

Date: Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyde, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V R Jones, E E Hall, W J Sandford, C M Tongaawhikau and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the HR and Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, one member of the media (Stratford Press) and two members of the public.

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed Elected Members, members of the public, staff and the media to the meeting.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 9

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 10

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

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted he would like to table the submission on the Water Services Entity Amendment Bill which arose from the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting. He noted he will seek formal endorsement today, while noting it has already been submitted.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members 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. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 13 June 2023

D23/25695 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/59

6.1.1 Public Forum Notes

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The notes were attached for Council's information.

6.2 Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 20 June 2023

D23/27406 Page 23

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be received.

BECK/HALL
Carried
CL/23/60

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be adopted.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/61

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde reiterated that with approximately \$100,000 going into reserve, this shows how much of an asset the council farm is to Council. He also noted this is the first season the Sharemilkers have run the budget themselves.

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 27 June 2023
D23/28249 Page 28

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/JONES
Carried
CL/23/62

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 be adopted.

McKAY/WATT
Carried
CL/23/63

The HR & Governance Administrator undertook to make the following amendments:

- Councillor Jones requested it to be noted that he does not believe he made the statement on page 34 in regards to Stratford High School. The District Mayor reiterated any changes would be made when confirming the minutes at the upcoming Policy and Services Meeting.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted it is great to see work done around speeds around schools, however is disappointed schools like Toko have not been given the same treatment since they fall under Waka Kotahi. He questioned if there is any way Council could support schools such as Toko which are on State Highways, to get the surrounding speed limits reduced.
- The District Mayor noted Toko School has previously asked this, and Council has supported them with their endeavours, however so far nothing has happened and it is not under Council jurisdiction. He noted the deadline for these changes is 2026, and as Waka Kotahi need to also comply with these rules, it will eventually happen.

6.4 Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee – 18 May 2023
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Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2023 be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/23/64

- It was noted the District Mayor and the Chief Executive represent Council on this committee.

6.5 Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee – 25 May 2023
Page 42

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2023 be received.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/65

Points noted in discussion:

- It was noted the Deputy Mayor represents Council on this committee.
- The Deputy Mayor noted she was happy that it was acknowledged at the meeting that Stratford District Council has been busy in the WMMP space. She noted that the New Zealand Waste Strategy was discussed in this meeting and food waste is going to be a requirement of all Councils.

6.6 Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 8 June 2023
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Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2023 be received.

VOLZKE/ TONGAAWHIKAU
Carried
CL/23/66

Points noted in discussion:

- It was noted the District Mayor and the Roading Asset Manager – Stephen Bowden represent Council on this committee.
- The District Mayor noted the meeting included a detailed presentation from Waka Kotahi focussing on median barriers between Egmont Village and Hawera. This was the same information circulated to Councillors a fortnight ago.
- Councillor Boyde questioned the representation of emergency services at the meeting, as he had seen a lot of feedback from them that they did not support the median barriers.
- The District Mayor noted St John, Police and FENZ were represented on the committee, and had been part of the consultation. He noted Waka Kotahi are aware of the concerns which had been raised.

7. District Mayor's Report
D23/29188 Page 49

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/23/67

Points noted in discussion:

- The District Mayor noted he would like the tabled submission on the Water Services Entity Amendment Bill to be formally endorsed.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the Councillors' concerns had been taken in.
- Councillor Hall noted her appreciation on being included in the process, despite the short timeframe.
- The District Mayor noted the Mayoral Forum had decided not to submit as a forum as all Councils involved had a slightly different point of view, and Taranaki Regional Council did not wish to submit.

Recommendation

THAT the *tabled* Water Services Entity Amendment Bill submission be formally endorsed.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/68

8. Questions

There were no questions.

9. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.56pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 8th day of August 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor