

Date: Tuesday 12 March 2024 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, A K Harris, E E Hall, V R Jones, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

### In attendance

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

#### 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 8

The opening karakia was read.

##### 1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 9

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

#### 2. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau and a leave of absence approved for Councillor J M S Erwood.

THAT The apologies be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/24/30

#### 3. Announcements

The District Mayor acknowledged Council's sorrow and condolences for Mrs Bishop, who has recently lost her mother in law. He thanked those who attended the funeral and who had supported Mrs Bishop through this difficult time.

#### 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 declared conflicts 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 February 2024** D24/5858 Page 9

#### **Recommendation**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/BECK  
Carried  
CL/24/31

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

- Recommendation 6 be updated to 'THAT the budget for the lighting at the bike park of \$15,000 be removed'.
- Page 22, the fourth bullet point will be updated from "The Deputy Mayor noted the message that would be sent with a cash contribution," to "The Deputy Mayor noted the message that would be sent without a cash contribution,".

### 6.2 **Policy and Services Committee – 27 February 2024 (Hearing)** D24/7502 Page 27

#### **Recommendations**

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy, held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be received.

HALL/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/24/32

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy, held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be adopted.

DUDLEY/HALL  
Carried  
CL/24/33

6.3 **Policy and Services Committee – 27 February 2024**  
D24/7501 Page 31

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/WATT  
Carried  
CL/24/34

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be adopted.

McKAY/WATT  
Carried  
CL/24/35

6.4 **Regional Transport Committee – Thursday 8 February 2024**  
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**Recommendation**

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on Thursday 8 February 2024 be received.

McKAY/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/24/36

- The District Mayor noted that the minutes included were the recent topic of discussion during a South Taranaki District Council meeting, due to the lack of information contained within them. He noted the marked contrast to the level of detail included in Stratford District Council's minutes. He noted it is not for this Council to tell Taranaki Regional Council how to take their minutes, but that comments could be conveyed.
- Councillor Hall questioned the Elected Members who were at the meeting, asking if the minutes accurately cover what happened at the meeting. Councillor Harris advised the structure of the meeting is accurate, however there is no content or context. The District Mayor noted it does not reflect any conversation, or any adjustments to decisions which were made, it purely covers the final decision made.

7. **District Mayor's Report**  
D24/4742 Page 95

**Recommendation**

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY  
Carried  
CL/24/37

## 8. Decision Report – Proposed Road Closures of Toko Road for a Car Club Event – 14

April 2024

D24/6363

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### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

JONES/DUDLEY  
Carried  
CL/24/38

2. THAT pursuant to Section 342 (1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974, the Stratford District Council approves the closure of:
  - Toko Road from its intersection with Raupuha Road (RP4.6) to the end of the road (RP10.3) on Sunday 14 April 2024 between the hours of 6.00am to 6.00pm

for the Taranaki Car Club to host a motorsport event, subject to no objections being received.

BECK/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/24/39

### Recommended Reason

For the Taranaki Car Club to host a Bent Sprint motorsport event, it is necessary to close Toko Road for safety reasons, for the participants and for any spectators. The proposed road closure requires formal endorsement by a Council resolution. This event was held last year on 4 March 2023 and by all accounts it was a very successful event with entrants coming from across the country to participate. The organisers anticipate a similar number of entrants for this year's event.

The Roding Asset Manager noted this was the third time the Taranaki Car Club has run this event and it has been successful each time.

### Questions/ Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted recently there have been these sort of events where people were killed. He questioned if anything came from these, anything Council could be missing. It was advised it is not Council's event and it was noted that these do need to be signed off by motorsport NZ who ensure all health and safety requirements are met.
- Councillor Beck noted the letters to the residents was one of the best letters he had received for this type of event..

## 9. Public Forum Response

**Speaker:** Lloyd Morgan and Hugh Barnes

**Topic:** Taranaki Synthetic Turf Trust

**Response:** Thank the speakers for taking the time to come and see Elected Members and to acknowledge the good work they do.

## 10. Questions

- The District Mayor advised he had several approaches from the owner of the Physiotherapy Clinic who had raised concerns about the lack of parking, particularly outside the Physiotherapy Clinic, which makes it difficult for people with disabilities or injuries to get in. They have requested a review of the parking there, with the request of disability or P60 parking. The District Mayor noted he knows there is a parking bylaw but does not believe this issue can wait. It was advised that this would require a review of the parking bylaw. The District Mayor questioned if this specific location could be looked at to change the parking schedule, as it would be a quicker process for staff to evaluate the parking and put a recommendation in a report to Council if they thought a change of parking was appropriate, rather than waiting for the bylaw review. It was advised a schedule could not be altered without a full review as there is no current clause in the current bylaw which says council can review the parking schedule through resolution.
- Councillor Dudley questioned if temporary signs could be put up. Mr Bowden will look to see if this is a possibility.

## 11. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

*The meeting closed at 3.57pm*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

N C Volzke  
**District Mayor**