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1 June 2021

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting of Council** will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 8 June 2021** at **3.30pm** .

Timetable for 8 June 2021 as follows:

3.15pm	Afternoon tea for Councillors
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting
4.00pm	Presentation to Council - Stratford District Youth Council

Yours faithfully



Sven Hanne
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021 AT 3.30 PM

A G E N D A

1. **WELCOME**

- Health and Safety Message

2. **APOLOGIES**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 11 May 2021**
D21/16361

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.2 **Policy & Services Committee – 18 May 2021 - Hearing**
D21/17306

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, held on Tuesday 18 May 2021, be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, held on Tuesday 18 May 2021, be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 **Ordinary Meeting of Council (Emergency Meeting) – 21 May 2021**
D21/17525

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 21 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.4 **Policy & Services Committee – 25 May 2021**
D21/17965 – PE D21/18327 – Open

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the Public Excluded section, held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D21/18471

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

8. **QUESTIONS**



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5. Attendance schedule for 2021 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	09/02/21	09/03/21	23/03/21	13/04/21	11/05/21	21/05/21	08/06/21	13/07/21	10/08/21	14/09/21	12/10/21	09/11/21	14/12/21
Meeting	O	O	E	O	O	EM	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AV							
Rick Coplestone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Peter Dalziel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AV							
Jono Erwood	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Alan Jamieson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Vaughan Jones	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓							
Min McKay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
John Sandford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Gloria Webby	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
EM	Emergency Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held, or attended by, by Audio Visual Link

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021 AT 3.30PM

PRESENT

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, R W Coplestone, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, two members of the media (Stratford Press & Taranaki Daily News) and one member of the public

1. **WELCOME**

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, members of the public, and the media.

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was noted from the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the apology be noted.

SANDFORD/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/37

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive noted that the Hearing for the Long Term Plan will start at 9am on Tuesday 18 May 2021.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

The declaration of member's interest was circulated for updating.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 13 April 2021**
D21/11969 (Pages 6-12)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/21/38

The Executive Administration Officer undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 9 – last bullet point – amend to “There will be *one* at the Stratford A&P Show Grounds in May”

6.1.1 **Public Forum Notes – 13 April 2021**
D21/12050 (Pages 13-15)

Attached for information only.

6.2 **Policy & Services Committee – 27 April 2021 - Hearing**
D21/13787 (Pages 16-18)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, to consider submissions to the Public Places and Nuisances Bylaw, held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 be received.

JONES/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/21/39

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee, to consider submissions to the Public Places and Nuisances Bylaw, meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 be adopted.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/40

6.3 **Policy & Services Committee – 27 April 2021**
D21/13787 (Pages 19-23)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 be received.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/41

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 be adopted.

DALZIEL/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/21/42

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D21/14888 (Pages 24-28)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/43

2. THAT, in accordance with Standing Order 8.3, Council resolves to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 2.00pm to adopt the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

3. THAT should the final 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan not have final sign off by Audit NZ prior to the 22 June 2021 the Extraordinary Meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 2.00pm.

ERWOOD/WEBBY
Carried
CL/21/44

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted that Councillors had received feedback regarding this years format for the ANZAC Day commemorations. The Chief Executive noted a review of the event would be undertaken with the Community Services team and he would invite Councillors to be involved in this to provide the feedback they have received and help in the plan for future events.
- Councillor Boyde noted the visit to Toko and Huiakama Primary Schools was absolutely brilliant.

Points noted in discussion:

- The District Mayor noted the resolution to set a date for an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 22 June 2021 was to adopt the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. He noted a reserve date of Tuesday 29 June 2021 was also included in case the audit process had not been completed in time.

8. **QUESTIONS**

The meeting closed at 3.41pm

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 8th day of June 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL, MIRANDA STREET, STRATFORD ON TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021 AT 9.00AM TO HEAR AND CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2021-2031 LONG TERM PLAN

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors M McKay, V R Jones, R W Coplestone, G W Boyde, W J Sandford, A K Harris, J M S Erwood, and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Services Asset Manager – Mr M Oien (*part meeting*), the Asset Management Coordinator – Mrs L Campbell (*part meeting*), the Revenue Manager – Mrs J Erwood (*part meeting*), the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig (*part meeting*), the Community Development Manager – Mr C Julie (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs S Shepherd, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden (*part meeting*), the Administration & Communication Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, three members of the media (Stratford Press, Te Korimako o Taranaki & the Taranaki Daily News) and 57 members of the public (throughout the meeting)

1. **WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the District Mayor, Councillors, staff, the media and those in the public gallery. He read the health and safety message including evacuation procedures.

It was reinforced to Councillors that the purpose of this meeting is to hear submissions on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Councillors were asked to hear all submissions with an open mind, to restrict their question time to the submitters to points of clarification or issues pertaining to subject matter. Councillors were requested not to get into direct dialogue with submitters as there the timeframe scheduled for the day is tight. Councillors may take notes whilst submitters are speaking.

2. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor P S Dalziel.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the apology be received.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/21/52

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive noted that due to the clash of events (Long Term Plan Hearing) and the unavailability of the Chairman, the Audit and Risk Meeting scheduled for 2.00pm today has been cancelled and will be deferred to Tuesday 22 June 2021. The time of this meeting will be publicly notified.

The Chief Executive noted all Councillors had been provided with a hard copy of the agenda front page which includes an updated list of speakers for the day. This includes withdrawals and a couple of minor changes. There has also been one additional speaker, John Hooker of Ngāruahine, who will speak at 9.35am following Ngāti Ruanui. This will slightly change the time frames of speakers. The Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Chairman and District Mayor had approved this request.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST**

The Deputy Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda:

- The District Mayor – submission 27 – K Davidson
- The Deputy Mayor – Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust (submission 94), Stratford Business Association (submission 98) and Rotokare Scenic Reserve (submission 113).
- Councillor Erwood - Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust (submission 94)
- Councillor Webby - Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust (submission 94)
- Councillor McKay - Stratford Business Association (submission 98)

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings was attached.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBMISSIONS**

Pages 7-9 – List of submitters
Pages 21-372 – Submissions

Attached are the 114 submissions received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT each of the 114 submissions to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan be received.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
P&S/21/53

2. THAT each submitter be individually advised of the outcome of their submission, and notified that the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee Meeting, and subsequent meetings, are available on Council's website.

WEBBY/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/21/54

Recommended Reason

So that each submission is formally received and the submitter provided with information on decisions made.

7. SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD

Fourteen submitters requested to heard in support of their submission. Three of these had withdrawn their request.

Submitters will be given 10 minutes to speak which includes time to answer questions from Elected Members.

Sub# 101	John Snook	Western Institute of Technology – Te Kura Matatini o Taranaki
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WITT wants to be part of the Carbon Zero 250 and see vocational education as a key change agent in that process by looking at the primary, construction and transport industry and seeing the transformation of that workforce. • The future of work productivity report shows the need for education and training to evolve as the nature of work changes which will involve part time study for full time workers. • Would like to do this in partnership with the community of Stratford and the broader community of Taranaki. Have made a submission to all three District Councils and the Taranaki Regional Council with a similar presentation that will try to promote WITT as a campus that has points presence around the mountain. • He recognised the regional leaders group and their input in allowing WITT to get to this point. They have a cloak of knowledge that they want to wrap around the community providing lifelong learning, sustainability and employment outcomes which they are putting out via schools, Māori enterprises, primary technology, nursing, engineering and infrastructure. • Would like to support the Stratford Park as currently proposed and would like to be part of any development there and is wanting to talk to the community about what their education requirements would be. Have spoken about equine in the submission and he noted WITT had begun discussions on partnering with Massey to provide vet nursing schools. • Stratford District Council is encouraged to support the Taranaki Regional Council in changing to hydrogen buses to ensure Taranaki has a modern energy public transport system. • Stratford District Council is encouraged to support South Taranaki District Council with its innovation hub concept. • Would see Stratford linking with New Plymouth District Council in a centre for sustainable tourism and biodiversity which could possibly be centred at TOPEC which is viewed by WITT as a jewel in the region and is under utilised as it could be the greenest school in the region and teach kids as part of their schooling curriculum. • He noted WITT is Taranaki’s community college and it has been too small for too long. Similar communities have polytechs three times the size of WITT which has been around the 1,000 learner mark up until this year when it has increased to 1,700 but it should be around 3,000. • Want to be the education provider for this region. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Snook clarified he saw Stratford District Council taking a leadership role as governors of this District with the Stratford Park project and noted he felt iwi involvement was also critical to the leadership of this project to ensure the park becomes a proper community park which will involve iwi, education and the community. 		

Sub# 100	Graeme Young	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Young thanked council for the opportunity to speak to the Long Term Plan. He noted this was done with extreme disappointment and a heavy heart due to the decision not to introduce Māori Wards. • The introduction of Māori wards is all about long term planning and about the future and what is the heart of what is required for long term policy and important decision making for Māori. • Ngāti Ruanui was shocked to have heard about the decision to not introduce Māori wards through the media which is felt to be reflective of the relationship with Stratford District Council. • The District Mayor had been asked for a formal explanation for the decision on 14 April 2021 and noted the reply was sent on 12 May 2021. • This move makes Stratford the outlier in regional Local Government as the only Council in Taranaki not to have adopted Māori wards. • This shows Council is out of touch with Tangata Whenua who invest in our region. • It has been too long that Local Government has had limited partnership and felt consultation was used to shift engagement but has become a tick box or window dressing. Are Tangata Whenua nothing more than tokenism for a dial up powhiri. • Māori have been faced with an unfair electoral system. Since 2002 22 Councils have voted to introduce Māori wards but these decisions have been overturned by referendums but the Government has now overturned that. • He acknowledged the engagement with Officers but did not feel this was through true willingness for decision making. • The introduction of Māori wards is a bold step towards trying to meet Treaty obligations. The time is right to do this as other local government in the region know this. Stratford District Council needs to act now. • The collective voice of iwi has never been louder than today. Has Stratford District Council been listening? It has talked about needing to consult while making the decision to introduce Māori words and needing to listen before consulting. • There are five reasons to urgently change this decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ It is the right move to remove racism around system of power – too long Māori have been oppressed with power. ◦ It is the right move to stop majorities deciding how minorities should be represented – this is not a tenable position anymore. Non-Māori residents do not know how oppressed Māori are. ◦ It is the right move to create the right balance where Māori have been woefully underrepresented. ◦ It is the right move to have a Council representative directly elected by those on the Māori electoral roll to ensure presence in this Council. ◦ It is the right move for better perspectives at the decision making table to lead better processes and better decisions. It is beneficial for land use decisions. • Māori representation in Local Government means working in partnership and empowering them to be part of Local Government. It is essential for long term planning and a Māori ward is just one way this can happen. • As a result of that single decision they feel disgust and a loss of goodwill and it has undermined all the engagement achieved to date. • The time is right. Council needs to act now and still can if it wishes to do so. The power is in your hands and he pleaded Council to make the right decision who should be encouraging and not limiting Māori's voice. 		

Questions/Points of Clarification:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Coplestone noted that he felt a Māori ward would give a voice but no power. He questioned if consultation in a group situation rather than with one seat had been considered. Mr Young noted that putting someone in a seat at the table is a step in the right direction. It was not a request for power but one for partnership. They have been engaging with Council for ten years with no power and there is no example he could point to now or in the future that would give that. This is just one step, not all the steps, in the right direction. 		
	John Hooker	Te Korowai o Ngāruahine
Points noted in discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He noted his past having been raised in South Taranaki but remembered playing against a range of Stratford rugby teams being Stratford, Stratford Old Boys and also on the Māori rugby team against Ngaere. He has always been impressed that Stratford was a community that rolls up its sleeves and gets on with the job. He noted the Marae DIY as an example where all the community rolled up their sleeves and got into the kaupapa there. He noted that six years ago, as iwi Māori, they were against Māori wards and were concerned about how it was compiled and the gerrymandering going on, however seeing the way they are now rolling out and developing he noted his iwi was now definitely in favour of Māori wards. He noted an email sent to all of the Te Korowai board members last night had an overwhelming response that Māori wards needed support in all of our rohe. He noted their whanau had spoken to South Taranaki District Council face to face like now. Most of that council they had grown up with and it was unanimous voting in favour of establishing a Māori ward even though the recommendation had been to defer it to next year. 85% of Ngaruahine hapu have boundaries and areas within the Stratford District and significant treaty assets in our area. He noted the recent subdivision and that iwi were now looking to the future and how they could start maximising on their own opportunities in the future. Māori wards were a thing that need to be done. It was not a matter of if a Māori ward would be the only method of engaging it would give a face at the governance level and staff would still meet on a management level. He urged Council to roll up its sleeves and get the job done. 		
Sub# 64	Monica Newmarch	
Points noted in discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She noted her concern regarding water meters which Council intend to install over the next three years. She does not personally have a problem with meters/user pay systems and by all means install them over the latter part of the ten year plan but felt there has not been enough done to get ratepayers on board to respect this commodity. She noted she was a new resident to Stratford and may have missed getting to this point which she considers a last resort to conserve water. She noted there was only two options presented to residents – the status quo or what Council wanted. She did not want to see a wastage of water but that comes out of ignorance and felt more needed to be done with education to instil a moral sense of understanding as to why residents need to change their ways and attitude. She noted she had not seen any workshops to educate on ways of saving water. There are many people in the community who have seriously good suggestions through research or their own experience. She felt the lack of consultation on this implied the respect and appreciation for other people is lacking. She noted some people do not like change but suggested when questioned that it is not so much that they want to stay the same but the only opportunity given is not what they feel will solve the problem. Attitudes towards so many things need to be changed but water is a crisis commodity and she noted while Stratford gets good rainfall every year but weather patterns are not the same as they were 10 or 20 years ago. 		

