

# MINUTES

## Ordinary Meeting of Council

F19/13/06 – D22/16128

**Date:** Tuesday 10 May 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, J M S Erwood, R W Coplestone, A K Harris, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

*Via audio visual link:* Councillor P S Dalziel.

### In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Administration & Communication Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, the Roding Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Property Officer – Ms Sara Flight and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

*Via audio visual link:* the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, and the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu.

#### 1. Welcome

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

##### **1.1 Opening Karakia** D21/40748 Page 6

The opening karakia was led by Councillor McKay.

##### **1.2 Health and Safety Message** D21/26210 Page 7

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

#### 2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 3. Announcements

The District Mayor congratulated Mr Sven Hanne for his reappointment as Chief Executive of Stratford District Council for a further five years. The appointment process was prolonged due to covid absences. Mayor Volzke thanked all who contributed to the process.

#### 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 will be circulated for updating.

#### 5. Attendance Schedule

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

## 6. Confirmation of minutes

### 6.1 Executive Committee – 12 April 2022 D22/12557 (PE) – D22/13266 (Open) Page 9

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Executive Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

SANDFORD/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/22/38

### 6.2 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 April 2022 D22/12586 (PE) – D22/14064 (Open) Page 12

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/WEBBY  
Carried  
CL/22/39

The Administration and Communication Support Officer undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 20 (PE) – There will also be a section of the lounge that will not allow children under the age of 18 *unless supervised*.

### 6.3 Policy & Services Committee – 26 April 2022 D22/14493 Page 22

#### Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 be received.

McKAY/DALZIEL  
Carried  
CL/22/40

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 be adopted.

McKAY/DALZIEL  
*1 against*  
Carried  
CL/22/41

7. District Mayor's Report  
D22/15511 Page 31

**Recommendation**

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/22/42

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- A correction to the report to Forestry *Partners*.
- The Road to Zero Programme letter to Waka Kotahi from the mayoral forum has been acknowledged as received.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted his gratitude for the mayoral forum letter to Waka Kotahi. He shares the emergency services concerns. Mayor Volzke added to this noting that where a medium barrier exists and an accident is on the other side of the road to where the emergency vehicle is (if coming from the opposite direction), the emergency vehicle has to go back to the accident on the right side of the road as some emergency services have a policy that they are not physically allowed to climb over the barrier. Emergency services therefore need to dispatch emergency vehicles from either side of the accident, therefore doubling workload etc. These sorts of practical implications have not been fleshed out by Waka Kotahi. Councillor Boyde added that a rural user could be waiting a much longer time for emergency services to arrive, depending on the turning point and availability of services.

8. Decision Report – Stratford Aerodrome – Hangar Site Lease – Aero Club  
D22/42660 Page 42

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/22/43

2. THAT Council grant a new lease at the Stratford Aerodrome to the Stratford Aero Club to erect their new hangar on the site beside their existing hangars.

3. THAT the rental for the site be set in accordance with the rate being paid on the club's current leases relative to the aerodrome (\$3.46 per square metre of land area) being \$1,370.16 plus GST per annum.

4. THAT the term of the lease be for a period of 6 years with an option for a further term of up to 15 years should Council continue the aerodrome operation thereafter to coincide with the remaining term of the club's current leases.

BOYDE/JAMIESON  
Carried  
CL/22/44

**Recommended Reason**

The Aero Club's current hangars do not provide adequate space to meet the demand from members for plane storage.

The Property Officer noted the following points:

