

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Corporate Services Manager
DATE: 3 December 2009
FILE REF: PRO4-207
SUBJECT: TAKAPAU HALL

1.0 SUMMARY

The Takapau Hall has not had a functioning Hall Committee for a number of years.

The Hall has little use (\$633.60 income over the last three years – corresponding expenditure for the same period \$13,141.00). The Alpha Building Report has also identified that the Hall will require maintenance of \$100,000 over the next 5 years – some of which is now urgent if the Hall is to remain open.

The previous custodian of the Hall – who received no payment for his services, is no longer available and a replacement has been identified.

It is intended that the new custodian should receive payment for their services using the funds provided for such purposes from the Council's annual grant.

Whilst Council has continued to meet the direct operational costs of the Hall (electricity/insurance etc), as it would for any Council building, under the District Hall Committees Policy – the payment of a grant can only be made to a Hall Committee.

Authorisation is therefore sort to make a portion of the annual grant available to a “yet to be formed” Hall Committee – in order that a Contract of Service can be established for a custodian for the Hall.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Council make an exception to Council's relevant Policy to allow a Contract of Service to be set up for a custodian of the Takapau Hall – on behalf of a yet to be formed Hall Committee. Payment to be within the Policy guidelines.

REASON

The Objective of the decision will contribute to the following Community Outcome:

Supportive, caring and inclusive communities through providing community theatres and halls for community events, meetings and leisure activities.

3.0 BACKGROUND

In essence – permission is sought to create a one off exception to the existing Council Policy – whilst an attempt is made to put in place a Hall Committee for the Takapau Hall.

This is necessary because the Hall custodian is a Hall committee appointment and responsibility – and not a Council employee. (Payment would be made against invoice).

There is an expectation that a Hall committee will be formed early in the New Year – and this exception is short term.

Council has committed to continue to review the ‘ownership’ of its District Halls.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

Allow an exception to be made to Council’s relevant Policy to allow a Contract of Service to be set up for a custodian of the Takapau Hall – on behalf of a yet to be formed Hall Committee. Payment to be within the Policy guidelines.

Option 2

Require that the relevant Policy be followed and no custodian payments may be made from the Hall grant other than by a duly constituted Hall committee appointed in terms of Council Policy.

5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2002

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 External

N/A

6.2 Internal

Councillor Tennent

7.0 FINANCIAL

LTCCP 2009/19

8.0 POLICY

District Hall Committees Policy

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