- She noted only twice, when on rainwater tanks, had she had to buy water in – once after visiting family and once after getting the tank cleaned. They took ownership of harvesting and storage and were more conscious in looking after water and fixing leaks.
- She requested that Council show its residents their input is important and that this exercise has not been a waste of time and effort.
- She noted adding the bill will be a burden in some instances mainly on small businesses and large families and questioned if Council would then be spending a lot of money chasing unpaid accounts.
- Was this suggestion of installing meters for financial gains or to change to behaviours?
- She noted the graph from the Midhirst consumption should have been for usage over 12-24 months as it was only the first months usage on it.
- Suggested that all homes require a rain water tank with rain water as a primary source of water and then fed from the town supply at a cost.
- Suggested positive incentives for grey water tanks for new builds would reduce the demand on the river source and ease urgency for upgrades to the reservoir.
- Felt Council will do what it wants to do and suggested two or three meetings a year where public can attend as she would attend these meetings.
- She noted she would also like to provide feedback on the numbering of several roads in the District.
- She noted that when questioned at the Marae presentation on the Economic Development targeted rate Mr Hanne had responded that Council was consulting on who pays not what it was spent on.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted his agreeance that education was a vital part of conservation but noted that through many years of water restrictions water flow did not change at all. Education was one element but people did need to take personal ownership of it as well.
- The District Mayor noted that every meeting of Council was open to the public and members of the public can also approach any of the elected members at any time. He noted, in response to questioning if Council listened to feedback, that during the last Long Term Plan process Council changed their proposal to spend \$6 million on repairing and upgrading the current pool facility to including \$15 million in the budget to build a new complex which was as a result of public feedback. He noted he had read the concern in the submission regarding the Midhirst water usage graph and had found that over the past year there had been a steady level with one exception which was found to be a major water leak in the system and since that was repaired in March water has returned to its steady level.

Sub# 90	Brian Jeffares
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Points noted in discussion:

- He noted he was really opposed to the introduction of water meters on a number of premises. He felt it was a crude way to punish those who turn on their taps and is revenue gathering not efficient use of water.
- Installation of meters will result in almost everyone paying more and felt it would shift the relationship from rate payers (all in this together) to a servant/master relationship.
- The costs in the consultation document did not paint the full picture of costs. A house of six or more would go to about \$1,110 almost doubling the existing cost.
- He noted bathing, toilets, laundry and kitchens equated to 75% of water use in a survey done on 51 random houses in Auckland and if Council was serious about water conservation they could concentrate the energy to these areas. A dual flush toilet would provide 67% water savings and built in flow restrictions could add significant savings by slowing the flow of taps. He encouraged Council to take another look at what could be achieved.
- He suggested Council follow the Auckland example and randomly select 50 houses to test water use and then introduce conservation measures to then quantify the changes.
- With 2 meters of rainfall annually he felt that installing water meters should be a last resort as there will be resentment for paying for what falls from the sky.

- He noted a lot more education was needed to achieve a far better use of water resources.
- He noted the Stratford Power Station had consent to use 29,440 cubic meters of water a day which over a year would be about 700,000 cubic meters and work out to 1/10 of our water use.
- Waste minimisation – happy to accept this proposal but questioned if the other bin could be taken away as his household did not produce much rubbish.
- He noted his support for the Economic Development Targeted Rate and would be in favour to put this as a core service of Council.
- He noted his support for a Council led subdivision but asked that social housing be considered.
- He noted this was his first appearance to Council since he was Mayor and only did it due to his opposition to water meters. He felt this is perhaps one of the best Councils there has been for some time as it was well led in management and governance noting that the funding received for the State highway 43, Children’s Bike Park and Pool had only been accessed due to the cases being put together so well. He felt really encouraged by the A&P Association plans and congratulated Council on their role in that.
- He noted there were some incredible challenges coming up, not just around water, but with other issues we are facing.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde clarified that it would not be a money making exercise as by law water can only be charged for recovery and delivery of water. Mr Jeffares noted that Statford was the sixth highest cost of water delivery in New Zealand and he did not want to see that go any further.
- The District Mayor noted the outcome in Kapiti saw 75% of people seeing a reduction in their water bills. Mr Jeffares noted that the fact remains that 75% of water used was still inside and even if sprinklers were turned off there was still a huge amount being use inside. He suggested a scheme such as the smoke alarm project that educated people on how best to use water inside.
- It was clarified that the 14 other Councils using water meters referred to are Councils that have over 80% of their properties metered. He noted it had been a debate of this Council for years and it had never got to a point to apply it as an economic and efficient process to go through.

Sub# 79	Charlotte Littlewood	Taranaki Trails Trust
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Points noted in discussion:

- The trust was established in December 2019 following a study done by Lincoln University that looked at trails and the potential for trails throughout the country. She noted the strategy of the trust was part of the submission.
- A lot of work is going to talk to the Councils and it is very important to promote what they have been doing with the map of all the trails we have already and promoting to people wanting to visit.
- A video was played showing the current trails, the future trails, and the ultimate goal for Taranaki wide trails.
- It was noted the long term vision with the Stratford to the maunga via York Road plan and linking this to the New Plymouth ‘Taranaki Traverse’ trail.
- She noted the Forgotten World Adventure’s plans to turn the railway tracks into a cycle way which would be able to link in with the track being planned along the cream trail which will link to the Whanganui River and the Bridge to Nowhere ride.
- It was noted they were working with Council officers in terms of what the visions are.
- It is the aim of the trust to advocate for trails and that they were at this hearing to say they want to continue working and building our regional trails vision giving amazing experiences and an authentic nature experience.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde encouraged Ms Littlewood to visit the new Children’s Bike Park before leaving.
- It was noted the trust does organise community rides and was hosting one in Waitara this weekend.

Sub# 97	Lauree Jones	Toimata Foundation
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted she was speaking as the coordinator for Taranaki EnviroSchools, a representative of the Toimata Foundation and as an employee of the Taranaki Regional Council. • She noted Council's visit to Toko Primary School and Huiakama Primary School and how nice it was to see Council fully immersed with what they are doing. • She noted EnviroSchools was founded in Hamilton in the 1990s and still has the same Chief Executive today. There was a real need for a focus on environmental education for sustainability and that the kaupapa was designed to meet local government outcomes. Councils are putting in 20-25% across the country to run this kaupapa. • EnviroSchools have been in Taranaki since 2003 and the Stratford District Council has been number one supporters the whole way through. There is also an in-kind relationship with Kindergarten Taranaki which covers the three enviroSchool kindergartens in the Stratford District. • The organisation has run out of garages, kitchens, as part of Sustainable Taranaki, back to garages and in the Taranaki Regional Council's last Long Term Plan they took them on as part of their commitment to education. 15/16 EnviroSchools throughout the country are run through their regional councils with West Coast being the only one that does not. It means the Taranaki Regional Council employs the coordinator, supplies the administration, stationary and car and they are really excited about the enviroSchool kaupapa and want to see it grow. • There is a really strong presence in Stratford which includes the first and second green/gold EnviroSchool. • She noted they were now working with all of the principals and all of the schools to target key projects depending on where the school wants to focus. There is a wait list in Stratford to join. • The Taranaki Regional Council has challenged the District Councils and will match an increase in funding dollar for dollar. At the moment the people in the District dollar value per capita is the highest through Taranaki and the foundation is asking for an increase of funding from \$10,000 per annum to \$15,000 as it will take \$30,000 to run it as it is in the moment which has been made possible by a short term TSB Community Trust grant to see it through the transition period and will disappear in 2022. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deputy Mayor noted the great work being undertaken with the EnviroSchools and that the benefits will be seen for years to come. • Councillor Boyde noted the visits to Toko and Huiakama Schools were brilliant. He noted it was instilling sustainability at a very young age and agreed the benefits will be seen in the future. There is a real opportunity to have 100% EnviroSchools in the Stratford District. • It was clarified with an increase to funding the foundation would be able to approach more schools (Avon Primary and Taranaki Diocesan) and there is also a plan for their fully trained facilitators to open up the learnings to the community outside of schools and kindergartens. 		
Sub# 82	Tom Vos	
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament and what is called 'Local Government' is being protected by this church canopy of a failing example of the truthful way of living. • Stop mortgage servicing as well as voting for centralisation and that goes for plastics, texting and motors on wheels, creating economic complication and social confusion as byproducts. • Requests that a committee be arranged that focusses on this church-council predicament as other councils have already started to settle unfinished business. • As the last council to open up on agreed Māori-European relations you are uniquely placed to correct the silence on this subject by Shakespeare and by Martin Luther. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Boyde noted he agreed with the submitter's point in his written submission regarding using local timber and adding value here rather than send it offshore. 		

The meeting adjourned at 10.24am and reconvened at 10.50am.

Sub# 113	Allen Juffermans	Rotokare Scenic Reserve
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Juffermans noted he had become part of the reserve a number of years ago to provide an escape mid week and initially became involved checking fences every Wednesday and fell in love with the place which resulted in more tasks and responsibilities. • He noted volunteers become tour guides as the reserve is very busy in the weekends with a full carpark and use of the campgrounds. • The reserve does welcome freedom camping which they feel helps with keeping boy racers and vandals away. It is one of the closer freedom camping locations to Stratford and he has found a range of people staying there from out of town, staying in Stratford or passing through. • He noted while the location fell inside the South Taranaki District the benefit is just as much for the Stratford District because the township is closer to the reserve than Hawera. • He noted Eastern Taranaki Experience had arranged an event which tapped into the night tours provided at the reserve which are pretty much booked for the remainder of the season. He noted this particular group were staying in, or were from, Stratford. • Other benefits for the Stratford District were the educational experiences provided to the schools and 12 out of 13 schools in Central Taranaki are involved with either visiting or through NCEA level papers which the volunteers help with. There is a fantastic educator and it is often praised by parents for how much the kids love it there. She also did a series of YouTube videos over lockdown with the Taranaki Regional Council to keep the public energised and remind of what can be achieved with Predator Free 2050 – of which Stratford is part of that goal. • A major project is coming up with a subdivision consent currently with South Taranaki District Council to take on another 25 hectares on the north side of Rotokare which will join to the Totara block and Mangamingi township and comes onto the banks of the Patea River. • The goal is to see the river flourish with the hope it will become a avenue for our taonga bird species to settle back and with good predator controls it is hoped they will make it up the river through to Stratford and to Maunga Taranaki. • The camping experience offers toilet facilities and a shower (cold) and water supply but under the South Taranaki District Council’s bylaw there is a limit of three vehicles at any one time. The largest number of vehicles in one night was 16 which can cause issues the next morning as it is full of vehicles which are quickly replaced later in the morning by visiting families. • Lower decile schools have also enjoyed exposing kids to conservation and have seen the change and fascination with what they have achieved. • He requested a contribution from Stratford District Council be considered to provide a regular income/base fund to help to ensure bills can be paid. There is funding available for projects but these funds do run out when the projects have been completed. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Coplestone noted the reserve was marvellous and that he spends a lot of time out there and has resulted in him doing his own QE2 reserve and agreed that going out to the Patea River there will be benefits seen in the Stratford District. • It was clarified that educational benefits saw the mahi begin at home and that the goal of predator free will be done through the work of volunteers and seeing the impact good trapping systems can have the kids take these ideas home and want to protect their homes and see bushland flourish. • It was noted without wages around 50-60% of expenditure by the reserve was done in the Stratford District through building supplies, food, farm supplies, sprays, chemicals and catering and would work out to around \$100,000 to \$120,000 annually. • It was noted that the Taranaki Regional Council withdrew funding for Wild For Taranaki. A submission was presented last week to try and get that fund back, however they do assist with in-kind support with man-power and resources. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Juffermans noted the benefits for regional growth included a list of species they wish to introduce and this will result in the reserve becoming more and more popular. He clarified there was no intention on having accommodation on site. 		
Sub# 112	Andy Basset & Stacey Hitchcock	Creative Taranaki
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stratford was congratulated on a great Long Term Plan which showed continued support for creative arts especially around galleries the outcomes including vibrancy. This group has been around for a little while and the goal is to establish a regional development for Taranaki for a strong and vibrant regional creative community. This will include more efficient collaboration around the Maunga to stop silos and involve advocating on a national level. As part of the plan for 2050 art was one of the sectors, which Taranaki currently punches above its weight in. There were three workshops held which identified there was no regional arts strategy. The group was created from this and includes representatives from all across Taranaki. To create the arts plan will require knowing exactly what the sector wants. An online survey was sent out which had 254 respondents and was followed by hui held around the Maunga. Out of these questions on how to access funding were raised and it was felt there were barriers stopping the creative sector from moving to a business model. From here funding was provided by New Plymouth District Council (report in submission) and part of that report was speaking with other regional arts organisations around the country. There were a lot of common factors with the four other organisations spoken such as the trust set up, relationship with councils and they were all run by artists and creative people. Some of the advice included ensuring there was a good cultural strategy and policy – which New Plymouth District Council didn't have. They encouraged following the sports model as sports seem to get funding at all levels. Now the plan is to ensure arts are as important in uniting the community as sports are. The group also aims to deliver assistance with funding application, provide capability workshops and provide a place for these people to physically go to seek advice. The group was given a seat at the national table with Regional Arts Aotearoa which Ms Hitchcock attended. They found here that there was Ministry of Cultural and Heritage funding available and other national funding opportunities that they did not know about and are able to point people to. It also provided learnings about sharing resources across New Zealand and now as a collective they are going to the Minister to look at something similar to the sports model for the creative arts. They have partnered with Venture Taranaki to apply to the minister for funding for capability and capacity building which will be set up in the future in Waitara, Stratford, Hawera, Opunake and New Plymouth. New Plymouth District Council have allocated funding in Year 2 of their Long Term Plan. At this stage the group is looking to start building relationships with Stratford District Council with potential funding of \$10,500 to be considered next year during the Annual Plan process. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Mayor congratulated the group for identifying the need in terms of regional strategies for which sports is well represented and arts are not. He noted Council annually contributed \$50,000 to the Percy Thomson Trust which runs the gallery so it does recognise the need to support that area. He welcomed the submission that there should be a regional strategy that will enable groups to apply for funding from other sources. It was clarified that the group would like to have a key councillor and a key staff member to build the relationship and become the point of contact. Once funding has been granted then they will be activating very quickly. 		

Sub# 81	Richard Pratt
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He noted this submission was what he had presented to Council at the Whangamomona meeting to request Council consider creating a heritage precinct in the village of Whangamomona. • He noted the Whangamomona Hotel was currently a Heritage 2 status and felt the way forward was to create a heritage status on 8-9 other key buildings in the village to protect their facades. • He noted the suggestion made at the meeting of the opportunity for Stratford to establish a hot pool complex which are currently being built in Methven and was a result of government funding being an alpine region – which he considered Stratford to also be. The report on Stuff noted it was a \$15 million project which had received \$7.5 million loan and was expected to create 120 jobs and add \$162 million to the economy over the next decade. This would be a fantastic opportunity as there is nothing in Taranaki currently. • He requested Council consider a 25 meter set back from the highway to preserve the Forgotten World Highway as a spectacular piece of tourism facing pressure with forestry and felt a lot of this could be lost to forestry over the next 40 years of which no one would benefit from – particularly tourism. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that Mr Pratt had not discussed the idea of the heritage statuses to the owners of the other buildings in a public forum but they were aware of where he was progressing with this idea. 	

Due to two submitters not being able to present till the afternoon the hearing was suspended and deliberations began.

Water Conservation

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor McKay noted a common theme that had arisen from submissions was the economic cost for larger families or low income families and questioned if there was anything that could be put in place to protect these people? The Deputy Mayor questioned if the costs were up for negotiation. The Chief Executive noted that Elected Members had considered a few options leading up to this point on how to split the fixed and variable costs. Examples were taken from around the country and the scenario for this proposal was at the more extreme end. This could be moved through the scales with the more you use the more you pay. Most of the variable use is for outside use. Summer consumption versus winter consumption rates only change because of outside use. The key principle for the water activity was that it is meant to be cost recovery at the end of the exercise but the money needed to be spent upfront and collected from someone who benefits from the activity.
- Councillor McKay noted the numerous references to the introductions of water tanks to new builds as residents own collection of water long term would be massive and could find residents going that way naturally and questioned if it could be part of the building consent process? Mr Hanne noted that reticulated water is the biggest public health benefit of the century and the use of rainwater topped up with town supply would deem all testing and treating to be meaningless if it went to residents via a tank. There is a grey area from where Council needs to protect the water to the space where it could be exposed to a breeding space of microorganisms. It could definitely be doable for garden use and was a condition for the council subdivision but there would be significant costs to bring rainwater up to drinking standard and it would lose any cost benefits. He would strongly discourage Elected Members to promote rain water use in place of the reticulated system. He noted pollution was much higher in town due to being a higher density resulting in a higher level of contamination compared to rural homes collecting rain water. A tank would also require pumps and result in higher electricity costs and then would not be that far away from the costs of metered water. The Director – Environmental Services noted this could be done through the District Plan process or incentive programme but not through building consents. Councillor McKay noted that the issue was water conservation and not the cost of water.

- It was noted that water metering would mean the rate for water would go down but then extra usage added. A percentage of the total rate would be fixed with the variable charge based on estimated consumption per year. Year 3 figures were based on a 45% fixed with the rest of the charge on consumption. The fixed cost in the plan was brought down to a level to get some real change but could be changed.
- It was noted the fixed fee this year was \$575 and Councillor Coplestone questioned if an average household would change based on average consumption and it was noted that it would due to the costs incurred for installing meters, reading of meters and the employment of staff.
- Councillor Boyde reiterated Councillor McKay's concerns but noted he was a big believer in water meters. He did note the concern of hardship and would like to see what could be done in this area. He noted everyone has the opportunity to conserve water and felt Council could do more work on education. There were three years before this would start being charged and felt the District Plan discussions did need to include water tanks and noted overseas these are used for garden and toilets.
- The District Mayor noted that households were currently using 250 cubic meters per year which is almost unlimited use charged at \$575. The figure in the consultation document indicated this would increase to \$740. He noted the problem was conserving water to meet consent requirements and ensure that Council has enough water to deliver to people. He noted the introduction of water meters was universally recognised for reducing consumption – Kapiti showed a 26% reduction of use and a 96% reduction in leaks. This is reflected by Water Care NZ and the experience with meters in Tauranga. In Stratford approximately a quarter of connections are already metered so there won't be the same level of results but there is still the potential to see great savings. He noted the submitters referring to the heavy rainfall in the District but clarified that the reality was residents did not take as much water out when it was raining. Stratford's current storage facility allowed for 2.2 days of supply and although there had been suggestions to increase storage or create a dam or lake he questioned how much would this take to create sufficient resilience to make these viable solutions. The only way to go was conservation and this is incentivised by charging for use. He noted there had been a common theme in opposition to this regarding large or poor families. He noted that all costs were increased with having a large family and this would be a charge amongst all the others. In a true hardship situation there were grants to assist with these sorts of costs. He noted he had done an example of a family with two adults and two children who didn't quite trigger the 250 cubic meter use and if consumption stayed the same then in two years time they would be paying \$660 rather than \$740 fixed fee which is less and based on water consumption. He agreed with the suggestions made by Mr Jeffares for aids to reduce water use inside and felt these could be encouraged as well as encouraging the use of tanks – although he did not agree Council should be paying for these as they would be creating their own savings by installing these. He did not think compulsory tanks were the answer but the incentive to install them based on being charged for water would suffice. He noted that there should be thought given to the 3 waters reform which should have a decision by the end of this year which may be forced on Council or it may opt to be involved meaning Council may no longer provide the service so noted any spending in this activity should be held off until the outcomes of the reforms are known. A lot of planning can be done in the mean time.
- It was clarified that large users, such as the Stratford Power Plant, were already metered so if the fixed charge was lowered and the higher proportion being consumption then they could potentially pay more – however it was noted the rate was proposed to reduce from \$1.97 to \$1.67. this could be changed to a staggered rate. The rate has been consulted on with examples in the Consultation Document and submissions have been presented based on those. As there was still a lot of time before charging regimes would be coming into use the rates could be discussed during the Annual Plan process and consulted on at that point. Any change to those rates would impact the full cost directly.
- Councillor Jones noted his support for water meters but questioned where the cost to put the meters in, staff to read the meters and interest costs would be added to rates. Mr Hanne noted that if the predictions of a 20% drop in water consumption were correct then it would effectively become a cost neutral exercise with approximately a \$500,000 difference between the installing of hardware versus the cost of that 20% of water going through the Water Treatment Plant. The interest would also come out of those savings.
- It was clarified that those currently on water meters received 250 cubic meters per year within their fixed fee.

- Councillor Sandford noted that the need for education was strong within the submissions. He supported the ability to relook at pricing during the Annual Plan process and noted the submission from Chrissy Darth that provided alternative charges. He also supported mock bills being sent before the charges began to let them know what they could be charged and prepare earlier. He felt more discussion was needed around charging but supported meters due to our resource consent requirements and the huge results with leak identification.
- Councillor Harris noted her support of water meters to incentivise water conservation. She noted the request for more education but felt water restrictions were a huge platform for education but were not adhered to. She supported the idea for a mock bill to be sent to residents to prepare them.
- The District Mayor referred to the Midhirst example and noted the use of water meters in terms of leak identification that might otherwise have gone undetected should not be underestimated. He noted the identification and repair of leaks could alone provide water conservation and make savings based on that alone.
- Councillor Webby noted the reading of meters is a big expense but felt that changing technology would allow users to see how much they were using, being charged and assist with the reading of them.
- It was noted that Midhirst universal metering was done over a long period with much bigger users so could not provide the data to prove that it was a cost neutral project.
- The Chief Executive clarified with Elected Members that the one change was not to make an investment until the outcome of 3 Waters Reform was known. The budget could remain in Year 1 and be used in the latter part of the year or carry forward to Year 2. He noted a charge needed to be established for properties that are unable to be connected to a meter.
- It was agreed that it would be irresponsible to implement universal water metering without the knowledge of the 3 Waters Reform outcomes. It was not known if these would include the implementation of water meters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT it is recommended that the decision regarding Issue 1 – Water Conservation be option 1.

BOYDE/JAMIESON
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The meeting adjourned at 12.03pm and reconvened at 12.46pm.

Waste Minimisation

- Councillor McKay noted her support for this option providing the right location to put the green waste is found as she was not a fan of transporting it outside of the region. She felt this was a huge step towards the future in dealing with green waste and will help people feel better that their waste is not going to landfill. Assuming there is a hot compost site that can turn it into something then it will bring value to home gardeners and be put back to the land to revitalise the soil.
- Councillor Boyde questioned the opportunity to opt out if residents were already using their green waste and food waste in their gardens. He noted the proposed 240 litre bin was huge and would be far too heavy for elderly to move. He noted his concern regarding the Eltham Landfill project and worried this process may repeat itself. Mr Hanne clarified the location was not yet set so this question could not be answered. The intent is for it to be regionally based between New Plymouth and Hawera. He noted the outcomes of both South Taranaki District Council and New Plymouth District Council's decisions were still to come so it was unknown who will be part of this or not and who will own it – he noted the current pricing structure assumed Council would be a customer. He noted the ability to opt out would have a direct impact on the cost of the service. If this particular service had an opt out option then that would require significant administration which would then have the service competing directly with the private market which was not a desired outcome of this activity. Councillor Boyde reiterated his reservations especially as it can cost only \$8 a fortnight to have a monthly collection through a private contractor and therefore felt an opt out option was needed.

- Councillor Coplestone noted his reservation in regards to the active ingredient in sprays called Picloram. This is used on sports grounds and if it goes into compost it lasts a long time which he noted would not be an attractive option to buy. He noted the composting society of New Zealand had come across this issue and were trying to get legislation through at the moment as this can last up to (or more) than 12 months in lawn clippings. There would be no way of proving who is dumping the compost in the bins. He supported the idea in principle but noted the operational side was very technical.
- It was clarified that the 65,000 tonnes referred to in the community meetings was the amount estimated to go to the Te Roti landfill if this had gone ahead. There was no minimum amount that has been set for the greenwaste project.
- Councillor Sandford noted the feedback he had received was this was an unfair system for a lot of the District's ratepayers. He questioned if the goal was to reduce greenwaste to landfill could fines be issued for this going in bins or could the fee at the transfer station be waived for residents if they can prove they are a Stratford District resident. He noted he was weary going into another three Council facility following the landfill situation and was not prepared today to support a greenwaste collection.
- Councillor Jones noted his opposition to the preferred option as it was another cost to add to ratepayers. He noted only 63% supported this proposal but a large amount were already doing composting themselves. He felt the amount of people wanting to opt out did not make it a viable activity.
- The Deputy Mayor noted his support due to the waste minimisation aspect to reduce waste going to landfill.
- Councillor Boyde noted he agreed with the concept of it but also noted the Enviroschools work being undertaken around sustainability, composting and growing everything. He noted that this generation was starting to think differently and this will have a flow on effect for the future.
- Councillor Erwood did not support the option due to the cost. He reinforced the education concept with starting this process in residents own back yards. Kids through Enviroschools are doing their own things and will realise the impact fertiliser and sprays can have on compost and damage for future growth.
- The Director – Assets reminded Elected Members that this proposal had come about due to the need to reduce waste going to the landfill – currently 41% of waste going to landfill from the Stratford District is green and good waste. The only way to reduce this would be to have a separate collection to divert it to another use. There will be higher disposal rates coming if it isn't reduced.
- The Deputy Mayor noted he supported the proposal which had 53 responses in support and only 30 against.
- Councillor Coplestone felt that education needed to be done first and responsibility taken for residents own waste.
- Councillor Boyde noted he supported the concept but without the knowledge of what the other two Councils were doing it was hard to make an informed decision. Mrs Araba noted that New Plymouth District Council already collected food waste separately and that South Taranaki District Council had an arrangement with local contractors to collect green and food waste. Stratford was the highest generator of general waste and it was because the green and food waste was not separated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. THAT it is recommended that the decision regarding Issue 2 – Waste Minimisation be option 1 with provision Council knew what the regional facility will look like .

