

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 11.48AM ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE  
2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,  
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), S Poulsen (Office Manager), C Barker (District Librarian).

**1. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**New Wharf Update**

The Chief Executive Officer advised the wharf was currently going through the process of being advertised for tenders by Council's consultants, Ocel Consulting Limited.

**Clarence Forest**

The Chief Executive Officer advised this matter was included in the public excluded section of the agenda and would be discussed later in the day.

**2. FINANCE REPORTS**

**Library Report**

The District Librarian presented the report advising issues were down slightly compared to the previous year however revenue was up.

It was noted 3497 people had passed through the doors of the Library during the month of May which was an average of 130 people per day.

The District Librarian advised a Library Assistant position for 35 hours per week had recently been advertised and she was currently going through the process of recruiting a new staff member

**Finance Report**

The Chief Executive Officer presented the finance report advising business was as usual. More development contributions had been received and a further \$56,000 from Clarence logging which he believed would be the last payout. Roading works throughout the district were currently being revalued and it was hoped the valuations would be received in time to be included in the Annual Plan.

**John Gibb Prints**

Councillor Diver asked if many J Gibb prints had been sold. The Chief Executive Officer advised although the sale of the prints was slow, the account showed a balance of approximately \$10,000. Councillor Woods noted the original paintings that were housed at the Council

Offices and the I-Site building were not being very well cared for as the environment they were being kept in was not entirely desirable and suggested they be put into a vault with humidity control. It was also suggested they be loaned to a museum. The Chief Executive Officer advised the originals were in fairly good condition as restoration work had been undertaken on them approximately two years ago. He advised there was no question that the environment of the Council building for works of art was bad and also an unhealthy office to work in. It was suggested that Council approach the Christchurch Art Gallery to see if they could accommodate and care for them until such facilities were available in Kaikoura. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would investigate this matter with Christchurch Art Gallery.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.10pm.***