

MEETING MINUTES	
FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE	TIME
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026	8:29 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Performance Committee held on Wednesday 25 March 2026, which commenced at 8.29 am, Manawātū District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mr Stuart Campbell	Chairperson
	Mr John Fowke	Deputy Chairperson
	Cr Colin Dyer	
	Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins	
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Alison Short	
	Cr Rob Duindam	
	Mayor Michael Ford	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Shayne Harris	Chief Executive
	Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
	Frances Smorti	General Manager – People and Corporate
	Lyn Daly	General Manager – Community
	Joel Richards	Acting Chief Financial Officer
	Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager
	Andrew Leighton	Safety & Wellbeing Adviser
	Adie Johansen	Community Services Manager
	Helen King	Grants Connector
	Marko Blagojevic	Information Services Manager
	Michael Taylor	Community Assets Manager
	Erica Rowe	Community Parks and Property Adviser
	Lisa Thomas	Strategy Manager
	Axel Malecki	Policy Adviser
	Wayne Keightley	Roading Manager
Cr Sam Hill		

FPC 25-28/001

MEETING OPENING

Mr Stuart Campbell opened the meeting.

FPC 25-28/002

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

FPC 25-28/003

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for confirmation.

FPC 25-28/004

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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FPC 25-28/005

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

FPC 25-28/006

SAFETY AND WELLBEING DEEP DIVE PRESENTATION – NURSERY

Andrew Leighton and Frances Smorti provided an overview of health and safety at Council's Nursery and reflected on the deep dive tour that took place with elected members on 18 March 2026.

FPC 25-28/007

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

FPC 25-28/008

COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate presenting the Committee Workplan for 2026 to the Committee for adoption.

RESOLVED

That the Committee Workplan for 2026 be adopted without amendment.

Moved by: Mr Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/009

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT TO DECEMBER 2025

Report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer seeking the Committee's receipt of the report summarising both financial and non-financial performance against the targets outlined within the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

RESOLVED

The Finance and Performance Committee receive the Quarterly Performance Report and Treasury Report to 31 December 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Mr John Fowke

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CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/010

SAFETY AND WELLBEING QUARTERLY REPORT

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report on the latest Safety and Wellbeing information relating to Council operations and H&S strategy.

RESOLVED

That the Finance and Performance Committee receives the Safety and Wellbeing report for Quarter 2 of the 2025-26 year.

Moved by: Mr Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/011

GRANT FUNDING DECISIONS – CONTESTABLE

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report detailing the performance of contestable funds administered under the current Community Development Policy for the period 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.

RESOLVED

That the Committee note the performance of funding administered under the Community Development Policy for the period 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/012

GRANT FUNDING DECISIONS – COMMUNITY COMMITTEES, MARAE AND HAPŪ

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report detailing the performance of the below funding, for the period 01 July 2025 to 28 February 2026:

- Community committee funding administered in accordance with the Community Development Policy, and

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- Marae and hapū committee funding administered in accordance with the Marae and Hapū Committees Policy.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- **Note the performance of funding administered for Community Committee projects and Community Planning implementations under the Community Development Policy for the period 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.**
- **Note the performance of funding administered for Marae and Hapū projects and Marae and Hapū Contestable funds under the Marae and Hapū Committees Policy for the period 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.**

Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/013

LGOIMA REQUESTS 06 SEPTEMBER 2025 – 20 FEBRUARY 2026

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee's receipt of the report detailing requests for information received by Council under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

RESOLVED

That the report detailing the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the period 06 September 2025 – 28 February 2026 be received.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.04 am and reconvened at 10.23 am.

FPC 25-28/014

VANDALISM COSTS – PARKS AND PROPERTY

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking the Committee's receipt of the report detailing vandalism, graffiti and theft in relation to Community Assets for the 2024/2025 Financial Year, and a 6-month update for 2025/2026 Financial Year.

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That the Committee note the annual report on vandalism, graffiti and theft trends on a range of community infrastructure assets.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/015

VESTED ASSETS POLICY

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee’s acknowledgement of the recently adopted Vested Assets Policy.

RESOLVED

That the Finance and Performance Committee receives the “Vested Assets Policy” report and the attached Vested Assets Policy, including the Vested Assets Policy Guidance Sheet.

Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/016

NZTA PROCEDURAL AUDIT OF MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report detailing the outcomes of the recently completed procedural audit undertaken by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) specifically addressing if funding investment in the Manawatu District Roading activity is in accordance with requirements of the National Land transport fund.

RESOLVED

That the Manawatu District Council receives the report completed by NZTA and notes the recommendations made in the report.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam

CARRIED (8-0)

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INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRAMME

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report detailing the Internal Audit Programme.

RESOLVED

That the Committee receives the Internal Audit Programme Update.

Moved by: Mr Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Mr John Fowke

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/018

STRATEGIC RISK DEEP DIVE – LOCAL ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report discussing two strategic risks:

- Local Economy
- Government Reform

RESOLVED

That the Committee receives the ‘Strategic Risks Deep Dive – Local Economy and Government Reform’ report.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/019

INTERNAL CONTROLS UPDATE

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking the Committee’s receipt of the report providing an update on several key internal controls, including cybersecurity breaches, policy reviews, protected disclosures and fraudulent activity.

RESOLVED

That the Committee receives the Internal Controls Update, covering the period 16 September 2025 to 16 March 2026.

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Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

FPC 25-28/020

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

FPC 25-28/021

NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR RISK REGISTER

There were no items to be added to the risk register.

FPC 25-28/022

NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no additional items to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

FPC 25-28/023

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- 1. Key Projects Report**
- 2. Insurance Renewals**

That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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13.1	Key Projects Report	<p>s7(2)(f)(ii) – effective conduct of public affairs</p> <p>s7(2)(h) – commercial activities</p> <p><i>This report contains detailed information on the status of key project reports, which include sensitive and/or commercially related information</i></p>	s48(1)(a)
13.2	Insurance Renewals	<p>s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations</p> <p><i>This report contains discussion on potential insurance-related costs</i></p>	s48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Moved by: Mr Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.26 am. For items FPC 22-25/024 to FPC 25-28/026 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 12.18 pm.

FPC 25-28/027

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12.18 pm.

Meeting Video

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