McKAY/JAMIESON

For 3

Against 7

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Economic Development Targeted Rate

- The District Mayor noted that throughout this whole consultation process this had been the most misunderstood item. There had been criticism around the amount of detail on what the money would be spent on which then spilt over to who should pay. He noted Council already spent money on Economic Development and would continue to do so with the \$190,000 extra a year to be spent on the same activities currently being done plus enhancements. There had been little argument against the increase as it had been focused on who should pay. He noted that under the new regime everyone would continue to contribute to this activity however it had been an attempt to shift the ownership/spread of who pays and load it a little more on the businesses as they receive the greatest benefit from this activity. Another argument had been that by rating the property owner this would then be put onto the tenant but he noted that this would just become another business cost like any other. There had been legitimate questions around the map and the urban area when there were clearly businesses that would also benefit in Midhirst, Toko and Whangamomona – he agreed this was a discussion that needed to be held.
- Councillor Boyde noted his support for this proposal. He noted he had gone straight to business owners and not one business owner on the main street said they were not keen on economic development but didn't believe the targeted rate should be just in the main street. He noted discussing it with farmers they had questioned why they should be funding the whole amount. He agreed that those who benefited the most should be paying.
- Councillor Coplestone noted that commercial properties in Stratford were quite cheap and there were several owners that lived in New Plymouth or Auckland but hold their properties here due to the low cost. He couldn't say the new cost was cheap but it was a necessity. He noted as a spraying contractor that has little to do in town he was not opposed to it.
- Councillor Sandford noted he had seen targeted rates in the past that were hard to understand but he felt this one was clear. He clarified this was not going to be collected to enhance buildings in the township. He noted he supported the proposal.
- The Deputy Mayor noted he supported the concept but the map was wrong and felt if Council was going to target businesses then they should all come under that umbrella.
- Councillor Jones did not support the proposal. He felt the map was not clear enough and there had been confusion as to what everyone would be getting. If the whole community gets the benefits then everyone benefits. He noted businesses are approached locally for sponsorship and they put back into the community in these ways. There needed to be more clarity on how much is being targeted and clearly define who is being targeted.
- Councillor McKay noted that she had been supportive to begin with, however she questioned if it was the right time to target our businesses right now when it couldn't be clearly articulated to the community what they will gain from the Economic Development increase. Part of this increase would be used to develop the strategy to know how to implement this in the future and she felt Council needed to wait until it could show businesses how it is going to be targeted and how it is going to be spent. She suggested to hold off until the next Long Term Plan and she agreed the map needed to include the whole District.
- Councillor Erwood did not support the proposal. Economic Development benefits everyone in the community and flows through from being a business owner to a customer. He also questioned the businesses working from home who would get the benefits and should be paying for it also.
- Councillor Sandford questioned if the whole District was included then would farmers fall into that category as they are a business and if not how would you distinguish farms and businesses. Councillor McKay noted another discussion would need to be held to clarify what was in and what was out.
- The District Mayor noted that Council was currently delivering this service and this increase was about improving and expanding this service and increasing Council's participation at a regional level as there are more and more demands on Council to pay its share into the regional development. He noted sectors such as accommodation would benefit greatly from this regional work with increased visitor attraction.
- Councillor Boyde noted there is a fundamental difference between the businesses who benefit directly from this and those that don't such as farming. Discussion noted that farmers would benefit from shopping in the town.

The discussion on Issue 3 – Economic Development Targeted Rate was paused to allow the last two speakers to present to Council

Sub# 69	Alena Hojdelewicz	Stratford District Youth Council
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She noted this submission had been made at the request of Councillors to participate in the process and was compiled during a series of debates at Youth Council meetings as well as at the Youth Council camp. • They agreed with water meter installation but had concerns that it could negatively affect families which could impact on ability to pay other fees. Proposed that a large family leeway be considered which would only cost after a set amount of water is used. Smart meter installations would help families know how much water they were consuming instead of waiting for the bill to arrive and allow them to enact water savings themselves. • Waste Minimisation – agreed with the green waste collection but had concerns with the bins and believe residents would see a way of removing excess waste resulting in bins not being able to be emptied into the right waste streams. • The Youth Council noted their concern that there was no reference to youth, kids or children in the document. They felt this group was not being discussed enough and requested that this be considered for future documents. <p>Questions/Points of Clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Boyde congratulated Miss Hojdelewicz on her presentation. He noted it could be very daunting to present to Council. He agreed youth were not well represented in the documents. He reiterated a previous invitation for the Youth Council to regularly present to Council and Miss Hojdelewicz confirmed they would be presenting at the public forum on 8 June. 		
Sub# 99	Mark Hooper	Taranaki Federated Farmers
<p>Points noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three broad topics they wanted to cover off cover roading, three waters infrastructure and yellow bristle grass. • Roading was the key infrastructure Taranaki Federated Farmers members were concerned about. There was a lot of discussion at a recent meeting regarding logging trucks with the primary concern about this activity and the pressure on the road network. It was questioned if Council had considered a differential rate for forestry. They also questioned if a forward looking approach could be implemented to avoid Council contractors and logging trucks working simultaneously and get work completed before the heavy traffic will be operating. They also requested consideration be given to community meetings to update on the roading activity. • Freshwater in general is a major issue faced by all in some form or another. For the rural community the freshwater regulations would have a major impact. Their perspective was that this issue needs to take precedent in the plan particularly around the management of rate rises to ensure these are fair and equitable and to ensure borrowing capacity was maintained in order to make provision for what may arise from the 3 Waters Reform. There needed to be a clear focus on the future to ensure provision is there and felt the rates rise was not high but with the 3 waters infrastructure asked if it was appropriate at this time. • Yellow Bristle Grass – this issue has been raised with all of the Councils. Recently a group called the Taranaki Catchment Communities was established which brought together 14 different catchment groups with more also looking to join. The common theme raised by this group was the spread of yellow bristle grass. He noted they were taking this opportunity to give clear guidelines around the management of this which included the ceasing of glyphosate roadside spraying as bare ground going into summer gives the perfect seed bed for yellow bristle grass. He noted there was only a narrow opportunity to use this between mid-May to winter. He suggested a vegetative barrier to prevent the spread into paddocks and noted he was happy to discuss in more detail with Council staff moving into the spraying season. 		

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted that logging was currently a permitted activity so differential rating is difficult but he agreed with the concerns. He requested this be raised during the District Plan discussions.
- It was noted the yellow bristle grass was widespread throughout Taranaki and there was a map available from the Taranaki Regional Council to show identified areas.
- It was clarified that hill country farmers had expressed their support for a differential rate for forestry and that there had been some good examples throughout the country and suggested that Ruapehu District was a good model which is being well supported and functioning well.
- The District Mayor noted the submission was opposed to a residential subdivision as it was not core business and he noted that this activity contributed to both the economic and social wellbeings and would also help spread the rate burden over a number of new properties. Mr Hooper noted his concerns were regarding the core roles of Council around freshwaters and felt that if sales took a long time then debt being carried when access is needed for borrowing is a risk.
- The District Mayor clarified that the rate increased proposed was 4.25% and an average of 4.69% over the ten years.
- It was clarified that you can ask Council to not spray outside your property.

Economic Development Targeted Rate – continued.

- Councillor Jones noted you could not definitely define who benefits – motels benefit yes but felt the whole district benefits when businesses are doing well which is reflected in sponsorship. He noted that as a farmer he would support this charge as if the town is doing well then it is vibrant but as we cannot agree on how it is being defined then he currently did not support the proposed option.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. THAT it is recommended that the decision regarding Issue 3 – Economic Development be option 2.

McKAY/JONES
For 6
Against 4
Carried
P&S/21/57

It was clarified that this would retain the status quo with the activity spread across the whole District and still included the additional \$190,000.

Residential Subdivision

- Councillor Coplestone noted that the support through the submissions show that people are in favour of it. Council does need to be cautious where it buys but at least if the opportunity arises then it would be prepared and ready to move on it. There are a number of subdivisions going on at the moment which may see opportunities for land slide by.
- Councillor Boyde confirmed his support for this proposal. There was a common theme that Council look at affordable housing.
- Councillor Harris noted her support for the proposal and agreed that the themes from the submissions of affordable housing and social housing needed to be looked at.
- The District Mayor supported the proposal. He noted the request was to borrow of around \$3 million to do a development. This could be a couple of smaller ones or one larger one. This would be borrowed and repaid when sections were sold to be cost neutral to the ratepayers. He noted one of the outcomes from the recent subdivision was the confidence it gave private developers to

go ahead with their own subdivisions. He agreed the discussion of location benefits, public housing and linking Flint Road to the new subdivision all needed to be factored in when the approval to proceed has been given. There would be good opportunity for these discussions in workshops over the next few weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. THAT it is recommended that the decision regarding Issue 4 – Residential Subdivision be option 1 .

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/21/57

Other matters

The Chief Executive noted these were significant projects added to the Consultation Document but included projects that were currently underway.

District Plan

- Councillor McKay noted this was a key opportunity to tidy up big issues around the District, in the township and with roading and Broadway and she was looking forward to having this discussion.
- Councillor Boyde noted that there was also the opportunity to look at the heritage status requests through this process and set backs for forestry could be added to the District Plan as well.
- The District Mayor noted that Council had to have this discussion and plan but noted the \$1.5 million budget was the most ridiculous expense Council has ever embarked on.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. THAT the proposed budget for the District Plan be approved.

JAMIESON/McKAY
Carried
P&S/21/58

Whangamomona Road Upgrade

- Councillor Sandford noted that Mr Smith had made good comments in his submission. He agreed something needed to be done and Council had to take ownership of it as it owned the road.
- The Roading Asset Manager noted this had been pushed out to Year 3 to give time to get a bylaw in place which would restrict the type of vehicle permitted to go down the road and also to allow time for the funding application to have been processed.
- Mr Bowden clarified that it was currently a public road with no restrictions on access. By restricting access it would make the road more trafficable while retaining the rustic character of the road. There is \$200,000 of structural repairs to be done on two tunnels and bridges and there are also a few failed culverts and deep bog holes needing repairs. It is planned that the primary reason for use will be walking, trekking, cycling, trail biking and 4x4s and the national 4x4 clubs are on board with that.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. THAT the proposed budget for Whangamomona Road be approved.

BODYE/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/21/59

Changes to how Council applies Rates

- Mr Hanne noted that this covers community hall rates and changes how the water and waste water is charged to properties within the rated area but are not serviced as a choice of the property owner. He requested that the Council's internal submission regarding the removal of Ngaere Hall from the community centres be considered during this time. This was as a result of it having been sold.
- The Director – Corporate Services noted this issue had been raised to clearly define community boundaries so residents are now aware of whether or not they are within that zone or not.
- It was clarified that the Douglas Hall and Whangamomona Hall had not requested a targeted rate. The money is collected by Council at the request of the hall who sets the dollar amount and to increase or decrease that amount is done by submission.

Community Centres

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. THAT the proposed changes to the targeted rating areas as per the maps published for each hall be approved and the targeted rate for the Ngaere Hall be removed.

VOLZKE/JAMIESON
Carried
P&S/21/60

Water and Waste Water

- This is to cover properties that are able to access the pipes but do not connect for various reasons. This will be half of the connection fee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. THAT properties able to connect to the water or wastewater reticulation, but choose not to be, be charged a rate equivalent to 50% of the fixed rates component for the relevant source.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/21/61

External Funding/Support Requests

Toimata Foundation/Enviroschools

- Councillor McKay noted her support for this project especially to continue the education through the schools on disposal options for green waste.
- Councillor Boyde questioned if an increase of \$5,000 was enough as the benefits will be huge in the future.
- Councillor Harris noted her support to increase this contribution particularly with the Taranaki Regional Council pledge to meet the increase dollar for dollar.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. THAT the Toimata Foundation contribution is increased to \$15,000 per annum
McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/21/62

Creative Taranaki

- Agreed to support.
- Councillor Sandford requested a workshop be held on this to develop an Arts Policy.

Stratford Park Project (Future Support)

- Councillor Boyde noted Council had already supported the project and wanted to see it progress but there had been no specifically defined requests for further support at this time.

WITT Support

- It was agreed to form a partnership with WITT for endorsement of projects although no specific commitment requested at this point.
- The District Mayor noted that if WITT was planning to be part of the Stratford Park Project then that should be supported by Council as an organisation.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Webby and Councillor Erwood departed the table at 2.24pm, the District Mayor took on the role of Chairman.

Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust

- Agreed to continue support of \$15,000 annually.
- Councillor Sandford noted the fantastic job done by the Trust with a number of neighbourhood support projects and that this fit well within Council's wellbeings.
- The District Mayor noted the outstanding work done by the Trust during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Councillor Erwood and Councillor Webby rejoined the table at 2.25pm

Rotokare Scenic Reserve

- The District Mayor noted there was no question in the value of the work that this group does. It was pointed out that they perceive Stratford as a beneficiary for the services they provide in terms of visitor attraction and through education for schools. This would result in an extra cost to Stratford ratepayers.
- Councillor Sandford noted that community grants had been removed years ago. He noted that he completely supported the project but did not feel ratepayers should have to pay especially having heard about vulnerable and poorer families earlier in the day.
- Councillor Webby noted the increase of the contribution to Enviroschools was for education.
- Councillor Boyde agreed with the points raised but felt there were other ways Council could support such as advertising and helping promote events. He noted this did not stop individual rate payers supporting the reserve directly.
- Councillor Jones noted his disappointment that the Taranaki Regional Council did not support this project as he felt it was more in line with their outcomes.

- Councillor Coplestone noted the benefits received in his area but noted the boundary had to be drawn somewhere and the reserve was in South Taranaki.
- It was agreed to not support financially but offer in-kind support through promotional material.

The Deputy Mayor returned to the table and resumed chairing at 2.30pm

Museum and visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy

- There was no support for this request for funding.

Internal Submission

- The Chief Executive requested the Committee consider a 0.5 FTE position to increase education for water and waste as there was no capacity to do this beyond what is currently being done.
- It was clarified that this would be funded through both the water and waste activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. THAT a 0.5 FTE position be approved to provide education to ratepayers on water conservation and waste minimisation.

