
**MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 JULY 2010 AT 3.00 PM.**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor Mr R M Hignett (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost, V Milner, S M Pugh, 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 (Daily News & Stratford Press).

APOLOGIES

It was noted that Councillor John Rowe was on leave of absence. An apology was received from Community Services Manager Mrs Pauline James.

PS/10/126

RESOLVED

THAT the apology be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

PS/10/127

RESOLVED

THAT the matters outstanding report be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

File 03130

Discussion was held on the pre-election report and points noted:

- whether there was any gain by publishing the information as it was already accessible.
- everyone should be interested in their local council regardless of the size.
- the government is also required to provide a pre-election report before each election.

It was noted that the Computer Clubhouse 274 project was an excellent programme and it was suggested whether it would be worth while putting together a group along similar lines with local flavour. It was noted that it could be a community project with someone local to run it.

PS/10/128

PUGH/MILNER

THAT the report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

PS/10/129

SQUIRE/VICKERS

THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/10/130

SANDFORD/SQUIRE

THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

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

File 18030

PS/10/131

VICKERS/PUGH

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

Carried

6. **ACTING COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/10/132

VOLZKE/PUGH

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

Carried

7. **DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR STRATFORD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

File 20196

Purpose

To seek authorisation to spend \$220,200 (during the 2010/11 and 2011/12 financial years) for the purposes of progressing preliminary designs and investigations for the new Water Treatment Plant.

Discussion

Points noted in discussion:

- pages 36-38 are from the LTCCP and since its publication the government has changed the dates for the drinking water standards.
- when the next LTCCP is written, Midhirst will be included in the programme.
- under sustainability on page 41, the proposed plant could service the current population and a reasonable amount of growth. It has the ability to expand should the population increase.
- development levies could not be used for the Stratford Water Treatment Plant project.

PS/10/133

VOLZKE/PUGH

- 7.1 THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to spend \$220,200 (during the 2010/11 and 2011/12 financial years) for the purposes of progressing preliminary designs and investigations for the new Water Treatment Plant.

Recommended Reason

The operation of the Stratford Water Treatment Plant must comply with the requirements of the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007 with regard to the Drinking Water Standards New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008) by 1 July 2013. The recommendations set out the 'practicable steps' that should be taken to comply with the Act.

Carried

8. **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

File 16058

Purpose

To present options for allowing the continuance of the school holiday programme through to the next LTCCP process.

Discussion

Points noted in discussion:

- there is a shortfall in funding, so Council has the option to either increase the funding or decrease the programme.
- most families would not be able to afford \$10.00 per child a session.

PS/10/134

SANDFORD/VOLZKE

- 7.1 THAT only two school holiday programmes are run for the 2010/11 financial year.

Recommended Reason

The change is required to allow for the running of the school holiday programmes in accordance with legal requirements.

Carried

9. **STRATFORD DISTRICT PLAN ROLLING REVIEW PART I -
INDIGENOUS FOREST & BIODIVERSITY**

File 18294

Purpose

To present to Council the Proposed Variation to the Proposed Stratford District Plan 2009 resulting from the Rolling Review Part I of the Stratford District Plan.

Discussion

The Planning & Regulatory Manager advised that the cover report gives a succinct idea of where this document is headed. The discussion document has been out for comment from various organisations such as DOC, Federated Farmers, Fish & Game and Taranaki Regional Council. All parties involved are now happy with the overall approach and the general thrust has been accepted as being appropriate.

Points noted in discussion:

- the plan does fit consistently within the parameters of Taranaki Regional Council and Horizons thinking.
- ecological assessments would favour the developer paying the significant costs for these, especially in the eastern hill country for indigenous forestry.

PS/10/135

FROST/MILNER

THAT the attached Proposed Variation to the Proposed Stratford District Plan, together with the associated Section 32 Analysis, be approved for public notification in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Recommended Reasons

The proposed Variation has been prepared for consultation following the identification of the issues being addressed during the District Plan Rolling Review Part I.

Carried

10. **STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL - STRATFORD DISTRICT
COUNCIL STOCK CONTROL BYLAW REVIEW**

File 18225

Purpose

- 1.1 To review the current bylaw as required under the Local Government Act 2002.
- 1.2 To recommend the reviewed bylaw for public consultation.

PS/10/136

SANDFORD/PUGH

THAT the Stock Control Bylaw be amended to the form as shown in Appendix A to this report and the Statement of Proposal be approved for public notification for the period from 11 August 2010 to 10 September 2010.

Recommended Reason

The Bylaw in its amended form will continue to allow an appropriate level of control over the use of road reserve areas for stock grazing and stock movement.

Carried

11. **DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

File 04008

Purpose

To present to Council the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for adoption.

PS/10/137

SQUIRE/VICKERS

8.1 THAT the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for the year ending 30 June 2010, be received and adopted.

Recommended Reason

The report is required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Carried

12. **REVIEW OF POLICIES**

File 16043

Purpose

To review and approve Council's Policies:

- Community Grants
- Records Security and Archives
- Temporary Road Closures (State Highways)
- Temporary Road Closures (District Roads)
- Use of Sports Grounds

Discussion

It was noted that there were some inconsistencies in the "Temporary Road Closures (State Highways) policy and further review sought with regards to clauses 4 and 8.

PS/10/138

MILNER/PUGH

7.1 THAT Council approve the revised policies below:

- Community Grants
- Records Security and Archives
- Temporary Road Closures (District Roads)
- Use of Sports Grounds

Recommended Reason

The proposed policies will ensure that controls and systems are in place to deal with the issues covered for Community Grants process, the security and archiving of records, temporary road closure procedures and the use of sports grounds.

Carried

13. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT - PEAKER PROJECT MONEY**

File 16048

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to develop a policy to manage the distribution of money received from the Contact Energy Peaker development.

Discussion

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillors have been given some guidance of what you can/can not do as per the District Plan rules. Some past policies were provided as examples.
- suggested that the money could become part of a contestable fund.
- a number of Councils have a community fund that sits outside the Council and is there for the community. If there is a substantial amount of money invested it could become an ongoing fund available for the community. This money could be a seed for an organisation to kick off. There is some merit in this idea this could be the opportunity to do some research.
- there are models to look at around the country. There are foundations set up for people to leave money in their wills, some funds are tagged and some not. The common theme is that generally the trustees are not Councillors.
- in the previous two development levy policies applicants had to meet a set of rules/criteria.

PS/10/139

VOLZKE/SANDFORD

- 7.1 THAT the Chief Executive provide a report that includes a basic policy structure for a contestable fund and a report on existing models for an external trust.

Recommended Reason

The proposed guidelines for developing a policy will ensure that controls and systems are in place to deal with the issues covered for the Peaker Project funds.

Carried

14. QUESTION TIME

File 03096

There were no questions.

The meeting concluded at 4.41 pm.

R M Hignett
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 10th day of August 2010.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR