

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

F19/13/06 – D22/12586

Date: Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

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

Via Audio Visual Link: Councillor M McKay

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Special Projects Manager – Mr N Cooper and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

Via Audio Visual Link: , the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden and the Community Development Manager – Mr C Julie.

1. Welcome

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

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 7

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 8

The Chairman reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted that a tour had been undertaken today of the Children's Bike Park and the Aquatic Centre with representatives of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. They were particularly impressed with what has been achieved for both projects and were very complimentary on the delivery and quality outcomes. A congratulations to all staff involved in these projects was noted.

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.

The declaration of members' 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 – 8 March 2022 D22/8230 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/17

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 14, fourth bullet point “webinar can *be* circulated”

6.2 Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 15 March 2022 D22/9103 (PE) D22/11472 (Open) Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 be received.

JONES/BOYDE
Carried
CL/22/18

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 be adopted.

BOYDE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/19

Councillor Boyde noted the total of \$96,000 being used for rate mitigation. He noted this was in addition to the \$50,000 previously allocated to rate mitigation and that this was the equivalent of over 1% on rates. This is an outstanding outcome.

6.3 Audit and Risk Committee – 15 March 2022
D22/8876 Page 23

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/22/20

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on Tuesday 15 March 2022 be adopted.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/21

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 23, under in attendance – *the* Chief Executive.

6.4 Policy & Services Committee – 22 March 2022
D22/10214 (PE) D22/11489(Open) Page 31

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 be received.

JAMIESON/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/22/22

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 be adopted.

JAMIESON/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/23

6.4.1 Rates Remission Policy
D22/8652 Page 41

The tracked changes and updated Rates Remission Policy was attached for Council's information. This was to highlight the changes requested at the Policy and Services Committee Meeting.

6.5 Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee – 5 April 2022
D22/10214 Page 50

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 be received.

SANDFORD/JONES
Carried
CL/22/24

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 be adopted.

SANDFORD/JONES
Carried
CL/22/25

Councillor Sandford noted his thanks to the Administration & Communications Support Officer who extended the timeframe for applications by one week which resulted in a higher number of applications. Discussions are occurring on what formulas other councils use to determine the allocation of funds, this will be further investigated and a workshop held with the committee when examples are collated.

6.6 Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee – 24 February 2022
Page 54

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held on Thursday 24 February 2022 be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/26

The District Mayor noted the resignation of the Regional Civil Defence Controller, David Langford, and acknowledged his significant contribution to Civil Defence over the last few years.

6.7 Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 2 March 2022
Page 59

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 be received.

VOLZKE/WEBBY
Carried
CL/22/27

The District Mayor noted the Waka Kotahi presentation put emphasis on the Road to Zero programme and explaining the impact of that. The proposal to lower the speed limits to 80kms is ongoing and there was further discussion on the safety project for State Highway 3. He noted he had invited Waka Kotahi to present to this council in the near future.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the comments of South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon, who was watching the proposed roading differential targeted rate (forestry) with interest. The District Mayor noted that they will be interested in looking at Stratford's model if it is successful.

6.8 Taranaki Solid Waste Committee – 3 March 2022

Page 64

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee held on Thursday 3 March 2022 be received.

JAMIESON/BOYDE
Carried
CL/22/28

The Deputy Mayor noted that the contamination of the recycling bins was still an issue for most of the region and the group was looking at ways to combat that. This was the first meeting attended by council's Education Officer – Water and Waste and he noted he was looking forward to positive actions coming from this position.

7. District Mayor's Report

D22/11817 Page 68

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/29

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The 3 Waters working group has now reported back to the Minister with 47 recommendations. This report will shape the legislation that will be presented to Parliament. At this point councils will be able to voice their concerns through the submission process. The link to the report is available within the monthly report and he urged councillors to read it as it is very informative and addresses a lot of the issues raised so far.
- The meeting with the panel for the Future of Local Government was held as part of their programme to meet with councils throughout New Zealand. This was a really positive experience and felt that council was well received.
- The Forestry Conservation Course, run by Ngāti Maru in Stratford, was launched last week. He noted council had been able to assist with funding of \$36,000 towards this through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs package. This is a really good example of how this funding source can be used to create opportunities for young people.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that it would be at Waka Kotahi's discretion if the workshop held with council would be in a public forum. Currently the safety projects are just a proposal and still in the formative stages. It was expected they would go to the public with this once they had completed information gathering.

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/COPLESTONE
Carried
CL/22/30

2. THAT pursuant to Section 342(1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that the Stratford District Council proposes to close the following roads on Monday 25 April 2022, between the hours stated in the recommendation below, for the purpose of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service

- Miranda Street between Fenton Street and Regan Street – 5:30am to 8:00am
- War Memorial Car park to be closed

BOYDE/COPLESTONE
Carried
CL/22/31

Recommended Reason

In order for the Stratford District Council to hold ANZAC Day commemorations, it is necessary to close the road listed above for the safety of the public gathering for the dawn service at the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street. The proposed road closures require formal endorsement by a Council resolution

/
Moved/Seconded

The Roding Asset Manager noted the report sought approval for the closure of Miranda Street and the War Memorial Carpark for a more extended memorial service on ANZAC day.

The Community Development Manager noted that the service would be similar to last year with the addition of a short parade.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor congratulated the Community Development Team for ensuring this could still go ahead after so many cancellations. The community want to be able to pay their respects to those fallen and the addition of a short parade was a direct request from the community.
- The District Mayor noted he had discussed the plan for this event with former members of the Stratford RSA and that they were comfortable with the route chosen and the shorter parade. He noted avoiding the main road made the closure less complicated and that parade participants had begun to dwindle in numbers in the past.

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

2. THAT the submission be received.

SANDFORD/HARRIS
Carried
CL/22/32

3. THAT the submitter be advised of the outcome of their submission and notified that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council are available on Council's website.

HARRIS/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/22/33

Recommended Reason

All issues raised within the submission have been considered and adequately addressed.

The Special Projects Manager noted the following points:

- In November 2021 council approved a new lease for the TET Multi Sports centre be entered into with the reconstituted sports society. The Reserves Act required this lease to be publically notified and a call for submissions and objections be completed.
- One submission was received.
- The submitter did not have any issue with the lease but was seeking confirmation that certain aspects of the lease had been considered. Management response to the submitters questions were included in the report.

Points noted in discussion

- The response to the submitter will refer to the management response within this report.

10. Questions

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Item No: 12

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
Lease agreement	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.

WEBBY/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/22/34

The media left the meeting at 4.00pm

12. Public Excluded Item

Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resume.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/22/37

Item 10 was held at this point of the meeting.

10. Questions

- Councillor Sandford questioned the council's disposal list for land. He had been approached by members of Stratford on Stage who have been told the land their building is on is up for disposal. He requested a copy of the list be circulated to council so they can be aware of what else could impact the community. He noted that due to the changing nature of council it was important to be able to give these groups security. It was clarified that no property would be disposed of without council approval. The Director – Assets noted that this was raised by the Stratford on Stage as their lease is up for renewal and having previously removed the right of purchase from the agreement it was questioned if they were interested in this clause being reinstated. A report will be brought back to council to discuss council owned properties in general as these haven't been reviewed for some time.
- Councillor Coplestone noted that the ANZAC service at Kahuratahi would begin at 10.00am. All welcome.

13. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 99

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.26pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 10th day of May 2022.

N C Volzke
District Mayor