



POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11 March 2015

Present: Mayor Adrienne Staples (Mayor), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Brian Jephson, David Montgomerie, Viv Napier, Colin Olds (from 12:25pm), Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson and Max Stevens.

In Attendance: Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 12:22pm and 1:40pm.

A Preliminary Matters

The Committee agreed to add 'B2 Gliding Hanger Underwrite' to the agenda.

A1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Policy & Finance Committee Minutes 4 February 2015

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/06) that the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 4 February 2015 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

A5. Risk and Audit Minutes for Receipt

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/07) that the minutes of the Risk and Audit Working Party meeting held on 25 November 2014 be received.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

A6. Risk and Audit Minutes for Receipt

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/08) that the minutes of the Risk and Audit Working Party meeting held on 29 January 2015 be received.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

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A7. Action Items

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/09) to receive the action items from 4 February 2015.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

B Policies and Reports

B1. Adoption of Policies

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/10):

1. To receive the information.
2. To adopt the Revenue and Financing Policy
(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Montgomerie) Carried
3. To adopt the Postponement of Rates Policy
(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Riddell) Carried
4. To adopt the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land Policy
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried
5. To adopt the Maori Policy following ratification by the Maori Standing Committee and with the following amendment:
 - a. A note to be added to the policy: 'It is envisaged Treaty Settlement will be reached between the crown and Rangitaane during this long-term plan period with an Agreement in Principal being signed between the parties in 2014. This will require input and consideration on how SWDC works during and after the transition including a review of the Maori Standing Committee.'*(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Jephson)* Carried
6. To adopt the Remission of Rates Policy with the following amendments:
 - a. Clause 3.2 p1 change to '...Council or owned ~~and~~ OR occupied...'
 - b. Clause 2.2 p1 change to 'Ratepayers who own OR OCCUPIED rating units...'
 - c. Clause 4.2 p3 add a clause stating that the remission will not be retrospective.*(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Riddell)* Carried
7. To adopt the Financial Contributions Policy with the following changes:
 - a. Policy to reference the LTP rather than the LTCCP.*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Napier)* Carried
8. Action 152: Itemise the rural fire contribution and differential in the LTP consultation document; P Crimp

B Finances

B1. Financial Report

The Chief Executive reported that Council was tracking well to budget and discussed variances with councillors.

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P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/11) to receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 January 2015.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B2. Gliding Hanger Underwrite

The Chief Executive tabled a report which outlined a proposed offer to Gliding Wellington in order to secure agreement for Gliding Wellington's base of operations to be relocated to Papawai. The report requested that Council underwrite this arrangement and outlined the risks associated with endorsement.

Councillors noted that the terms of the lease with Gliding Wellington were still being determined and would be progressed on the basis that Gliding Wellington were a sporting club, that the site would be developed as an amenity, and that the joint venture would provide an economic development opportunity for the district.

Councillors noted that the risk exposure was in the range of non-existent to very low and that it was necessary to take the risk in order to secure an agreement with Gliding Wellington.

P&F RESOLVED (P&F2015/12):

1. To receive the tabled information.
2. To authorise the Chief Executive to continue negotiations with Gliding Wellington with a view to securing a 35-year lease and long term license to occupy and to accept underwriting of the hanger understanding the risks as presented.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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