Finance Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held in Council Chamber, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East on Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 10.06am.

Chairperson  Cr J Hennebry
Deputy Chairperson  Cr H Vercoe
Present  Cr D Minogue
Cr S Kneebone
Cr B Quayle

Ex-officio  Cr A Livingston

In Attendance  Cr K White
Cr F Lichtwark

Staff  C Crickett – Director Integrated Catchment Services
J van Rossem – Project Manager – Biodiversity and Funding
Amelia Luxton – Business Support Officer, Integrated Catchment Services
Dave Byers – Senior Biodiversity Officer, Integrated Catchment Services
D Thurlow – Democracy Advisor
Standing Orders 21. – General Procedures for speaking and moving motions

In respect to options for speaking to and moving motions, a requirement of Standing Orders, adopted by Council at its meeting held on 31 August 2017, is that the Committee, on the recommendation of the chairperson at the beginning of a meeting, seek a resolution to adopt either Option A, or Option C for the meeting if it decides not to go with Option B.

Following discussion the Committee resolved on Option C - Standing Order 21.4 which states:
- The mover and seconder of a motion can move or second an amendment.
- Any members, regardless of whether they have spoken to the original or substituted motion, may move or second an amendment to it.
- The mover of seconder of an amendment whether it is carried or lost can move or second further amendments.
- Members can speak to any amendment.
- The meeting by agreement of the majority of members present may amend a motion with the agreement of the mover and seconder.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Livingston seconded

RESOLVED
THAT the Finance Committee adopt Standing Order 21.4 – Option C as the option for speaking and moving motions for this meeting.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/66)

Apologies
(Agenda Item 1)

There were no apologies received.

Confirmation of Agenda
(Agenda Item 2)

The Chair advised that due to a number of items on the agenda involving outside presenters some of the items would be considered out of the order listed in the agenda.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Vercoe seconded

RESOLVED
THAT the agenda of the Finance Committee of 26 September 2017 be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/67)

Disclosures of Interest
(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.
SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

With the consent of the meeting, Item 5 was dealt with at this time.

Environmental Initiatives Fund Reports
File: 01 17 97 (Agenda Item 5) (Doc # 11061494)

Simon Gascoigne and Pamela Story from the Waikato Environment Centre provided a report back on the $20,000 Environmental Initiative Fund grant that the Centre received towards a coordinator for the Kaivolution Food Rescue Service (Doc # 11138229).

Adrienne Grant, Anne Ferrier-Watson and Jane Landman from Riverlea Environment Society provided a report back on the $20,000 Environmental Initiative Fund grant that the Society received towards the restoration of Hammond Park (Doc # 11139403).

Vivienne McLean from Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum Trust provided a report back on the $25,000 Environmental Initiative Fund grant the Trust received to survey current knowledge, attitudes and behaviour with regard to kauri dieback (Doc # 11139044).

The Committee acknowledged Arthur Hinds and his contribution as a member of Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum Trust.

Alison Sellars from the Pirongia Restoration Society provided a report back on the $2,880 Environmental Initiative Fund grant the Society received to protect and enhance populations of the rare plant Dactylanthus taylorii (wood rose) on Mount Pirongia (Doc # 11037551).

Leo Koppens and Russell Gibbs from Tamahere-Mangaone Restoration Trust provided a report back on the $5,000 Environmental Initiatives Grant the Trust received to develop an operational plan for the Tamahere Reserve (Doc # 11120811).

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked each of the recipients for taking the time to present and for their outstanding contribution to the Region.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Vercoe seconded

FC17/68

RESOLVED
THAT the report ‘Environmental Initiatives Fund Reports’ (Doc # 11061494 dated 11 September 2017) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/68)

The meeting adjourned at 11.50am and reconvened at 12.01pm when, with the consent of the meeting, Item 6 was dealt with.
Request for Additional Funds through Natural Heritage Fund – Moehau Environment Group

File: 22 04 36 (Agenda Item 6) (Doc # 10926813)

Project Manager – Biodiversity and Funding (J van Rossem) introduced the request for additional funds of $41,000 for the Moehau Environment Group to undertake a group-based possum and rodent control operation over an addition 2,190 hectares of land at Port Charles. The request is an extension to the current predator control work they are carrying out and that is funded through the Natural Heritage Fund.

The Project Manager – Biodiversity and Funding tabled a map outlining the seven new landowners whose authorisations for predator control work would need to be confirmed should the additional funding be granted (Doc #11080257).

