

**MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2010 AT 3.00 PM.**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor Mr R M Hignett (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost, V Milner, 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 Chief Executive Mr M R Freeman, the Planning & Regulatory Manager Mr M R Avery, the Operations Manager Mr J Jones, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart, the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie and there were two representatives from the media (Stratford Press and Daily News), there was also one member of the public in attendance.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from the Community Services Manager Mrs Pauline James.

PS/10/37

MILNER/ROWE

THAT the apology from the Community Services Manager be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

PS/10/38

RESOLVED

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

File 06010

PS/10/39

VICKERS/PUGH

THAT the Chief Executive's report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT – AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2010**

File 06010

It was noted that there are three separate issues to consider in the Finance Report.

Rates Remission for Community, Sporting and other Organisations

It was asked whether further investigation could be sought on the application from North Taranaki Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, about their building as this organisation no longer exists in the Stratford District.

Whangamomona Hotel Rate Remission Application

It was noted that the applicants building has Category 2 historical status and is running a commercial business with a permit for the sale of liquor.

The Whangamomona Hotel building was recognised as a strong profile for tourism and there was some suggestion that if a remission was granted whether it be tagged for maintenance so that it can be kept to the standards (keeping the historic heritage nature of the building) required for it to be on the NZ Historic Places list.

It was noted that every building listed on the NZ Historic Places list is required to be listed in the District Plan. As the Whangamomona Hotel is listed nationally as a Category 2 building, this places a high level of significance.

It was noted that applications for a rate remission do not become standard, each applicant has to reapply each year.

PS/10/40

SQUIRE/ROWE

3.1 THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

PS/10/41

SANDFORD/PUGH

3.2 THAT the Community, Sporting and Other Organisations listed be granted a rates remission for the 2010/11 rating year of either 100% or 50% as indicated, provided that there have been no change in ownership of those rating units and their rates (if any) are fully paid by the due date of the last instalment in May 2010.

Organisations to be granted 100% Rates Remission:

- Midhirst Buffalo Society Inc
- Midhirst Hall Committee
- Toko Hall Committee
- Scout Association of NZ
- Tahora Public Hall Assoc Inc
- Whangamomona Public Hall Board
- Douglas Hall Soc (Inc)
- Huinga Hall Soc Inc
- Mahoe Hall Soc
- Cardiff Hall Soc
- Pembroke Hall Soc Inc

- Makahu Hall Society Inc
- Te Wera Outdoor Rec Trust Inc
- Taranaki Pioneer Village Soc Inc
- Ngaere Public Hall Soc Inc
- Pukengahu Social Club Inc
- St Johns Ambulance Association
- Stratford District Theatre Trust Inc
- Percy Thomson Trust
- Stratford Gymnasium Charitable Trust
- Dynamite Bay Charitable Trust
- Air Cadet League (Inc)
- *North Taranaki Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (subject to further investigations being made).*
- Lodge Hinemoa
- Wharehuia Community Centre Inc

Organisations to be granted 50% Rates Remissions:

- Stratford A & P Association
- Strathmore Golf Club Inc
- Stratford Golf Club Inc
- Stratford Avon Bowling Club
- Stratford Theatre Group Inc
- Stratford Rugby Club Inc

PS/10/42

VOLZKE/ROWE

- 3.3 THAT the Whangamomona Hotel be granted a rates remission for the 2010/11 rating year of 50% of the general and roading targeted rate, excluding the UAGC and granted upon proof that the amount remitted be used on heritage value.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/10/43

VICKERS/VOLZKE

THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

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

File 18030

PS/10/44

SQUIRE/FROST

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

Carried

6. **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

File 18030

PS/10/45

MILNER/SANDFORD

THAT the Community Services Manager's report be received.

Carried

7. **POLICY MANUAL REVIEW**

File 16043

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to continue to carry out a review of the Council Policy Manual.

PS/10/46

ROWE/MILNER

7.1 THAT any policies requiring revision from the attached group be identified.

- Parking - Debt Recovery of Fines *deleted and has been replaced with Stationary Vehicle Offences Policy.*
- Electrical Endowment Fund be reviewed.

Recommended Reason

This process will result in a more consistent, appropriate policy framework.

Carried

8. **STRATFORD DISTRICT PLAN ROLLING REVIEW PART 1
INDIGENOUS FORESTRY**

File 18297

Purpose

This report is to provide Council with the initial discussion document covering the first part of the Rolling Review of the Stratford District Plan 2010. This document will be subject to informal (no hearing process) special and public consultation.

Discussion

The Planning & Regulatory Manager gave an overview of the report with regards to the Department of Conservation (DOC) appeal on indigenous forest provisions in the District Plan being held pending the outcome of this review and explained the process from here. He advised that page 86 of the report onwards gives an approach worthy of consideration and asked that feedback be given if there is something more worthy of merit.

PS/10/47

ROWE/VICKERS

7.1 THAT the Discussion Document be received

7.2 THAT the Discussion Document be released for further consultation

Recommended Reason

The Discussion Document is the second part of the Stratford District Plan 2010 Rolling Review Part I.

Carried

9. **PROPOSED STATUE OF COLONEL MALONE**

File 16035

Purpose

This considers a proposal to erect a statue of Lieutenant Colonel Malone in Stratford.

PS/10/48

SANDFORD/PUGH

7.1 THAT approval be granted for the 'Malone Quest' group to install a bronze statue of Lieutenant Colonel William Malone at a site on the south side of the Victoria Bridge at the recreation reserve at Broadway South.

Recommended Reason

The proposal will provide an additional commemoration of Stratford's most famous resident at no capital cost to the Stratford ratepayers.

Carried

Councillors Frost and Squire Abstained from Voting

10. **QUESTION TIME**

File 03096

There were no questions.

11. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

PS/10/49

SANDFORD/VOLZKE

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

Agenda Item No (s) 12 and 13

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
Proposed Central Landfill Near Eltham No. 12	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the need to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information - (i) Would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or (ii) Would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	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.
External Funding No. 13	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the need to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information - (i) Would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or (ii) Would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	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.

Carried

12. **PROPOSED CENTRAL LANDFILL NEAR ELTHAM**

"PUBLIC EXCLUDED"

13. **EXTERNAL FUNDING**

"PUBLIC EXCLUDED"

PS/10/53

MILNER/SQUIRE

THAT the open meeting resume.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.38 pm.

R M Hignett
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 13th day of April 2010.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR