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Dear Sir/Madam

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Stratford District Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Miranda Street** on **Tuesday 9 February 2010** at **4.00 pm**.

Afternoon tea will be available for Councillors at 3.45 pm.

Yours faithfully
M R Freeman
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Per: D J Christie (Mrs)
PA TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY AT 4.00 PM

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A G E N D A

APOLOGIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

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Attached is the Matters Outstanding Report for Councillors information.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 8 December 2009**

(Pages 2-4)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8 December 2009 be confirmed.

2.2 **Policy & Services Committee Meeting – 26 January 2010**

(Pages 5-8)

RECOMMENDATIONS

2.3.1 THAT the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2.3.2 THAT the resolutions in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 be adopted.

7. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Item No.8

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
Employment of a Chief Executive No. 8	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act). (section 48(1)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**MATTERS
OUTSTANDING**

CONFIRMATION

OF

MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009 AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT

The Mayor Mr N C Volzke (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost, R M Hignett, V Milner, S M Pugh, J C Rowe, W J Sandford and K R Squire.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive Mr M R Freeman, the Planning & Regulatory Manager Mr M R Avery, the Operations Manager Mr J R Jones, the Community Services Manager Mrs P R James, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart and the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie. There were no representatives of the Press.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Vickers.

CL/09/250

ROWE/SANDFORD

THAT the apology from Councillor Vickers be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Plan

It was noted that two appeals have been lodged against the District Plan. Both of the appeals are for minor portions of the Plan and the Planning & Regulatory Manager is now working through the process with the people concerned.

Targa Rally

It was noted that Council have received a Plaque from Club Targa for its outstanding service to them for all the road closures in the Stratford district during the car rally.

Congratulations

Mrs Pauline James was congratulated on her appointment as a Justice of the Peace. Mrs James along with three others were sworn in at the court house in New Plymouth yesterday which now takes the tally for the Stratford Association to 177 JPs.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

CL/09/251

RESOLVED

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

Carried

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 November 2009

CL/09/252

MILNER/HIGNETT

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 be confirmed.

Carried

2.2 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 24 November 2009

CL/09/253

ROWE/FROST

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 24 November 2009 be confirmed.

Carried

2.3 Policy & Services Committee Meeting – 24 November 2009

CL/09/254

SANDFORD/FROST

2.3.1 THAT the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

CL/09/255

SANDFORD/ROWE

2.3.2 THAT the resolutions in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2009 be adopted.

Carried

3. DISTRICT MAYORS REPORT

File 13028

CL/09/256

VOLZKE/PUGH

4.1 THAT the 2010 Meeting Schedule be adopted.

4.2 THAT the District Mayors report be received.

Carried

4. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS - MONTHLY UPDATE**

File 03104

The Executive Administration Officer circulated the Members' Interest Register and elected members noted additions/alterations and signed the register as required.

5. **SIGNING AND SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

File 03008

CL/09/257

MILNER/PUGH

THAT the documents listed below be signed by the District Mayor and the Chief Executive under the Common Seal of the Stratford District Council.

5.1 Easement in Gross Between SDC and W O'Keefe - 42 Swansea Road - [File P1124].

Pursuant to Clause 4.5.2 NZS9202 Model Standing Orders for Meetings of Territorial Authorities, Regional Councils and Community Boards, the above documents have already been signed.

Carried

6. **QUESTIONS**

File 03096

Youth Initiatives Presentation

Councillor Sandford asked if Council could please pass on a well deserved vote of thanks to Ellen Hall (Youth Initiatives Facilitator) for her presentation on the Youth Feasibility Study.

The meeting concluded at 4.12 pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 9th day of February 2010.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

**MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010 AT 3.00 PM.**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor Mr R M Hignett (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost, V Lett, S M Pugh, J C Rowe, W J Sandford, K R Squire, R K Vickers and the District Mayor Mr N C Volzke.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Planning & Regulatory Manager Mr M R Avery, the Operations Manager Mr J Jones, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart, the Community Services Manager Mrs P R James, the Property Asset Manager Mrs V Jagersma, the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie and there was one representative from the media (Stratford Press).

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from the Chief Executive Mr M R Freeman.

PS/10/01

FROST/MILNER

THAT the apology from the Chief Executive be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

PS/10/02

RESOLVED

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

File 03130

PS/10/03

PUGH/ROWE

5.1 THAT the Chief Executives report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

PS/10/04

SANDFORD/PUGH

2.1 THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

Discussion

Town Water Outage

A questions was asked about the recent water outage in the town. It was noted that someone had driven a heavy vehicle over the section of pipe that was damaged. It was noted that bollards have been erected to prevent any further incidents.

TSB Pool Contract

The District Mayor referred to page 15, Swim Pool Contract, and sought clarification regarding the pool contractor being the sole provider of swimming lessons.