Lettecia Williams, Chair of the Moehau Environment Group outlined the application and answered questions of the application. In speaking to the application, the following was noted:

- As part of the funded work through the Natural Heritage Fund, Moehau Environment Group is due to undertake possum and rodent control using a mix of 1080 in bait stations and cyanide over 1,223ha of land at Port Charles in September 2017.
- The Department of Conservation has a proposed operation for the Moehau PCL land at the same time which makes this additional control efficient.
- Moehau Environment Group is proposing to undertake an extended ground-based operation taking in habitat on a further seven properties encompassing 2,190 hectares, bringing the total area under control to 3,413 hectares
- The land extends from the boundary of the Department of Conservation operation at Okahutai (Big Sandy Bay) across three QE11 properties through to and including The Three Stone Bay Ltd 1700ha property. This jointly would make an almost seamless predator control operation over most of the north-eastern side of the peninsula. In the extension area there is a requirement for an additional 200 bait stations to be installed in the treatment areas. The toxin to be used is:
  (i) Cyanide and diphacinone (D blocks) - 2,483ha; and
  (ii) 1080 in bait stations - 930ha.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- A Councillor expressed concern that whilst the application indicates that the respective landowners are happy to have possum and rodent control carried out on their properties; this is not actually the case given that she had received a number of emails from residents who did not support the application. The Councillor questioned why there is not a focus on what the local community actually want, namely the use of non-residual toxins. Members of the Committee acknowledged the differing views in the Coromandel with respect to the use of 1080, however it was noted that the emails received from some residents represent a group that are against the use of 1080, a number of whom are not actually involved in the project, therefore the importance of balancing the views of the whole community was emphasised. Members were advised that the Moehau Environment Group has obtained / or will obtain written consent from the respective landowners, identifying the type of toxin they prefer. It was further noted that the Memorandum of Understanding with each of the landowners provides flexibility insofar as the landowner at any stage can change the toxin used. The Moehau Environment Group advised that it does not undertake any
pest control work that the landowners does not want. A member advised that, whilst not opposed to the use of 1080, they could not support the application, as people in the Coromandel want an alternative pest control method.

- A member acknowledged the Moehau Environment Group for their work.
- Councillor Minogue sought changes to the staff recommendation in order to address some of the concerns raised by Councillors, whilst providing the Moehau Environment Group flexibility to work with landowners. In seeking changes to the recommendation, he sought an assurance that the agreements reached with the respective landowners would be provided to staff.
- As the seconder to the motion, Councillor Livingston recognised the work carried out by the Moehau Environment Group on behalf of Council noting that this work could be the precursor to work around Predator Free 2050.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Livingston seconded

**FC17/69**

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the report “Request for additional funds through Natural Heritage Fund – Moehau Environment Group” (Doc #10926813 dated 16 August 2017) be received for information.

   The motion was put and carried (FC17/69)

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded
A procedural motion

**FC17/69.1**

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT in accordance with Standing Order 24.2 (b), that the motion under debate be put to the vote (closure motion).

   The motion was put and carried (FC17/69.1)

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Livingston seconded

**FC17/69.2**

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the report “Request for additional funds through Natural Heritage Fund – Moehau Environment Group” (Doc #10926813 dated 16 August 2017) be received for information.
2. THAT additional funding of $41,000 (excl. GST) to undertake further ground-based rodent and possum control in Northern Coromandel by the Moehau Environment Group be approved subject to:
   a. an Addendum to ICM2016/2020-1619 being prepared and approved by Council’s Legal Services team;
   b. an operational plan being submitted to Council staff, which includes landholder’s approval.

   The motion was put and carried (FC17/69.2)

Councillors Hennebry and Vercoe voted against the motion

Councillor Livingston left the meeting at 1.00pm.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00pm and reconvened at 1.30pm when Item 4 was dealt with.
Environmental Initiatives Fund Applications
File: 01 17 96U (Agenda Item 4) (Doc # 10988943)

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Vercoe seconded

FC17/70

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report “Environmental Initiatives Fund Applications” dated 29 August 2017 (Doc #10988943) be received.
RESOLVED
2. THAT All grant recipients be subject to the following conditions, that:
   • The recipient report to Council on the project after completion of the project or after one year
   • Council’s contribution be appropriately recognised and
   • Should the project not proceed within six months of funding approval, such approval will become null and void unless other provisions are arranged between the applicant and the Council.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/70)

Project Manager – Biodiversity and Funding (J van Rossem) presented the following 12 funding requests made to the Environmental Initiatives Fund 2017/18:

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society – Waikato Branch

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society – Waikato Branch sought Environmental Initiatives Funding to build capacity for the Kiwi Conservation Club Waikato.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee supported funding of $2,000 for the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society – Waikato Branch.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

FC17/71

RESOLVED
THAT Council award $2,000 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society – Waikato Branch for building capacity for the Kiwi Conservation Club Waikato.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/71)