- The Stratford aerodrome has been the home to the Stratford Aero Club for many years.
- During that time, the club has erected three hangars which have now reached full capacity.
- In December 2021 the Farm and Aerodrome Committee approved the location for a new hangar.
- The council farm sharemilker has expressed no concerns with the use of the farm paddock in question.
- The Aero Club has agreed to the term of the lease and to meet all costs in respect to hangar construction including consent and refencing the farm paddock.
- The lease rental has been aligned with the rental of the club's current leases. A rent review is due on all their leases including the new one as at 1 April 2025.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Property Officer clarified that rental for lease is in the ballpark of \$4-\$5 per square metre of lease area at other aerodromes around Taranaki.
- Councillor Boyde noted that an updated Aerodrome Management Plan was required given growth. Mr Hanne clarified that the plan predates the current Property Officer. When it was written in 2012 it was with the consideration of growth in mind. Today's proposal fits in the last available space at the aerodrome. While fundamentally nothing has changed in the last 10 years, a rewrite of the plan will require some expense.
- Councillor Boyde asked whether discussions had been had with the Aero Club about the management plan. Mr Hanne confirmed that the club had views about where a new hangar should be placed in regards to visibility (of the mountain) and wind factor however an aeronautical consultant at the time the plan was written expressed other views.
- The Deputy Mayor supported the proposal as long as there is consistency in hangar design and colour.
- Councillor Jones sought clarification on when the current property rate would be reviewed, given rising inflation. Mr Hanne clarified that commercial rates are reviewed annually.
- Councillor Dalziel asked if council had considered on charging some of the costs of keeping the airfield operational, to users. He noted that ratepayers were paying for a small number of users. Mr Hanne expressed caution as aero club members and aerodrome users were quite different with a number of private hangars on the site. He added that the self-funding component of the aerodrome comes before elected members every Long Term Plan consultation. The Mayor added that Councillor Dalziel's comments would be taken into consideration at the appropriate time.

*The Property Officer left the meeting at 3.56pm.*

### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

JAMIESON/VOLZKE  
Carried  
CL/22/45

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 for the purpose of the New Zealand Targa Rally 2022:

#### **Thursday 26 May 2022**

Stage Name: Ratapiko

Between the hours of 9.05 am and 1.35 pm

- Makara Road: Ratapiko Road to Croydon Road
- Croydon Road: Makara Road to Salisbury Road
- Salisbury Road: Croydon Road to 845 Salisbury Road

#### **Friday 27 May 2022**

Stage Name: Douglas

Between the hours of 12.00 pm and 4.30 pm

- Wawiri Road: Ahuroa Road to Makuri Road
- Makuri Road: Wawiri Road to Douglas Road
- Douglas Road: Makuri Road to approximately 356 Douglas Road

Stage Name: Insane Eltham

Between the hours of 12.40pm and 5.10 pm

- Wingrove Road: 200m from its intersection with Skinner Road to Cheal Road
- Cheal Road: Wingrove Road to Oru Road
- Oru Road: Cheal Road to Rawhitiroa Road (South Taranaki)

JAMIESON/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/22/46

### **Recommended Reason**

In order for the Targa Rally to hold its annual event, it is proposed to close the roads listed above. These proposed road closures will require formal endorsement by a Council resolution.

The Roding Asset Manager noted the following points:

- The Targa Rally has come to Stratford for many years. The process been rather truncated as the 2021 event was postponed due to covid, level 4 lockdown restrictions in Auckland where many of the participants reside and highway roading repairs in Taranaki.
- If today's recommendation is approved, the rally would stop in Stratford on 27 May. The War Memorial Centre carpark would be closed off as a refuel and refreshment stop for the 106 registered participants.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Mayor Volzke noted that the consultation period closed today at noon. Apart from the one noted objection, were any others received? Mr Bowden clarified that no other objections were received. Regarding the objection, the objector confirmed when contacted that the closure of State Highway 43 was the concern. Mr Bowden clarified that while this council has no jurisdiction over State Highway 43, a suggested solution would see the road being accessed outside of the race times, by escort.
- Councillor Coplestone commented that the traditional September rally timing was very inconvenient to some users, particularly agricultural contractors. Mr Bowden noted that he could not confirm whether another event would be held later in the year or whether this was going to be the new race format. He endeavoured to make enquiries on behalf of elected members.
- Councillor Harris clarified that the objector resides within the road closures. As a resident she had received a letter from the rally organisers stating that the road would be closed from 10am – 7pm. The rally itself is run on the state highway between Tututawa and Whangamomona. Councillor Harris will liaise with the objector to assist to arrange access from/to her residence.

#### 10. Questions

- The Deputy Mayor asked Stratford District Council to consider joining the Communities for Local Democracy coalition to express this council's disapproval of the Three Waters reforms. Mayor Volzke noted that this would be dealt with by way of a report back to council and that this will be added to matters outstanding.
- Mr Hanne committed to sharing council's response to the recent Groundswell LGOIMA request.

#### 11. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was led by Councillor McKay.

*The meeting closed at 4.06pm.*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 14th day of June 2022.

N C Volzke  
**District Mayor**