

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY MEETING HELD AT 9.54AM  
ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT GATEWAY  
CONFERENCE ROOM, 16 CHURCHILL STREET, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Millton (Deputy Chair), Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, C Mackle, D Morgan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Poulsen (Finance Manager), A Limbdiwala (Assistant Accountant).

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor W Gray, Councillor J Howden  
***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

**1. FINANCE REPORTS**

The Finance Manager advised the largest item of note in the accounts was the reduction in case due to the Civic Centre project. Cash had decreased by \$1.3million since 30 June and all of the development contributions allocated to the Civic Centre had been used. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September the first loan would be drawn for the project. The loan would be spread to keep the interest rate risk even. The loan would be spread over a five year term with \$250,000 on a floating interest rate. Councillor Millton noted an update report regarding the Civic Centre project had not been received for some time and it would be good if Council was kept informed.

The accounts showed a modest surplus of \$221,000 at the end of August and all expenditure types were under budget.

Included in the agenda for information was the Marlborough Regional Forestry Financial Statements. It was noted Council had a share of 11.5%. A discussion was held regarding Environment Canterbury's share. Councillor Diver advised the last time Council had spoken to Environment Canterbury about its share they had been adamant they wished to retain it and the money from the forestry venture was spent on the Kowhai catchment. It was generally felt it would be worth approaching Environment Canterbury again and it was suggested it be an item on the agenda for the triennial meeting with Environment Canterbury.

***Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the Finance Reports be received.***

## **2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Included in the agenda was a report on changes to development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act (2014). The Finance Manager advised no legal advice had been taken in preparing the update. One of the major changes was the definition of community infrastructure which had been narrowed to only include community centres or halls, play equipment on a neighbourhood reserve and public toilets.

The Finance Manager advised there were transitional provisions relating to changes to development contribution policies. Any contributions taken and consents which were still in progress would be treated as if the Act had not changed until the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. Contributions could still be collected for the museum and library because the project was substantially in progress. The new schedule which was required to be prepared by 8 September was included in the agenda. The Development Contributions Policy was to be reviewed and made ready for public feedback by 1 December 2014.

***Moved by Councillor Milton, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the Legislative Update report be received.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.17am.***