The Property Asset Manager advised that the contractor will be required to ensure that learn to swim lessons are available.

Councillor Vickers arrived at 3.15 pm.

It was noted that in some cases the pool is not available to the public for use as there are many other groups using the facility at the time. If the public were added to the mix there would be an overlap in the use with too many people in the pool at one time.

PS/10/05

MILNER/VOLZKE

4.1 THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

5. **PLANNING & REGULATORY MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/10/06

ROWE/FROST

5.1 **Building Appearance Bylaw Recommendation**

THAT Council not proceed with work on any bylaw proposal relating to building appearance.

Carried

PS/10/07

VICKERS/SANDFORD

5.2 THAT the Planning & Regulatory Manager's report be received.

Carried

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

File 18030

Discussion

It was noted that the holiday programme is going ok, with many children attending. Although it is noted that January is always quiet as many families are still on holiday.

Councillor Squire asked whether any thought could be given to giving life to the Heritage Inventory as it is a wonderful resource, need to explore ways of using it and making it more public.

Councillor Sandford advised that Americarna will not be coming to Stratford this year as there is no money for this event in the Stratford Business Association budget at the moment. He acknowledged the District Mayor for his efforts in trying to bring the parties together, but with little success.

PS/10/08

MILNER/VOLZKE

6.1 THAT the Community Services Manager's report be received.

Carried

7. ADOPTION OF STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL BYLAWS

File 02002

Purpose

To recommend the adoption of the reviewed bylaws.

- Liquor control bylaw
- Speed limits bylaw

Discussion

The submission to include Mercade Estate into the designated area for the liquor ban was supported, as on many occasions there is often litter and rubbish left lying around. With Mercade Estate becoming a popular area for drinkers to congregate.

It was noted that the five Advisory Signs require replacing as they currently have a map of the designated area for the Liquor Ban.

Councillor Vickers noted that the speed limits by Toko School are outside the designated areas in the bylaw. He asked whether there is a possibility of getting some better signage or upgrading what is there.

The Operations Manager advised that he would contact New Zealand Transport Agency and see what could be done.

PS/10/09

MILNER/PUGH

- 7.1 THAT the Liquor Control Bylaw, as reviewed and amended by including the area known as the Mercade subdivision in Schedule One, pursuant to Sections 158 and 159 of the Local Government Act 2002, and attached be adopted
- 7.2 THAT the following Speed Limits Bylaw, as reviewed pursuant to Sections 158 and 159 of the Local Government Act 2002, and attached be adopted.

Recommended Reason

Each of the two bylaws has been reviewed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. The bylaws are adopted as released for public consultation except that the Liquor Control Bylaw has been further amended following the consideration of the submission received.

Carried

8. REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP

File 23013

PS/10/10

SQUIRE/SANDFORD

1. THAT Council agrees to become a member of the Regional Waste Management Group for Taranaki, a joint committee pursuant to Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. THAT Council appoints Councillor Robin Vickers as its representative and Councillor John Rowe as its alternative representative.
3. THAT Council endorses the Taranaki Regional Council as administering authority for the Regional Waste Management Group.

Carried

9. QUESTION TIME

File 03096

Leave Of Absence

P/File

The District Mayor requested leave of absence from 5 to 14 April 2010.

PS/10/10

SANDFORD/MILNER

THAT the District Mayor be granted leave of absence from 5 to 14 April 2010.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.50 pm.

R M Hignett
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 9th day of February 2010.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

DISTRICT

MAYOR'S

REPORT

MONTHLY REPORT



TO: District Council

File Ref 13028

FROM: District Mayor

DATE: 1 February 2010

SUBJECT: REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010

1. **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back for 2010. I trust everyone has had a beneficial break and are looking forward to another challenging year. The volume of work associated with the 2009 LTCCP and District Plan reviews may not be repeated in 2010, never the less there are ongoing policy and bylaw reviews that will keep us busy along with the usual range of issues that require consideration. Also the triennial Council elections are due in October, which will ensure Council and councillors are likely to come under increased scrutiny this year.

2. **AVON MEDICAL CENTRE**

I was concerned to learn of the acute doctor shortage at Avon Medical Centre, following the sudden departure of two new GP's recently contracted from the USA. This action had left a large number of Stratford people without normal access to a GP. The sole remaining GP at Avon, simply would not be able to cope with such a large number of patients registered at the practice. I have a great deal of sympathy for him and his staff in trying to deal with this problem.

Peak Health has been very good in their handling of the situation and has been providing information on a regular basis. They convened a meeting with myself and the Chairman of the Stratford Health Trust on 29 January and outlined their course of action. I am very satisfied they understand the reality of the situation and I accept their immediate remedial actions as they work towards a long term solution. As a community we need to support the efforts to recruit additional GP's to our area.

