

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.25AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2006 IN MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Macphail (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors M Pablecheque, B Seddon, J Diver, B Woods, S Thomas.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), S Poulsen (Finance Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor McChesney

***Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. FINANCE REPORTS**

The Finance Reports were presented by the Chief Executive Officer. He advised a further budget workshop would be scheduled to discuss funding policy issues.

Councillor Diver asked if Council could look at additional water charging over the high demand period. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was no reason why Council could not investigate a differential charging regime if it was the wish of the Committee, however Council would be required to spell it out in it's Long Term Council Community Plan. In terms of Council's present by-law extraordinary users were metered, not ordinary residential users. This would need to be changed in the by-law if Council was looking at metering all round.

Councillor Seddon advised he could see no advantage as the main users were metered and doubted the cost of implementing meters would save water.

Councillor Diver requested a report or scenario be prepared for the next budget workshop.

***Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Finance Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Corporate Services Budget Report be received.***

**2. LIBRARY REPORT**

The Library report was taken as read.

*Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the Library Report be received.*

### **3. MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL FORESTRY REPORT**

For Information.

Councillor Diver advised Marlborough Regional Forestry had purchased an electronic tool for measuring density and stiffness of logs, providing the opportunity to create a new sales market in Nelson. He advised it would also allow for selective logging.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.48am.*