

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.36AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

Progress on the installation of a door counter at the Library was requested. The Chief Executive Officer advised he had not received notice from the District Librarian as to whether it had been installed and advised he would report back to Council at its next meeting.

2. FINANCE REPORTS

The Finance Reports were presented by the Chief Executive Officer. He advised the Council finance position was currently reasonably healthy with financial performance positive and operating within budget. Cashflow was reasonably positive and healthy and there was still ongoing expenditure.

The Office Manager noted during the month of September the Library suffered a server crash which required replacing. She advised the towns' new groundwater source was connected to the township on 15 September with most final costs now to hand.

Councillor Woods asked if Council's housing project was being progressed in the absence of a Community Development Officer. The Chief Executive Officer advised Councils' Asset Manager had recently had a very positive meeting with Housing New Zealand representatives. While Council was unlikely to get funding for housing in Churchill Street, it would get funding for additional pensioner units.

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

The quarterly reports for the period 1st July 2006 to 30 June were presented by the Office Manager.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor McChesney that the Investment Quarterly Report, Liability Management Policy & Compliance Report, Summary of Special Reserves, Development Contributions Report and Traffic Control Report be received.

4. COMPLETION OF LOGGING AT CLARENCE FOREST

The Chief Executive Officer advised logging had commenced three years ago however partway through it was ceased due to the price of timber substantially dropping. Councils Forest Manager, P Gilbert, had now advised prices had risen and recommended the felling of trees in compartments 3,7,9 and 10. Based on conservative figures approximately \$143,000 would be realized from felling these small lots.

Councillor Woods asked for details of the lease noting if compartments are replanted after felling they may well mature after the lease expiry date. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was no right of renewal on the lease and it would expire in 2029, however Council would be able to realize the value.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the Completion of Logging at Clarence Forest Report be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.56am.