Kirikiriroa Explorers

Kirikiriroa Explorers sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for the purpose of growing Kirikiriroa explorers.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- Staff advised that following a decision from Council on funding, that they will talk to the other funders to ensure everyone is ‘on the same page’ around funding arrangements.
- The Committee were happy to provide funding for the materials, being $2,083.
Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Quayle seconded

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $2,083 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Kirikiriroa Explorers for growing Kirikiriroa Explorers.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/72)

**Waikato Environment Centre Trust**

Waikato Environment Centre Trust sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for the purpose of eco fest Waikato.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- A member was in support of the concept, however expressed concern that the project would not obtain the profile required at the Waikato Show.
- Overall, the Committee was in support of this project, subject to appropriate linkage to the Waikato Regional Council.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $6,000 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Waikato Environment Centre Trust for Eco Fest Waikato.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/73)

**Hamilton City Council**

Hamilton City Council sought Environmental Funding for Waikato Museum bat tours.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee supported this application.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $1,500 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Hamilton City Council for Waikato Museum bat tours.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/74)

**Whenuakiwi Trust**

Whenuakiwi Trust sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for funding of a Whenukite Kiwi Care Group Operations Manager.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee acknowledged the work of this group and supported this application.
Cr Minogue moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

**FC17/75**

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $19,985 in Year 1 and $19,985 in Year 2 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Whenuakiwi Trust for funding for Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group Operations Manager.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/75)

Kapowai Kiwi Group

Kapowai Kiwi Group sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for the purpose of Kapowai Kiwi Group Pest Management.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee supported this application.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded

**FC17/76**

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $12,294 in Year 1 and $12,294 in Year 2 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Kapowai Kiwi Group for Kapowai Kiwi Group Pest Management.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/76)

Colville Social Service Collective

Colville Social Service Collective sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for Colville Harbour Care predator control.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- Members felt that this was a great step forward for the community and were therefore in support of the application.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

**FC17/77**

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council award $19,022 in Year 1 and $17,387 in Year 2 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Colville School Service Collective for Colville Harbour Care – Predator Control.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/77)

Tongariro Natural History Society

Tongariro Natural History Society sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for the purpose of Predator Free Taupo excluding costs associated with setting up and operating a trap library.
During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- Whilst the Committee supported the application, they sought assurance that the funding would not be associated with the setting up and operation of the trap library.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded

**RESOLVED**

**FC17/78**

**THAT** Council award $10,000 in Year 1 and $10,000 in Year 2 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Tongariro Natural History Society for Predator Free Taupo excluding costs associated with setting up and operating a trap library.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/78)

**Whaingaroa Environment Centre**

Whaingaroa Environment Centre sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for setting up Plastic Bag Free Raglan.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- The Committee noted there is a level of unknown around where Central Government is heading with the use of plastic bags, and given that the request is purely for administrative purposes, the Committee were happy for provide funding of $5,000.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Hennebry seconded

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Council award $5,000 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Whaingaroa Environment Centre for Plastic Bag Free Raglan.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

An amendment

**THAT** Council award $10,000 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Whaingaroa Environment Centre for Plastic Bag Free Raglan.

The amendment was lost on a show of hands.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Hennebry seconded

**RESOLVED**

**FC17/79**

**THAT** Council award $5,000 from the Environmental Initiatives Fund to Whaingaroa Environment Centre for Plastic Bag Free Raglan.

The original motion was put and carried FC17/79).
Transformations – From the Roots Up

Transformations – From the Roots Up sought Environmental Funding for reaching out to young hearts.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee did not support this application given the lack of detail in the application.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council decline the Environmental Initiatives Fund request from Transformations – From the Roots Up.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/80)

Waikato Farm Forestry Association

Councillor Kneebone and Councillor Minogue declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion, debate or voting for this application.

Waikato Farm Forestry Association sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for updating the project kahikatea fencing.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The Committee were unclear on the need for the project and on that basis could not support the application.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Vercoe seconded

**RESOLVED**

THAT Council decline the Environmental Initiatives Fund request from Waikato Farm Forestry Association.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/81)

Te Runanga o Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Trust

Te Runanga o Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Trust sought Environmental Initiatives Funding for conservation of Horotoro Maunga.

During questions, answers and related discussion Committee members raised or noted the following matters:
- The application lacked detail and on this basis, the Committee could not support the application.
- Staff undertook to approach the applicant to seek additional detail.
Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

FC17/82

RESOLVED
THAT Council decline the Environmental Initiatives Fund request from the Te Runanga o Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Trust.

The motion was put and carried (FC17/82)

Meeting closed at 2.30pm.

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