

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.21AM ON
THURSDAY 20 JULY 2006 IN MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

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

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Install Door Counter at Library

Councillor Diver advised he believed there was no need for a counter to be installed at the Library.

Councillor McChesney disagreed and noted Council had asked again and again for a counter to be installed and asked Councillor Diver how he could personally make a decision that there was no need for a counter to be installed when he had been asked by Council many times to install it.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would liaise with the District Librarian and electrician regarding installation of a door counter.

2. FINANCE REPORTS

The Chief Executive Officer presented the finance reports advising figures shown in the report were interim and may differ to final figures due to final invoices still coming in. He advised the Annual Report was due to be adopted by the end of October, and figures would be within budget for the year.

Councillor McChesney asked for an update on logging sales. The Chief Executive Officer advised the budget had allowed for a contribution from Marlborough Regional Forestry and for the cutting of some trees at the Clarence plantation however due to the state of the market Marlborough Forestry had cut back on their level of cutting at the beginning of the year. No cutting had been undertaken at Clarence plantation and Council's forestry manager was now talking to potential contractors to instigate possible cutting at the Clarence plantation.

Councillor Seddon asked what Council would be doing with the wood from logging of the pine trees down by the golf course, opposite Ocean Ridge.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he was unable to comment at this stage and advised there were three issues. One was for Council to work on a re-vegetation plan for the whole area, and for it to be priced. Secondly, if there were trees to be felled from the golf course entranceway to the Kowhai River then that would be an issue to be taken up with the Lions Club as those particular trees were owned by the Lions Club of Kaikoura. Thirdly, Council had an agreement with Ocean Ridge that it would be prepared to drop trees immediately opposite their entranceway, and he was currently having discussions with Ocean Ridge regarding this. The revenue from the trees would go back to Council to decide what it wished to spend it on.

Councillor Woods commented she trusted the public would be consulted on the re-vegetation of that area. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council had to agree in principal to a proposed re-vegetation plan, and traditionally Council had gone out and sought feedback from the public. Discussions were presently being held with RD Hughes and Council staff which would be followed with a concept proposal coming back to Council with costings. He advised traditionally it would then go out to the public however he could not prejudge what the Council may wish to decide to do.

Councillor Diver requested a report be bought back to Council from the Financial Contributions Rebate Sub-Committee.

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 and Library Report be received.

3. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Included in the agenda were the quarterly reports for the period to 30 June 2006. Councillor Macphail noted income from Pay & Display was rather disappointing for the year. The Chief Executive Officer advised there had been major problems with the Pay & Display vending machine over the summer period which had since been rectified.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the Investment Quarterly Report, Liability Management Report, Traffic Quarterly Report, Summary of Special Funds & Reserves, and Development Contributions Quarterly Report be received.

4. MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL FORESTRY FOREST MANAGER'S REPORT

Councillor Diver presented the report advising production had been cut back halfway through the year due to low prices however with the lowering of the New Zealand dollar production had since been increased. He advised Council owed the Ministry of Agriculture &

Fisheries approximately \$800,000 in loan repayments. \$538,000 had already been paid and it was expected a further \$300,000 would be paid in November which would clear most of the loan. He advised most of the funds had been put aside to pay Marlborough District Council and a reasonable payout was expected for the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.52am.