bridge has been completed by Currie Construction. The Variation to Consent has been granted.
- The Taruheru Walkway/Cycleway needs to be kept front of mind as it is a massive tourism opportunity for Tairāwhiti.
- A formal plan for the next phase of the work is being prepared for the Hawaiki Turanga project. Also working through the terms of reference for the project.
- Concerns raised regarding the significant carryovers and the impact on Years 2 and 3 of the Long Term Plan.
- There are two agreements in place relating to the Waiapu Catchment ie the Joint Management Agreement which is the planning for the Waiapu Catchment and this is operational expenditure so will not be listed in this report. The second agreement is the Joint Governance Group which is the Waiapu Restoration Programme. Again, Council's input is operational, so no capital expenditure included in the Long Term Plan. Working towards having a Programme Manager in place funded by MPI. There may be projects that fall out of the programme development that do require capital expenditure and this will come back through the next long term planning process.
- Dolosses are being used on the groynes at Tokomaru Bay and at the commencement of the Kaianga Hill. Waka Kotahi have also been utilising some of the dolosses. Approval from the Joint Governance Group is required before dolosses can be placed in the Waiapu River.

- \$5m of PGF funding has been carried over for the East Coast roadworks. Waiting to hear from Waka Kotahi regarding the range of different applications that have been submitted relating to the latest flood event. Staff will report back on the dollar value.
- Next year's Annual Plan is a reflection of works to be carried out in Year two of the Long Term Plan. Future reporting will be on projects over the following three years. Staff will be meeting with Contractors to look at the volume of work for this year. The Programme Overview of works for the year will be presented to the Operations Committee.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Finance & Performance Committee:

1. Approves the capital investment program of \$99.5m as outlined in Attachment 1, to be included with the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

10.1.4 22-82 Rates and Sundry Invoice Debt Management Report to 31 March 2022

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Finance & Performance Committee:

1. Requests the Chief Executive to review current rating debt that has significant penalties applied to it and remedy where appropriate.

CARRIED

10.2 INFORMATION Reports Finance

10.2.2 22-127 Financial Report - 30 April 2022

MOVED by Cr Foster, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Finance & Performance Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.46am.

Rehette Stoltz

MAYOR