BOYDE/JAMIESON
Carried
P&S/21/63

Other Matters

- Councillor Sandford noted his concern that direct questions by residents were not being addressed as highlighted in Debbie McKinlay's submission number 89. Mr Hanne noted that operational issues were passed onto the right department. Most of the submissions were straight forward and related to the content of the Consultation Document and that the outcomes would be communicated to those submitters. Engaging in submissions not related to the Long Term Plan were outside of the scope of this hearing.

Councillors went through each of the submissions and discussed the management response. Questions, clarifications or changes to management response were discussed below.

Submission 10

- Management could not answer the question relating to Economic Development targeted rate as the outcome of the hearing was unknown at this time. The outcome will be communicated.

Submission 19

- There were specific comments regarding dirty shops and dirty windows and the owners being held accountable. It was noted that this was outside of the scope of Council as these were privately owned.
- The use of images on empty shops was discussed and it was acknowledged this was expensive to do but could be done. Painting grants had been offered in the past to building owners and only one had been taken up.

Submission 23

- It was clarified that Council must list heritage buildings in the Heritage Inventory in the District Plan. Being an old building did not necessarily mean it met the criteria to receive a heritage status. It was noted that the submitter's own building had recently been added but was not currently included in the District Plan but would be when the plan was reviewed. The only way to ensure no buildings were missed would be to undertake a comprehensive assessment of heritage buildings. Mr Hanne noted that a heritage status then it does heavily restrict what can be done to that building, therefore Council generally leaves that decision to building owners rather than proactively identifying buildings for this.

- Note that submissions are taken into account when decisions are made and note that two proposed items were withdrawn as a result of this process – Economic Development Targeted Rate and Green and Food Waste.

Submission 28

- There was no support for a softball pitch.
- It was noted that parameters could be put in place on a future subdivision to ensure affordable housing.

Submission 34

- It was noted a water fountain was being installed.
 - Management response
 - No to softball pitch.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.00pm and reconvened at 3.29pm.

Submission 58

- It was clarified that in order to enhance the safety and the viewing ability for the Glockenspiel it had been planned to move the pedestrian crossing as part of Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's planned works along Broadway. However as this work had been significantly scaled down it would be at Council's own cost if it was to continue with this plan. This would be discussed at a future Policy and Services Committee meeting.

Submission 62

- Add promotes water conservation to the management response.

Submission 64

- Note two key issues were removed following public feedback.
- Add note about water conservation incentives regarding the education position approved at this meeting.

Submission 69

- Look to engage more with the Youth Council regarding plans.
- Encourage members to submit and to encourage other youth to submit to be part of the process in the future.

Submission 71

- Note that it is part of the Taranaki Regional Council rates that contribute to Yarrow Stadium and not part Stratford District Council's rates.

Submission 75

- It was clarified that a Bio-fuel plant is a very appropriate add on to a landfill or compost facility however it would depend on the type of composting plant being developed. If there was an obvious by product then this would be considered during the design of the facility. This point will be taken into account during the design process if Stratford District Council is part of those discussions.

Submission 78

- Note that Stratford District Council is unlikely to be the decision making body regarding fluoridation of drinking water due to legislation going through parliament at the moment.

Submission 79

- Note Stratford District Council will continue the principle of the Taranaki Trails.
- It was clarified the cycle trail that comes down from Inglewood through Matau is part of a New Zealand cycletrail that has been in place for a number of years.

Submission 82

- It was clarified that there was no supporting infrastructure in Midhirst or Toko for a subdivision as in a commercial project it would be the preferred choice to have all facilities available to the developer. However the point is relevant and for those who would like to be self-servicing there is no stopping developments in those towns.

Submission 83

- Mrs Araba noted that she had received costings to provide a monthly collection from Toko, Douglas and Whangamomona which were \$6,200 plus GST (Toko), \$6,700 plus GST (Douglas) and \$9,000 plus GST (Whangamomona). This would involve a contractor spending an hour at each point to collect recycling and then take to the transfer station as the only way to avoid contamination.
- It was agreed that this would need to be funded by the users and may not be supported. This option should be put out to the community to discuss at a later stage.
- Councillor Harris noted a community led scheme to take recycling to the transfer station could be a better option.
- Note the significant costs in the reply to the students.

Submission 81

- It was noted that Mr Pratt had not spoken to the other property owners. The appropriate next step would be to discuss with those owners this suggestion as part of the District Plan review.
- Forestry set backs would also be discussed as part of the District Plan review.
- It was agreed that the Hot Pools suggestion should be a private investment.

Submission 89

- It was noted that there had been no requirement for the new owner of the strip of land at the Malone Reserve to do anything other than fencing. Council will complete its planting programme there in the next planting season.
- There were a number of points within this submission that needed to be referred to the right Officer as they were operational issues.

Submission 90

- Note the approval of a an education facilitator role to follow through with education for conservation of water.

Submission 96

- The Director – Community Services noted that in the last 10 years there had been two drownings in the Stratford District both of which were NZ European with one between the ages of 35-40 and the other 65 plus. It was noted that this submission was likely to have been a generic one sent to all Councils.
- Note the water safety programmes that are run through the TSB Pool Complex in response.

Submission 94

- Note the benefits of what the Trust is doing in Council's response.

Submission 93

- The District Mayor noted that this requested Council be aware of the direct impact its decisions can have on health particularly in regards to water, waste and provision of exercise areas. He noted the request for consideration of distance of exercise areas and parks from those who are unable to drive to these locations and compared it to the Taranaki District Health Boards response regarding the closure of the maternity home in Stratford being that the distance to New Plymouth for women in labour was not significant.

Submission 99

- Mr Hanne noted that Council did not target yellow bristle grass but would be utilising processes to avoid further spread.
- Councillor Harris noted she had requested a copy of the map from Taranaki Regional Council and thought areas of concern should be concentrated on.
- Councillor Coplestone noted that he had seen it on almost every roadside and that it was a very expensive exercise to undertake. Getting rid of it was relatively cheap on roadsides but the practice of doing it was the difficult bit – not spraying the glyphosate would be the best deterrent as it does not like being choked out by other weeds.
- Mowing was also an issue as it spread the seed. Mowing was undertaken as a safety measure for road users. Councillor Coplestone noted that this can be undertaken as long as it was not when the grass was in seed which was end of March to May.
- It was requested that Officers look into what can be done to contain it.
- It was requested that Officers look into options for differential rating for forestry roads.

Submission 100

- Councillor Sandford did not feel this was up for discussion due to it not being a long term plan issue.
- Councillor McKay noted that the relationship held with Iwi would have a direct implication on Council business long term and questioned what a damaged relationship would look like. Mr Hanne noted Officers have put a lot of effort into these relationships over a number of years and noted the genuine benefit in those relationships enabling conversations to be held on a regular basis. Depending on the Iwi view on the outcome of Māori wards then there could be negative impacts on Council's work but encouraged Councillors to look at this relationship from a mutual benefits approach.
- Councillor Erwood noted it had been discussed several times and the decision had been deferred not dismissed.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that Councillors had discussed this when they had thought there was time on their sides and when the time was brought forward they were not prepared to be able to work within that extension.
- The District Mayor noted the submissions were direct and clear in their point. It has already affected Council's relationship with Iwi. Mr Young referenced the email sent by himself explaining that Council had decided not to review Maori representation in August last year and then through the legislation change had decided not to review it March and wait until 2024. He pointed out that Council's reason for doing this was because it was unsure of the position of Iwi at that time and had requested to get their view, input and guidance as to how they best saw Maori representation. Two Iwi have expressed that today although he acknowledged that conversation had not been held with the five other Iwi in the Stratford District and did not feel he could make the assumption that everyone thought the same. He noted Christchurch and Southland had decided not to establish Māori wards as a direct request by Iwi. He noted this would not stop Council from proceeding with trying to build relationships around partnership and potentially look at other forms of representations such as committees or on standing committees. He noted that if the Māori ward decision was to be had then the deadline for a decision was Friday 21 May 2021. He noted that the Mayoral Forum had been part of the abolitions of the poll provisions in legislation by giving their support to the Minister. He noted that there was still a lot of work to do to continue to build relationships and this decision to date has taken Council a step backwards. He noted Council had a lot more in common with Iwi than it does have differences.

- Councillor Boyde felt consultation had been dropped on this and noted that Council did not know Ngāti Maru's view on Māori wards.
- Councillor Coplestone noted the ward system would give a voice but not more power and did not feel one chair would achieve anything as it was just one voice at Council. He questioned that Stratford had seven Iwi and would have to consult with all of those seven Iwi. He felt Māori had been duped by Central Government as yes it was representation but not really representation at all.
- Councillor Erwood noted Council's position had not changed since the decision in March. Council needs to increase its interaction with Iwi and felt this discussion fell outside of the Long Term Plan.

The media from Taranaki Daily News and Te Korimako o Taranaki left the meeting at 4.21pm.

Submission 103

- The Deputy Mayor noted he would like to see more work done on finding another water supply. The District Mayor felt that conservation would need to be tried before a consent would be issued for a future water take. Mr Hanne noted that the bore at Hawera was not used as it was too expensive to treat that supply. He felt this would become a Long Term Plan discussion at some point in the future.

Submission 112

- Note happy to proceed with relationship building. Advise that Council does support the arts through its contribution to the Percy Thomson Trust of \$50,000 annually.

Submission 111

- Councillor Harris noted that this highlights the points that have been raised over a number of years that there are a number of properties that are unfairly labelled as separately used and therefore attract a separate UAGC. She noted in Stratford there were properties that had multiple uses but only attracted one charge and this had not been transferred into the rural communities with land used for one business unit and vital to that business unit. She requested a review be undertaken of the rates remission policy.
- Mrs Radich noted that the policy was different to others in New Zealand as it did not give remission for properties that are not contiguous properties. She noted if the owner was able to demonstrate that it was used for one business unit then a remission could be added but there would still need to be a definition of how far down the road this property may be.
- The rates remission policy would be brought to Council for review.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. THAT it is recommended that decisions regarding other issues raised during consultation be as noted in the comments above.
12. THAT the proceeding amendments be adopted and recommended to Council for inclusion in the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan.

BOYDE/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/21/64

Recommended Reason

The Draft 2021-2031 Consultation Document has been through a rigorous consultation process and scrutiny by both Council and the public.

It was noted that with the changes made during the hearing the average rate increase was now reduced to 4.63% in Year 1.

The meeting closed at 4.46pm.

A L Jamieson
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 22nd day of June 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 AT 10.05AM**

PRESENT

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde (*via audio/visual link*), P S Dalziel (*via audio/visual link*), J M S Erwood, R W Coplestone, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Administration & Communications Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, the Revenue Manager – Mrs J Erwood, the Community Development Manager – Mr C Julie, the IT Support Officer – Mr R Goddard, the Community Development Officer – Mrs S Shepherd, the Parks & Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain, five members of the media (Stratford Press, Te Korimako o Taranaki, Radio NZ & Taranaki Daily News) and approximately 95 members of the public.

1. **WELCOME**

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, members of the public, and the media.

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive noted there had been seven requests for deputations for today's meeting from Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui, Te Korowai o Ngāruahine, Te Runanga o Ngāti Maru, Taranaki Māori Trust Board, Sue Comrie, Fiona Kahukura and Jordan Marshall-Wansbrough.

He noted that two Councillors were in attendance via audio/visual link. These Councillors will contribute to the meeting and have full voting rights in accordance with the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) notice 2020. He reminded Councillors to ensure they use their microphones and speak clearly for the benefit of those attending by audio/visual link and for those in the public gallery.

The District Mayor noted there had been two key reasons for which he had exercised his authority under Council's Standing Orders to call an emergency meeting. He noted that the deadline for this decision was today (Friday 21 May 2021). At the Policy and Services Committee meeting on Tuesday the Committee had made a decision to continue with deferring the discussion on Māori wards until the 2024 review date. He noted that this committee only had the power to recommend decisions which are then presented to the full Council which would not meet until June, if Council at that point had decided a different outcome for this decision then it would have had missed the deadline to do so. He noted that until Tuesday Council had felt there had not been sufficient information on this topic received

from iwi, however this had now changed as two iwi had submitted and presented their views on the subject to Council on Tuesday. He felt it no longer made sense to wait until 2024 as Council had now heard what iwi wanted and felt making a decision one way or another was preferable to no decision or a delay.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. **DECISION REPORT - MĀORI REPRESENTATION**

D21/17017

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/45

Deputations

Representatives from Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui presented to Council. Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Herewini Nopera noted that colonisation has disadvantaged Tangata Whenua and contributed greatly to the negative statistics for health, education, employment, poverty, Māori in prisons, mental health conditions and the loss of land. This needs to be continuously checked and called out on when accountability is needed. Tangata Whenua and Māori are more educated and more aware of what is happening in our country nowadays more than ever before and are more comfortable within a political environment. He acknowledged those who had marched in the 1970s and 1980s seeking justice for their people at a time there wasn't any and noted now was the time to honour them with the partnerships between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti to ensure that, as a nation, we move forward for a better and fairer nation for our mokopuna. This can only happen if Tangata Whenua have a seat at the table to have the opportunity to have a say with what happens in its community. He encouraged Council to reconsider its decision to establish a Māori ward which will only strengthen the relationship with Tangata Whenua, the marae and all iwi in Taranaki. The community as a whole will benefit if Council votes yes today. This is a new beginning, there is a lot of work to do so say yes so we can pull up our sleeves and get to work. Let us not leave today doing nothing but leave together which is the key to success in the future for us all.
- Mr Graham Young requested that Council reflected on the last few days as the voice of iwi sent an overwhelming message to establish a Māori ward. He noted they had brought the consultation Council had said they wanted to them, to their council chambers. If there had been any doubt with what iwi wanted then look to New Plymouth District Council, South Taranaki District Council and the Taranaki Regional Council where iwi supported the establishment of Māori wards. The reasoning to delay the decision to 2024 was flawed and disrespectful to mana whenua when we have told you that we support this. There is a statutory obligation to work together but Council's actions and comments seem to undermine this and

any decision to not establish a Māori ward today would drive a wedge in the Stratford community, will cause disharmony and will make the Council look racist. History shows these failings all the time and history will not look kindly on a decision to not establish a Māori ward. This would trample the relationship you hold with us as it has thrown away trust and partnerships and shown us our actions and investments in the community potentially mean nothing to Council. You have the opportunity to correct this today, to show you have listened to iwi. Introduce a Māori ward for the Stratford District and lift the heavy cloud that is spreading over the Council. Do not eliminate us, let the voice of mana whenua be heard at this table.

- Mr Clive Tongaawhikau noted he could only speak what was in his heart and soul. He noted they are all there and embraced. People won't let go of the past and hold onto the wrong korero. He noted the importance of putting on the table your tipuna, values and tikanga of the paper to move away from that and understand the people here. He urged Council to not be scared to give back to the whenua. He noted the changes he had seen in schools from the principals right down to the tamariki as he teaches in around 15 schools in the province. He noted iwi were not divided no matter what has been chucked at them, they love each other, they cry together and they move together and he noted they want to bring Council with them.

Representatives from Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and Te Runanga o Ngāti Maru presented to Council. Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr John Hooker noted that 250 years ago this was the rohe of the famed warrior and poet Tu Raukawa. His uri are in this room today. He was the eldest member of his whanau and each of the ruahine hapu descend from his siblings. He welcomed the industrious whanau of the other poet – Shakespeare. This community is one with a can do attitude where no hurdle is too great or insurmountable. He noted that six years ago, as an iwi, they were against Māori wards for a number of reasons but at that stage it was easier to fight the crown instead of looking at local government. Now the iwi is most definitely for Māori wards. He noted the relationship with the Taranaki Iwi Trust Board which related to eight of the iwi around the maunga. It is now time to embrace courage and it is now time to embrace maturity and undertake the right thing to do. He noted as a community we stood together following the horrific events in Christchurch where over 50 people lost their lives. We stood next to each other and shared our karakia for a combined purpose. At midnight last night there were 28 Councils that had now said yes to Māori wards. He noted that the Officer's recommendation at South Taranaki District Council had been to defer the Māori ward decision, however the Māori community said no, we are ready! A special meeting was called following the korero of our people and all 12 of the Councillors said yes. He noted his non-fail 'daughter test' had supported the establishment of Māori wards and it was now time to roll up our sleeves and get on with the job.
- Mr Hori Manuirirangi spoke as the Chairperson of the Ngāruahine Iwi Authority which was created in 1989 as the result of the demolition of Māori affairs. He noted he had been denied learning of his culture at schools but was part of a household where the culture still prevailed. He noted the Treaty of Waitangi is just as relevant today as it was 181 years ago. He noted Mr Judd having been asked "why are you supporting all these Māoris, don't you realise we are all one people?" and Mr Judd replying "Yeah right which people? Lets all be Māori" and the conversation changed. Māori have a history dating back to the 1300s and they live by their tikanga and ancestral customary practices. He noted you could not sweep history and genealogy under the table and was here today to encourage Council to choose wisely, there is a way for us to be one people and we are seeing these changes coming about.
- Mr Anaru Marshall noted he had spoken to the trustees of Ngāti Maru and was asked to attend to represent them today. He noted he stood united today with the other iwi in the room for this proposition and encouraged Council to move forward and implement Māori wards in this District. He noted the trust's view was what the future looks like and where it is going, and he questioned if Council was going to move forward today or parting ways? He noted that a partnership model works best for Ngāti Maru, for Council and the wider Stratford community,

this will mean sharing the good times and the bad times and the responsibilities moving forward. Collectively we have seen how collaboration can work for all parties and he noted he would like to see that moving forward and being a part of collaboration would mean a seat at the Council table. He encouraged Council to implement Māori wards as it was the right thing to do.

- Mr Dinnie Moeahu noted he was not speaking as an Elected Member of New Plymouth District Council. He acknowledged his tipuna and acknowledged those that were at the meeting today. He noted he had been emotional driving here today because this opportunity means so much for the future, for our people. He noted he was the son of a prolific advocate for our people and he was groomed to step forward now, on behalf of his people, and help educate and move forward. He acknowledged there is a time of difficult decisions coming up. He noted the impact the advertisement of an emergency meeting had for him and his children, that the foundations had been laid for this decision having seen wall after wall put up in the past. He noted his wish to normalise a decision like this. He noted Ngaere Gladdis, a woman reprimanded from her job for greeting customers with Kia ora and now it is normal. How in 1999 when the national anthem was sung for the first time in Māori in London and the singer was persecuted and ridiculed by her own country and now it is normal. Today is the opportunity to cement our place in history and he noted he believed we are so much better, stronger and powerful when working together. Our people here are people of dignity, integrity and humility and are extending their raukura to you all. It is a powerful example of what can be achieved together. Let us be the architects of change and solidify our place in our country's history. Change is not possible if change does not happen.
- Mr Peter Moeahu noted he had been on this journey for the last 20 years. He first broached this suggestion with New Plymouth District Council shortly after the bill had been passed but the decision was deferred and it was deferred again and again. He felt fortunate he had lived long enough to have seen New Plymouth, South Taranaki and the Regional Council embrace a Māori ward and encouraged Council to feel all the love filling this room at the moment and employed Council to establish a Māori ward.
- Mrs Patricia Coles noted a time she had accompanied her mother to a field growing charmolia as they had no greens for their dinner. They picked only a small basket and the farmer kicked them out. She grew up thinking they were thieves but it was an attitude at a time when many others suffered similar behaviours. You can stop that today and allow us to fill up our kites, how proud you can be today with the decision to fill the kite up with good stuff, do not let our grandchildren's kite be empty with a bad decision – your decision today will change attitudes for tomorrow.
- Mr Hemi Ngarewa noted that the people had spoken in support for a Māori ward. This kaupapa goes back 671 years and he noted he spoke on behalf of Tangahoe and Pakakohi. He noted in 1350 the Aotea waka travelled and arrived from Hawaiki having navigated the seas by stars, winds and tides at night and by the sun and the tide during the day. After landing and travelling across the country they arrived in Whakaahurangi where when the chief woke up he saw the stars – hence the name. They travelled and settled in Patea. Under legislation Ngāti Ruanui spreads from Whenakura to Whakaahurangi. Council are very highly intelligent people, he asked how eleven people can turn down one vote? He felt this was going to change and noted the District Mayor was a visionary person.

Representatives from Taranaki Maori Trust Board presented to Council. Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Wharehoka Wano felt Council would make the decision as it is the right one. He noted he comes today first as uri of Taranaki Maunga. He noted the board spreads across the four councils in our rohe and acknowledged the three councils who had already made the decision to establish a Māori ward. He thanked the District Mayor for bringing this to the table under such urgency but noted this urgency has been over many generations. He noted that the letter presented by Ngāti Ruanui covers four iwi within the District and noted that he was here as the chair of the Taranaki Māori Board Trust and noted their support for a Māori ward. A formal letter was presented to the Mayor and was tabled at this meeting. He noted Māori are

a values based people and they will add value and that perhaps there has not been enough conversations with each other not just in the forums but in all of the big decisions we have to make as a region with environmental issues being some of the biggest issues we will face. They have strong aspirations with the three waters and these conversations will need to be had together. As the chair of the Taranaki Maori Trust Board and as the facilitator for the Iwi Chair Board – we tell you very clearly that we support Māori wards.

- Ms Puna Wano-Bryant noted she spoke as a member of the Ronogomou Community Action group which has been active in the establishment of Māori wards throughout the nation. She questioned if Council had listened to the mana whenua of this area as they are here, they are saying they want a Māori ward. This is sufficient engagement. If Councillors had followed the examples of the other three Councils in the region then they would have seen that they all had iwi support in the establishment of Māori wards. You asked iwi to prove themselves and answer a question and they have answered ‘yes give us the representation and voice we have fought and died for’. She pleaded Council not to hide behind misguided notions of community consultation – the law change removed these barriers, not to use numbers and majority rhetoric as it has never served a nation’s minority. The toroa, albatross, won’t land where there is disruption. Clear this space to let the sacred bird of peace land and seek refuge as only then can it rise on the unity and warmth and fly above the maunga again. Lets do our maunga proud. Establish a Māori ward in the Stratford District.

Mr Jordan Marshall-Wansbrough noted the following points:

- His deputation had been emailed and circulated to Council.
- He noted he was of Ngāti Maru, Te Atiawa tonu, Taranaki Tuturu, Ngā Ruahinerangi, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngā Rauru hoki descent.
- He noted his family had not lived in Taranaki for a very long time but as a former Youth Councillor for the Porirua District Council he wanted to emphasise what a Māori ward meant to him.
- He reiterated that Stratford needs a Māori ward.

Ms Sue Comrie noted the following points:

- She acknowledged the representatives of iwi, the wider community, the District Mayor and Councillors. She noted she had lived in the area for over 40 years, that her children had gone to school here and she had worked at both Avon and Stratford primary schools.
- She is part of a group of Taranaki Māori and Pakeha that have worked together for the establishment of Māori wards in the region and was here to continue the support to friends and whanau in the establishment of a Māori ward for Stratford.
- She questioned if there was anymore that sounded more like apartheid than white voices shouting down to the minority. She noted that there are those who get why this is needed then those who just don’t get it and question why Māori can’t just stand and get elected like others.
- Those who say ‘not yet’ do not understand that this is fundamentally a Māori country just as France is the country of the French. It is hidden by the English overlay and we are not taught about the colonial systems for what they were designed to do which is for the benefit of non-Māori. If we had been taught what had really happened and more about our own country then these conversations today would not be going on.
- As the processes are reassessed the fact that we don’t have Māori seats mandated by and for Māori is wrong. It is time to right the wrongs of the past, Māori should not feel like second class citizens and should not have to plead for equitability. It is no longer acceptable that anyone other than Māori decide what Māori need.
- It is time for Māori wards to become part of the fabric of Local Government. Decisions that do not include a Māori vote are not truly representative of our Māori.
- Māori wards are not the same as general seats. Māori who are elected to the general seats – their constituents are the general public. Māori elected to a Māori ward seat are for and to speak to the iwi and hapu who have nominated and voted for them. Democracy is about equal representation and not just domination by the majority. It is time for non- Māori to step aside and give Māori a seat at the table.

- Te Ao Māori can only add value. She urged Council to demonstrate courage and leadership and join the other three councils to normalise Māori wards. Bring us together as one people of Taranaki.

Fiona Kahukura noted that she had travelled from Taumarunui through to Fielding and Levin to support the kaupapa of Māori wards. She noted if Council had not heard this today then she worried for them.

The District Mayor noted the two letters that were tabled and circulated to councillors. He has personally spoken to representatives of each of the iwi and what we have heard today is reflective of what those phone calls entailed.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- The report reflects on the decision making process and noted that very recently decisions by Council had been changed such as the location of the pool and the removal of the green waste collection at Tuesdays hearing. She noted a true leader can reflect on the past and embrace new information to relook at a decision.
- She noted if Council decided to have a Māori ward the proposal for the representation review would be due by 31 August 2021 which will look at wards, boundaries and possibility of electing some members at large. She confirmed there is time to complete this process.
- If Council decided to defer until 2024 then the representation review would be done at that time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. THAT Council consider the following options for Māori representation at the decision making level of Council:

- Option 1: Establish a Māori ward that will have effect for the 2022 and 2025 local elections, and then continue until a further resolution takes effect.

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Or

- ~~Option 2: Do not establish a Māori ward, instead review this decision at the 2024 Representation Review.~~

- Councillor McKay noted she was the perfect picture of pakeha white privilege and her view of the world had had her thinking she could sit at the table on behalf of the whole community. She noted she is open minded and caring and knew she would always have the right intentions at the centre of what she does. She noted she was no longer naive enough to truly believe that she could make the right decision for her entire community – because she was not her entire community. She has different beliefs, lives a different life and acknowledged the community is made of many different cultures, different genders, different ages and the list goes on. She noted this was why diversity was needed at the council table, because without diversity it was not truly representing its entire community. She noted sweeping this position under the radar was no longer acceptable by those people who have elected them. She noted there had been justifications for the current position by saying Council had not said no, she felt just as much damage had been done as if they had said no. She noted it was time to hear the views of all Councillors on their formal position and noted that if Councillors were going to say no then to formally note that. She clarified several arguments opposing a Māori ward: one seat not

being enough, should we be giving every culture a seat, that Stratford does not have a large Māori population, that we are all one people and this shouldn't be established on race and that Council did not consult with its community. She gave her absolute support to the establishment of a Māori ward for the 2022 elections and thanked the Māori community for their unified, dignified, inclusive and loving approach to seeing a better future for their culture.