3. **STRATFORD – OKAHUKURA RAIL LINE**

The SOL working party met in January and received a report from KiwiRail on the present state of the line. The working party, which has broad representation, accepted an invitation from KiwiRail to make a submission as part of their strategic review of the regional rail network. The submission sought to promote the re-opening of the line and the reasons for this.

As Stratford's Mayor I was asked to convene a special meeting of the mayoral forum (along with Ruapehu Mayor Sue Morris) to seek further opinion. This took place at Stratford on 29 January. The forum noted the views of the working party and agreed that submission should be forwarded to KiwiRail and the Minister of Transport. The forum also agreed to write to the minister outlining key concerns following any decision on the SOL rail corridor.

4. **STRATFORD'S OF THE WORLD RE-UNION**

The re-union planning has been going well. Our community will be hosting about 90 visitors from various Stratford's around the world. The planned civic reception doubles up as the mayoral reception (deferred from December 2009). The first week of March will be an opportunity to build our profile and relationships with those attending.

5. **AMERICANA**

Sadly Stratford won't be a stop over town for Americana in 2009. A number of organisational issues had arisen and different viewpoints had been expressed by those involved. Despite a genuine effort from everyone, time, funding and traffic issues prevented a suitable resolution being found to facilitate the event this year. This is regrettable but I am confident that there is a strong likelihood Stratford will be part of Americana again in 2012.

6. **WANGANUI RIVER TREATY CLAIM**

In December the CEO, Regulatory Manager and myself attended a meeting with representatives of the Treaty Settlements Office in Wanganui. The background information about the claims for the management of the Wanganui River were outlined to us. Even though I doubt many Stratford residents would declare a great deal of interest in the river, the river tracks through parts of our eastern district. Therefore we have some obligation to be involved in the process as and when invited.

7. **CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

I had the honour of performing my first citizenship ceremony on 16 December. Four people from two different families officially became New Zealanders. It was interesting to me, just how much New Zealand citizenship meant to those families and reminded me how privileged we are to be Kiwi's and live in a country like ours.

8. **KIRK WEBBY OLYMPIAN**

In December 2009, Sport Taranaki hosted a ceremony to present a former Stratford resident with his Olympic medal. Kirk was part of the New Zealand equestrian team at Beijing. He was visiting parents Norm and Gloria, which created the opportunity for the local presentation. It was a proud moment and Kirk's comments that Stratford and Taranaki will always be home, really hit the mark for those present. Congratulations to Kirk and his family.

9. **CAMP QUALITY**

It was gratifying to have Stratford as the location for the 2010 Camp Quality. Those involved did a great job of bringing some joy and pleasure to the participants, all of whom were suffering from some form of cancer. The youth attending will remember the generosity and hospitality of their Stratford hosts and volunteers that contributed to Camp Quality 2010.

10. **REMUNERATION AUTHORITY**

The Remuneration Authority has advised that there will be no increase in elected members remuneration for the period 1 July 2010 to election day. This information echoes the previous advice provided last year, and again highlights the lag in the timing of increases as data becomes available. Of course, as Council are operating one member short, a saving is being made, unless elected members wish to alter the policy and divide the remainder up amongst themselves?

Elected Members Honorarium

	Current Annual Remuneration 2009/2010 (Annualised)	Remuneration Authority 2010/2011 to Elected Date (Annualised)
Mayor	\$55,479	\$55,479
Deputy Mayor	\$26,870	\$26,870
Councillors (8)	\$13,434	\$13,434
TOTAL	\$189,821	\$189,821

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 THAT the District Mayors report be received.

Neil Volzke, JP

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MEMBERS

INTEREST

REGISTER

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL
DECLARATION OF INTEREST REGISTER

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS INTERESTS) ACT 1968



File 03104

January/February 2010

MEMBER'S NAME	INTERESTS DECLARED
District Mayor N C Volzke SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> People <u>Council Relationships:</u> Citizens Award Committee - Chairman Executive Committee - Chairman SPARC Community Sport Fund Committee Stratford District Youth Council Taranaki Civil Defence Management Group Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee <u>Other:</u> Age Care Central Ltd Community House Greypower Justices of the Peace Association Stratford Club Volzke Family Trusts Partnership

MEMBER'S NAME	INTERESTS DECLARED
Councillor A L Frost SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> Services <u>Council Relationships:</u> SPARC Community Sport Fund Committee Sport Taranaki Trust <u>Other:</u> Community Learning Centre Committee Stratford Club Committee Stratford Demonstration Farm Committee Stratford High School Board of Trustees - Chairman Taranaki Dart Association Taranaki Greyhound Racing Club - Secretary

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor R M Hignett SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> People <u>Council Relationships:</u> Citizens Advice Bureau Creative Communities Assessment Committee - Chairman Executive Committee Percy Thomson Trust TET Stadium Combined Sports Committee <u>Other:</u> Citizens Advice Bureau Fonterra Shareholder Stratford Club Stratford District Theatre Trust Stratford Golf Club Stratford Lions Club Stratford Mountain Singers Stratford RSA Stratford Shakespeare Society Stratfords of the World

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor V Milner SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> Planning & Regulatory <u>Council Relationships:</u> Creative Communities Assessment Committee Stratford District Youth Council Stratford Food Bank Taratahi <u>Other:</u> Careers & Transition Education (CATE) Taranaki Stratford District Theatre Trust Stratford High School St Mary's Old Girls Association Stratford On Stage TET Kings Theatre Trust

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor S M Pugh SIGNED: _____	<p><u>Portfolio Group</u> Planning & Regulatory</p> <p><u>Council Relationships:</u> Central Taranaki Tourism Network (CTTN) Creative Communities Assessment Committee Stratford Provincial Patriotic Council Stratford District Theatre Trust</p> <p><u>Other:</u> J & L Taranaki Ltd St Josephs School Stratford District Theatre Trust Taranaki Abattoirs</p>

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor J C Rowe SIGNED: _____	<p><u>Portfolio Group</u> Planning & Regulatory</p> <p><u>Council Relationships:</u> Civil Defence Management Group - alternate nominee Consultant - Council Aerodrome Farm Eltham Drainage Committee Executive Committee Taranaki Pioneer Village Taranaki Regional Council Policy & Planning Committee</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Federated Farmers Pukengahu Hall Committee Order of St Johns Shareholder Allied Farmers Shareholder Fonterra Shareholder LIC Shareholder Ravensdown Stratford Club</p>

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor W J Sandford SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> Services <u>Council Relationships:</u> Citizens Award Committee Executive Committee Stratford Business Association - Chairman Taranaki Synthetic Turf Trust <u>Other:</u> Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust - Chairman Multi Ethnic Society Sandford's Dairy Ltd Shareholder Foodstuffs Wellington Ltd Stratford Business Association Stratford Cage Bird Club Stratford Club – Vice President Stratford Hockey Club President Stratford Savage Club Stratford Club Snooker Section Vice President Central & South Taranaki Youth Development Trust Club Council Taranaki Hockey Committee Taranaki Filipino Club Inc Taranaki Justice of the Peace - Stratford Branch - Chairman

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor K R Squire SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> People <u>Council Relationships:</u> Creative Communities Assessment Committee SPARC Community Sport Fund Committee Stratford Youth Stakeholders Group Taranaki Historic Places Trust <u>Other:</u> New Zealand Principals Federation (ANZPF) New Zealand Educational Institute (ANZEI) Stratford Jockey Club Member Stratford Primary School Board of Trustees Stratford Trotting Club Member

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Councillor R K Vickers SIGNED: _____	<p><u>Portfolio Group</u> Services</p> <p><u>Council Relationships:</u> Citizens Award Committee Executive Committee Fonterra SPARC Community Sport Fund Committee Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee - alternate nominee Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee Te Wera Arboretum Trust Te Wera Outdoor Recreation Trust</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Aerodrome Farm Consultant A&P Association Federated Farmers Fonterra Shareholder Ravensdown Shareholder Stratford Greypower Taranaki Farmers Shareholder</p>

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Chief Executive M R Freeman SIGNED: _____	<p><u>Portfolio Group</u></p> <p><u>Council Relationships:</u> Percy Thomson Trust - Trustee</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Agecare Central Ltd - Director i-Taranaki Trust - Chair & Trustee Sport Taranaki Trust - Trustee Stratford Rotary Taranaki Youth Health Trust - Deputy Chair & Trustee</p>

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Planning & Regulatory Manager M R Avery SIGNED: _____	<u>Portfolio Group</u> N/A <u>Council Relationships:</u> N/A <u>Other:</u> Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawera Committee Hawera Repertory Society

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Community Services Manager P R James SIGNED: _____	<u>Portfolio Group</u> People <u>Council Relationships:</u> Central Taranaki Safe Communities Trust Trustee <u>Other:</u> Central & South Taranaki Youth Development Trust Chairman Hauora Community Health Committee Member Justice of the Peace Lions 202D Cabinet Chairman Stratford Club Member Stratford Lions Club Member Stratford On Stage Member South Taranaki COGS Committee Member Wellington Central Camp Quality Committee Member

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Operations Manager J R Jones SIGNED: _____	<u>Portfolio Group</u> N/A <u>Council Relationships:</u> N/A <u>Other:</u> Sport Taranaki Trust

MEMBER'S NAME	<u>INTERESTS DECLARED</u>
Corporate Services Manager H M Swart SIGNED: <hr/>	<u>Portfolio Group</u> N/A <u>Council Relationships:</u> N/A <u>Other:</u> Stratford Baptist Church Stratford Table Tennis Club