- Councillor Dalziel spoke in support of the motion and noted he had supported this since it was first spoken about. He noted one of the key reasons on the introduction of Māori wards was due to Māori being under represented in Local Government throughout New Zealand. One of the key issues is because they are Māori and that reflects a view in society that has resulted in Māori not being at the table where they should be. He noted there had been an argument that the establishment of a Māori ward was not democratic and clarified that until all parts of our society were treated equally then it is not a democratic society. He noted this debate was not dissimilar to the debate 25 years ago regarding women in senior management roles and in governance and he noted the progress that has happened since then and the enormous influence women have brought. The Māori perspective will be an enriching one and their contribution at the table will be huge and will help level the playing field. This is a partnership and to be able to have a true partnership then a seat at the table is needed. Iwi have significant economic strength and it is in everyone's interest to have Māori at the table as part of the decision making. He noted his disappointment that it had come to the very last day for this decision when the opportunity was presented to Council a couple of months ago when the majority voted against revisiting it. He urged Councillors not to waste this opportunity as it is the right thing to do.
- Councillor Boyde noted that when iwi presented on Tuesday there had been no correspondence from the other iwi at that point. He noted he had not been supportive for a number of reasons but there was support received from 8 iwi to support a Māori ward. He did not want to see a negative effect on relationships or a negative impact on operational issues, consents or the District Plan. He noted that a strong relationship was vital. He noted the need to remove emotion and provide leadership to the community and as quoted today he noted he was happy to become an architect of the future and noted his support for Option 1 – the establishment of a Māori ward for the Stratford District.
- Councillor Harris noted it was clear Council and iwi have a common goal and the mutual benefits in the partnerships were spoken about on Tuesday for Māori and the community as a whole. She noted the importance of being provided with all the information to be able to make an informed decision and felt like it had now been provided. She had questioned other forms of Māori representation but she acknowledged that this was for the Māori community to decide and felt she was not there to drive the car but to provide the vehicle. She believes this is the right way forward and she noted the amount of laughter and love that has been felt within the room today. She was looking forward to sharing more of that and noted her support for option 1 – the establishment of a Māori ward.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that this was a historic meeting and felt it was the start of a long process to address Māori representation. He noted his support for Option 1 – the establishment of a Māori ward.
- Councillor Erwood noted he had never been against a Māori ward but some of his decisions for not voting to establish a ward had been based on council staff being in contact with all seven iwi and saw those relationships travelling well, he felt iwi were happy with this relationship and he was concerned that one seat would cause division between all seven iwi. He noted he had concerns about the lack of consultation with the community, however noted he wanted to see relationships between iwi and Council continue to grow and therefore noted his support for Option 1 – establishment of a Māori ward.
- Councillor Coplestone noted he had not been in support of this initially and he still has concerns that he has raised with people. He noted he had been conscious of the lack of consultation with the Eastern Taranaki residents, he felt it would be a long road to convince some of residents and requested support and help in that process. He noted his support for Option 1 – the establishment of a Māori ward.

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- Councillor Sandford noted he had previously not supported this as he felt one was not needed, if you wanted to stand you stood as an individual and are elected by the ratepayers, however he noted that today his eyes were opened. He noted how impressed he had been with the speakers and the young Councillors who have shown what we can achieve together. He noted he was looking forward to meeting with you all and more engagement with iwi representatives.
- Councillor Webby noted she believed we were one people, she was elected for the people and she has listened to the people. She noted that everyone had come together today as one people and she will be voting for option 1 – the establishment of a Māori ward.
- Councillor Jones noted this whole process had been a failure of time. A decision had been previously made stating more time was needed, he noted personally he wanted to know the reasons behind establishing a Māori ward. He noted he was concerned this had been left till the last day and felt that some will view it that Council has been pushed into this with others feeling Council has made the right decision.
- The District Mayor noted he had thought long and hard about this issue and had tried to form a view that is principled, informed and offered a way forward for the whole community while weighing up the benefits and the negatives arising from a Māori ward. He noted he had reflected on 20 years of experience with this Council and on his relationships with iwi across many forums across the region. He noted his experience with iwi had been a very positive, productive and enriching experience and noted his view that working collaboratively and inclusively brings the best and most productive outcomes. He noted the most rewarding decisions he has been part of in Council are those that have given people, or a group or organisation, the opportunity to do something, to move forward with their ideas and achieve their aspirations. The opportunity to establish a Māori ward would allow us to move ward and fulfil the aspiration of tangata whenua to have a seat at the Council table. He acknowledged this would not fix all the issues facing Māori but it was a step in the right direction. He noted that he had heard the comment ‘stuff the treaty, the council never signed it’ and acknowledged the fact that this had been signed by the crown with the partnership obligations enshrined in all law including the Local Government Act which states to improve opportunities for Maori to contribute to local government decision making – how can they contribute without a guaranteed place at the table? He noted the significant investments and commitments made by iwi in our District such as the Mountain House, Dawson Falls and the Te Wera Forest and asked why would you not want to build relationship to create more opportunities together. He noted as community leaders, elected to do what is best for the community, means sometimes you are at the front of the bunch and sometimes slightly ahead which can make you feel vulnerable. He urged Councillors to overcome that feeling, apply your knowledge and principles and make your own judgements. He reiterated that Councillors had all heard the call for a Māori ward and asked Councillors to keep an open mind and make the best decision for the future of the community.

A division was called:

Those voting for the motion: Councillors: Boyde, Coplestone, Dalziel, Erwood, Harris, Jones, McKay, Sandford, Webby, the Deputy Mayor and the District Mayor.

Those voting against the motion: Nil

The meeting closed at 12.38pm

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 8th day of June 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL, MIRANDA STREET,
STRATFORD ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors M McKay, V R Jones, R W Coplestone, G W Boyde, W J Sandford, A K Harris, J M S Erwood, P S Dalziel and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Community Development Manager – Mr Chade Julie (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs A Kingston (*part meeting*), the Rooding Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden (*part meeting*), the Special Projects Manager – Mr N Cooper (*part meeting*), the Parks & Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), the Senior Engineer Advisor – Mr M Oien (*part meeting*), Mrs J Gilliland, Mrs J Patterson, Mr S Davies, Ms M Jordan (Venture Taranaki, *part meeting*), and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. **WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the District Mayor, Councillors, staff, and the media. He reminded Councillors to ensure they are familiar with the health and safety message including evacuation procedures.

2. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST**

The Deputy Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings was attached.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 27 April 2021 (Hearing)**
D21/13766 Pages 9-11

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021, to consider submissions to the Draft Public Places and Nuisances Bylaw, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/21/65

6.2 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 27 April 2021**
D21/13787 Pages 12-16

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/21/66

7. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**
D16/47 Page 17

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

WEBBY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/21/67

Points noted in discussion:

- UAGC review amend to rural *non*-contiguous properties.
- It was clarified there was no provision in the District Plan regarding vehicles on private properties. This could be discussed during Year 2 and Year 3 of the Long Term Plan when the District Plan is set for review.

8. **INFORMATION REPORT – QUARTERLY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT – QUARTER 3**

D21/14890 Pages 18-55

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

McKAY/DALZIEL
Carried
P&S/21/68

Ms Gilliland and Mrs Patterson noted the following points in their presentation:

- Taranaki Trends was released in Quarter 4 and is focussed on smaller communities in the region which has highlighted median households incomes are reasonably low in those communities. This dispels the view that Taranaki is a wealthy region overall.
- There was a very successful Growth Capital workshop co-hosted by NZTE which is part of the investment piece and was great workshop with a number of local enterprises.
- The Food and Fibres Alumni event was held last week which was very successful and had a number of Māori food and fibre participants.
- Tech Week is underway this week with a number of great events going on.
- The Taranaki Story is being launched tonight. A sneak preview of the video was shown to Councillors.
- Live and Work Campaign is being launched in June and features Stratford residents Laine and Alicia Cameron.
- The six monthly business survey is about to launch and it will be interesting to see results post COVID and Government Budget announcements.
- Food tourism studies has been finalised and is going through the actions.
- Looking at food technical facilities for those food businesses who are too big for a home kitchen but not big enough for a commercial kitchen – looking at a solution to help with that bridge.
- Looking at offshore wind as part of the low emissions journey and what can be done with that energy with new options.
- The new Venture Taranaki website was shown to Councillors.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified the conference delegates at the Regional Partners Conference visited TrackIT, Whizzbang, Juno Gin, Egmont Honey and the 3 Sisters Brewery as they needed to be within 20 minutes of the conference site. These businesses gave insight to the diversity of what is operating in Taranaki and broke down perceptions of what goes on in the region.
- It was clarified that Venture Taranaki had not been part of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs project but had been aware of the success and had directed people to this.

The Venture Taranaki representatives and the Community Development Officer left the meeting at 3.26pm.

9. **DECISION REPORT – CENTRAL LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT**

D21/15575 Pages 56-114

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

WEBBY/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/21/69
2. THAT Council approves the new Joint Committee Agreement (Appendix 1) to incorporate a “Holding Period” while waste is disposed of at an out of region landfill;
3. THAT Council agrees to re-establish the Central Landfill Joint Committee for effective governance on regional waste disposal;
4. THAT Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Joint Committee Agreement;
5. THAT Council adopts the Central Landfill Joint Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 2);
6. THAT Council delegates authority to the Central Landfill Joint Committee to:
 - a) Oversee the initial development, operation, closure and aftercare of the Central Landfill;
 - b) Approve the annual budget and business plan for the Central Landfill;
 - c) Determine the prices to be charged for depositing solid waste at the Central Landfill;
 - d) Determine (subject to any consent conditions) the types of solid waste that will be accepted at the Central Landfill;
 - e) Determine the date of permanent closure of the Central Landfill;
 - f) Determine during the Holding Period,
 - i. An annual review of activities and approval of the budget
 - ii. The viability of Central Landfill
 - iii. Whether Central landfill would need to accept waste on 1 July 2024 and if so, ensure timelines to facilitate this are met;
7. THAT Council resolves that the Central Landfill Joint Committee not be discharged at the Triennial election (Schedule 7 (Clause 30(7)) of the Local Government Act);
8. THAT Council appoints the *District Mayor* as the Stratford District Council’s representative and the *Deputy Mayor* as an Alternate Representative on the Joint Committee

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/21/70

Recommended Reason

The recommendations in this report is to allow the Central Landfill Joint Committee to oversee the initial development and the operation, eventual permanent closure and aftercare of the Central Landfill.

The Central Landfill Joint Committee was disestablished in 2019, pursuant to Schedule 7 Clause 30(7) of the Local Government Act, therefore, its reestablishment is required

by resolution in Council. Accordingly, a new Joint Committee Agreement must be completed prior to the establishment of the Committee. The Terms of Reference, which supplement the Joint Committee Agreement, must be adopted by Council.

The Director – Assets noted the following points:

- This report sought approval to re-establish the central landfill joint committee which was disestablished in 2019 following the local government elections which was in accordance with the Local Government Act.
- Being re-established will allow the committee to re look at the central landfill for disposal of general waste in the region.
- The resolutions also seek approval of the joint committee agreement and terms of reference and appointment of representatives to the committee being the Mayor and an alternative.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor noted that he had been the representative on the Central Landfill Joint Committee. He had been involved in establishing and decommissioning the Central Landfill and noted that Stratford received a full vote on the committee. This committee could re-establish the central landfill project but also continue with consents and the extensions of these consents.
- It was clarified that this committee would make a recommendation to Council on the continuation of the Bonny Glen contract when it is up for renewal in 2024.
- It was clarified that should the consents lapse it could be considerable costs to have them issued again or they may not be issued or issued with different restrictions. Work will be undertaken on this before the consents lapse in 2025.

The Special Projects Manager joined the meeting at 3.33pm

- The District Mayor noted the committee had been structured so that it automatically lapsed at each election. This report looks to re-establish the committee and change the structure so that it would continue past elections. The suggested representative was the Mayor which would remain with the position should that change post-election. He suggested that the Deputy Mayor continue as the alternative representative and would attend the meetings rather than the Mayor. He noted that the percentage towards the costs of this committee was 6.5% which is lower than the general 8% for Stratford contributions towards regional joint committees. He noted that Stratford still had a full vote which was equal to the others.
- Councillor Boyde supported the reestablishment of the committee to make sure the targets have been met that were initially proposed with transporting waste to Bonny Glen.

10. MONTHLY REPORTS

10.1 ASSETS REPORT D21/14290 Pages 115-147

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

McKAY/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/21/71

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Roading Asset Manager noted that the setting of the speed limit on Opunake Road was still underway as the new rules through the transport agency would not come into effect until the end of this year. The speed limit setting rule will aim to do a regional setting of speed limits rather than adhoc or by one road at a time. The agency is promoting that by 30 June 2024 40% of school areas will have been reduced to 30km and rural 60km limits with a review to be undertaken in 2029. There will need to be a workshops on setting of speed limits as it is fairly far reaching and could result in some push back from residents.
- It was clarified that the repairs to McBride's bridge cost \$64,602 To date \$350,000 has been spent on this bridge.
- It was requested that Mr Bowden report to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the danger of the pedestrian crossing on Broadway given the change in scope to the Broadway works have resulted in the crossing not being moved as initially planned. Mr Bowden noted that the relocation was tied up as part of the Prospero Place and Broadway upgrades and noted that he could approach Waka Kotahi about this but to keep in mind it was part of a bigger 2050 project. He anticipated that it would cost between \$30,000 - \$40,000 to move the crossing.
- The District Mayor noted the parking issues at Stratford Primary School including the bus stop and next to the King Edward Park. He suggested any discussion that needed to be held regarding parking should be held sooner rather than later. Mr Bowden noted there was still a bit of time but this could begin now and could include the relocation of the pedestrian crossing by the Hamlet Street intersection to further along Regan Street. He noted that this review would tie in with the walking and cycling strategy.
- It was clarified that the safety work along Swansea Road was to reduce the natural speed along by the High School by markers/signs on the road, changing the parking to angle parking and putting a centre line down the road. This, as well as widening of footpaths, will restrict the width of the road and drive down speeds naturally.
- It was noted feedback had been received regarding the footpath repairs being undertaken outside Stratford Primary School during term time. Mr Bowden noted it had been planned for work to be done during the school holidays but was delayed due to upgrades being done at the school during the holidays. Where possible work is done through the holidays.
- Councillor Dalziel noted that the green waste collection had been removed from the Long Term Plan budget and questioned what would be done to remove green waste from the general waste collection. It was clarified that Council had approved a 0.5 FTE to provide education to the community on reduction of waste as well as increasing the budget to EnviroSchools.
- It was clarified the graph for the Aerodrome usage was accurate with the new recording system which was providing a much more detailed report. It was noted that since COVID there had been a decline in numbers.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the farm had exceeded its target of 150,000 milk solids and finished on 159,980 for the year.
- It was clarified that the residents suspended for contamination of recycling bins had been warned and continued to offend. The recycling would have to go into the general waste for three months but this was a better outcome than contamination of the whole collection.

The Senior Engineering Advisor, the Parks & Reserves Officer and the Communications Manager left the meeting at 3.59pm.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

D21/14014 Pages 148-156

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

WEBBY/McKAY
Carried
P&S/21/72

The Director – Community Services noted the following points:

- The highlights show a full month for the Community Services team.
- It was noted a debrief on ANZAC day was to be held next month.
- It was noted that since the report the total of employments with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs was now at 64 (target was 50). The careers expo was held Friday 16 May and was very successful. An application has been submitted to continue this programme for a second year.
- As part of the community engagement the Library is holding digital banking sessions which is provided in partnership with Department of Internal Affairs and the TSB Bank. Eight people attended the session at Whangamomona and more will be held at the library to give residents the opportunity to practice digital banking with the removal of cheques from circulation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the careers expo was fantastic and acknowledged the Workforce Coordinator for her work with this. Being independent from the schools was brilliant and it was very well attended by businesses.
- It was clarified that the digital banking partnership was between the Department of Internal Affairs and banks throughout the country and noted that in Taranaki this partnership was with the TSB.
- Ms Whareaitu noted the new Council website would be launched next week and a demonstration could be given to Councillors at the conclusion of the meeting.

Council Organisations and Council Representatives on Other Organisations

- Councillor McKay noted the Stratford Business Association's next 'Women in Business' networking lunch was being held next week and Lisa Tamati was the speaker. She noted a date had been set for the Romeo Awards which is 11 September 2021.
- The Deputy Mayor noted the next meeting of the Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust was to be held tomorrow and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

The Community Development Manager left the meeting at 4.05pm.

10.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

D21/14189 Pages 157-163

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

WEBBY/DALZIEL
Carried
P&S/21/73

The Director – Environmental Services noted the following points:

- It was noted this report is still telling a similar story of strong development which is reflected over the past 12 months.
- It was noted there were some building consents that had gone over time which had impacted on the performance measures. A new consultant was now being used to process these and the average processing time is now reducing. There were also four building inspections that had a slightly longer wait which was related directly to staffing issues.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted the total of 11 new dwellings for the month was outstanding especially compared to the total of 13 new dwellings total for the previous year. He noted this was an incredible change and the impact this had on the economy would be substantial from tradesmen to suppliers. He noted the pressure that this extra work would have on staff was understandable.
- It was clarified that the District Plan review had been removed from the monthly report as it was due to be undertaken in Years 2 and 3 of the Long Term Plan. There were changes proposed to the Resource Management Act which is also indicating changes to District Plans which was factored into the decision to delay this review.

10.4 **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

D21/16492 Pages 164-183

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/21/74

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- Revenue is over budget – user charges are almost at the full year budget and building control activity is up.
- The farm is doing well and the payout is up.
- All expenditure items are over budget with the exception of interest. Further explanations of these were in the report.
- Debt is currently at \$22.2 million (\$15 million if the A&P Association loan is excluded) which is why interest is under budget as the budget was for \$24 million.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the reserves were now cash-backed and that aligns with the balance sheet.
- Clarification was sought to the makeup of the sundry debtors. This will be included in next month's report.
- Further clarification was sought on the increased revenue at the Library and reduced revenue at the iSITE. This would be added to matters outstanding.

11. **QUESTIONS**

- The District Mayor questioned if Council wished to review the Standing Orders given that the decision to remove the provision for digital engagement in a meeting (attendance via audio/visual link) had originally been removed due to Council not having the capability to provide this option at that time. The Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) notice currently gave the ability for those attending by audio/visual link to vote and contribute to the quorum of the meeting – until it expires. It was requested the Officers bring a report to Council with this amendment to the standing orders.

12. **RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Items No: 13

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 to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Sale of land	The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)b(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

ERWOOD/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/21/75

The Roading Asset Manager and the media left the meeting at 4.20pm.

13. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEM**
D21/16618 Pages 184-190

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the open meeting resume.

DALZIEL/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/21/78

The meeting closed at 4.27pm

A L Jamieson
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 22nd day of June 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

MONTHLY REPORT



F19/13/04-D21/18471

TO: District Council

FROM: District Mayor

DATE: 8 June 2021

SUBJECT: REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

Moved/Seconded

1. MĀORI WARDS

Following the momentous decision by elected members to introduce a Māori Ward into the Stratford District Council's representation structure, a formal review of all representation arrangements will now be necessary. Council officers have commenced the process and will present a report to council within the next month.

The review is the same process that would normally occur every six years. There are legislative timeline requirements to be met and multiple factors that council must consider and make decisions on. Included in this review are determinations on the following:

- The number of Councillors to be elected;
- Whether Councillors are elected by wards, 'at large', or a mix of wards and 'at large';
- The proposed number, names, and boundaries of wards and the number of councillors that will represent them;
- Whether to have community boards, and if so, how many, names and their membership.

There are three topics that must be considered as part of the review:

- Identifying communities of interest, effective representation and fair representation. To do this, elected members need to:
 - a) Identify the communities of interest
 - b) Ensure there is effective representation (number of councillors and how they are elected e.g. by wards, at large, or a mixture) to those communities of interest,

- c) Determine whether the current ward system still represents the community effectively or not.
- d) If there are to be wards, determine the ward boundaries.
- e) Determine whether there be community boards to represent the communities of interest

The review will need to be completed within the statutory timeframes to be effective in time for the 2022 Local Government elections.

2. POHOKURA BRIDGE AND MANAWAWIRI CULVERT PROJECTS

Last week more than 200 native plants were planted along the banks of the Pohokura Stream, completing the project to replace a damaged culvert on SH43 with a new two laned bridge.

As well as being aesthetically pleasing once they've grown, the plants will play an important role in protecting the stream by helping to stabilise the banks and reduce run off from the road. Preserving the natural environment was always a key consideration when planning this project so to help reduce the impact on flora and fauna and the waterway, the project was undertaken in a unique way.

To help manage the amount of soil and debris ending up in the stream, contractors built the bridge structure first before carefully removing the damaged culvert from underneath it. This approach provided not only an environmental benefit but also meant that traffic could continue to use the bridge while the culvert was removed.

Waka Kotahi has thanked the construction team who put in 6000 hours to complete this project, motorists for their patience and abiding by the traffic management and Ngāti Maru Iwi for providing advice and cultural monitoring services.

A similar construction process will be used for the next project on the list of improvements planned for SH43 which is to replace a damaged culvert at the Manawawiri Stream near Toko, with a new two-lane bridge. A site blessing has been held and work will get underway within the next month.

While the summer construction season is over, Waka Kotahi will still be doing a lot of work on SH43 over the winter. In the coming weeks crews will be felling trees on the roadside to improve safety. The trees, none of which are natives, are being removed to improve sight lines and reduce the risk to motorists if they run off the road.

New road markings and signage to improve safety will also be installed over the winter months. Signs will also be installed near the entrance to the Moki Tunnel advising motorists to watch for cyclists. They are also continuing to work through designs and consents for the sealing of the last 12 km's of the Tangarakau Gorge.

3. ST JOHNS AMBULANCE STATION

There was a real boost to health services in the Central Taranaki area when St John opened their brand new, four bay ambulance building in Stratford. This will provide confidence and certainty around the ongoing provision of ambulance services in the area and strengthen the support for other ambulance services based around the perimeter of the region. Congratulations to everyone involved with this outstanding project.

The volunteers within St Johns will also benefit from the new building with quality training facilities available for the local cadets and senior members. St Johns provides a really important opportunity for young people to get involved with community service and learn the highly valuable, lifelong skills of first aid.

St Johns always reminds me of the value that volunteers bring to our community and the Stratford District is wealthy in that respect. Many roles require a significant sacrifice of personal time and the boost this facility will give to St Johns members is added benefit from this building project.

4. THE DANCE PROJECT

When accepting an invitation to attend the Dance Project's performance and cabaret evening, Debbie and myself did so not knowing quite what to expect. We were enthralled by the outstanding display of skill and talent of the dancers and even by the range of age groups. There was a high level of professionalism coupled with outstanding choreography giving rise to a great event. The hours of practice needed to achieve such a high quality performance must have been huge, but it was all worth it. My congratulations to the Dance Project Group for hosting such a quality event.

5. CAREERS EXPO

As part of the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs initiative, our community services team organised a careers expo in the War Memorial Hall. This event was a great success with a very large number of young people attending and more than 20 exhibitors. Hopefully this event gave attendees a chance to look at career options and talk with the various recruitment people who manned the stalls. Key to the success was holding the event away from a school, which broadened the appeal and encouraged young people who are not students to come and look at some of the options available to them.

When talking with some of the those attending I found it amazing the different positions they find themselves in; some are absolutely clear on what they want to do as a career, some have huge ambitions, some have had long time career choices, while others have very little clue and seem to be at risk of drifting into an uncertain future. Clearly making the right choice at this time is incredibly important to the futures of our youth and their long term well-being.

6. COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Mayor of the Stratford District and Archbishop Philip Richardson are the joint settlors of the Stratford Community House Trust. Having attended the Annual General Meeting of the Stratford Community House, I came away knowing the facility is being very well utilised by community groups and well managed by the Trustees. The demand for space in the building continues to grow which is a strong indicator of the need for social services in the Stratford area. The tenancy model that they have developed is working very well and the range of user groups working from the building is a very positive outcome.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - See attached.

8. SOME EVENTS ATTENDED

- Attended – Men's Robus Annual General Meeting as Guest Speaker
- Attended – Regional Sports Facilities Strategy meeting
- Attended – Socialising Public Sector Lead Priorities meeting with MSD officials
- Attended – SCSS Committee meeting
- Attended – Positive Aging Committee meeting
- Attended – Regional Land Transport Committee setting speed limits workshop
- Attended – LGNZ Three Waters Update Webinar (x2)
- Attended – Careers Expo
- Attended – Justice of the Peace training session
- Attended – Grey Power Annual General Meeting as Guest Speaker
- Attended – Taranaki Regional Council Joint Solid Waste Committee meeting
- Attended – Stratford Community House Annual General Meeting
- Attended – Positive Aging Forum and Expo
- Attended – The Dance Project Cabaret evening
- Attended – Meeting with Speedway Committee and Motorsports representative
- Attended – Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua meeting
- Attended – Waka Kotahi site blessing for Manawawiri Culvert Project
- Stratford Press Interviews and Articles (multiple)
- Daily News Interviews (multiple)
- Filmed sign language video
- Radio Interview with More FM (x1)
- Filmed Interview with Maori television (x1)
- Radio Interview with Radio New Zealand (x2)
- Attended Regional Mayors and Chairs meeting (x2)
- Attended Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x4)
- Attended Council Workshops (x1)
- Attended Council Meetings (x4)
- Attended Public Forums (x1)



N C Volzke JP
DISTRICT MAYOR

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs

May 2021

The Stratford fire brigade responded to 29 calls in May 2021:

- 03-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford High School
- 05-05-21 Motor vehicle accident car in ditch SH 3 near Bird Road
- 05-05-21 Two car motor vehicle accident Broadway / Romeo Street
- 06-05-21 Special Service assist resident with domestic flooding Regan Street
- 06-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 07-05-21 Skip bin fire at Stratford Furniture Manufacturing Celia Street
- 07-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 07-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford Health Centre Romeo Street
- 09-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford Primary School Regan Street
- 11-05-21 Alarm activation Empire Hotel
- 12-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford District Council Miranda Street
- 14-05-21 Digger rollover Strathmore Saddle
- 14-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 15-05-21 Assist ambulance with medical call Montjoy Street
- 15-05-21 House fire Portia Street
- 17-05-21 Assist ambulance with medical call Broadway South stood down before arrival
- 17-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 18-05-21 Standby Eltham fire station stood down before arrival

- 18-05-21 Two car motor vehicle accident Regan Street / Cordelia Street
- 18-05-21 Four vehicle motor vehicle accident SH 3 South of Midhirst
- 22-05-21 Residential smoke alarm activation Swansea Road
- 22-05-21 Residential smoke alarm activation Swansea Road
- 23-05-21 Two car motor vehicle accident Miranda / Seyton Street
- 26-05-21 Tanker required arcing on transformer Faull Road Tikorangi assist Waitara fire brigade stood down before arrival
- 27-05-21 Two car motor vehicle accident Broadway /Fenton Street
- 29-05-21 Motor vehicle accident car through fence SH 3 Midhirst Township
- 31-05-21 Alarm activation Stratford Ambulance Station Romeo Street
- 31-05-21 Motor vehicle accident Mountain Road near Hills Road scene protection
- 31-05-21 Motor vehicle accident car off Road Opunake Road near Poto Road