
**MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE WAR MEMORIAL
CENTRE ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2009 AT 3.00 PM.**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor Mr N C Volzke (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost (*arrived 3.05 pm*), R M Hignett, V Lett, S M Pugh, J C Rowe, W J Sandford, K R Squire and R K Vickers.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive Mr M R Freeman, the Planning & Regulatory Manager Mr M R Avery, the Operations Manager Mr J Jones, the Community Services Manager Mrs P R James, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart (*arrived 3.18 pm*), the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie, and two representatives from the media (Daily News and Stratford Press).

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from the Mayor John Edwards. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Frost.

PS/09/35

HIGNETT/PUGH

THAT the apologies be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correction

The Chairman noted that the page numbering for Items 8 and 9 on the agenda were incorrect. He advised that they would still be dealt with in that order and noted the correct page numbers for each item.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

PS/09/36

RESOLVED

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

File 03130

PS/09/37

LETT/ROWE

THAT the Chief Executives report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

Questions regarding the report were left until the Corporate Services Manager arrived.

PS/09/38

ROWE/FROST

THAT the Finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

It was noted that the Midhirst Overbridge on SH3 was in the Regional Land Transport Programme, but had been omitted from the list of potential projects for Council to submit on. Therefore this to be added to the list.

PS/09/39

SANDFORD/SQUIRE

4.1 THAT a submission in support of the items 1.5 (a) to (h) be made to the Taranaki Regional Land Transport Programme, with the inclusion of the Midhirst Overbridge on SH3.

Carried

PS/09/40

VICKERS/SQUIRE

4.2 THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

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

File 18030

The Corporate Services Manager arrived 3.18 pm.

PS/09/41

FROST/ROWE

5.1 THAT a submission in support of the proposed Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki be made to the Taranaki Regional Council but noting that the remaining residential zone properties in Midhirst should be included within the defined area.

Carried

PS/09/42

ROWE/FROST

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

Carried

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

File 18030

1.1 **Council Organisations & Council Representatives on other Organisations**

Councillor Sandford updated everyone about the Stratford Business Association meeting which was held on 23 March to discuss the Economic Survey. He noted some of the opinions expressed and feedback about the survey and certain events in town.

PS/09/43

LETT/PUGH

THAT the Community Services Manager's report be received.

Carried

7. **MAINTENANCE OF THE UPPER MANGAEHU 'C' BRIDGE**

File 27063

Purpose

The purpose of this report is determine whether or not Council wishes to explore the possibility of stopping and divesting itself of the Upper Mangaehu 'C' Bridge by consulting with the affected parties.

PS/09/44

SANDFORD/VICKERS

7.1 THAT Council commences consultation with affected parties to determine their views on the possible stopping and divestment of the Upper Mangaehu 'C' Bridge.

Recommended Reason

Under the rules contained in the New Zealand Land Transport Agency's funding manual any significant future maintenance of the Upper Mangaehu 'C' Bridge may not receive a subsidy. If this were the case then it would not be considered equitable for the community to continue funding the maintenance of an "uneconomic roading facility".

Carried

8. **ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP**

File 18124

The Purpose

The purpose of this report is:

- a) Outline options for a reconstituted working party that is aligned with the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and takes into account added waste minimisation responsibilities for territorial authorities arising from that Act;
- b) Present a preferred option for a new regional waste management group.

Discussion

It was noted that the establishment of a Regional Waste Management Group is the first step. It was noted that if there were any service providers on the Group they would only be there to provide information to the Group as they are not a voting member. The Group is to run along the same lines as the Civil Defence Group and the Land Transport Group.

PS/09/45

VICKERS/ROWE

- 7.1 THAT Council approve Regional Wastes Working Group being reformed as a Joint Committee.
- 7.2 THAT the above approval be subject to Council agreeing future terms on reference and constitution for the Joint Committee

Recommended Reason

The above recommendations will give the working party power to carry out future requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and shows Stratford's intent to continue working as a regional group, without committing to a Joint Committee constitution the may disadvantage our district.

Carried

9. **DISTRICT PLAN DECISIONS PART III - ZONE CHANGES AND INDICATIVE ROADS**

File 18270

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide recommendations for Council on the submissions made in respect of proposed zone changes and indicative roads. The submissions received on zone changes all relate to the proposals to replace the rural/residential area with residential, rural or business zoning.

Further decision reports will cover the various subject areas submitted on in respect of the Proposed Stratford District Plan (the Plan) and the few remaining submissions in the Proposed Plan Changes 14 and 15, relating principally to transportation and network utilities. The complete set of recommendations on all of the submissions will then be released to allow the adoption of the Stratford District Plan 2009.

Discussion

The Chairman and the Planning & Regulatory Manager went through each of the recommendations and reasons in the report.

Councillor Pugh removed herself from the discussion table and sat in the public gallery when Council discussed Recommendations 139 to 142 and 148 to 154.

Councillor Sandford removed himself from the discussion table and sat in the public gallery when Council discussed Recommendation 143.

Councillor Sandford joined the discussion table after Recommendation No 143.

The Planning & Regulatory Manager noted that he had left out a recommendation on page 63. He advised that Recommendation No. 154 should be added and read as follows:

154. The indicative roads as shown on Appendix 3 be confirmed.

Recommended Reason

154. The reduced number of indicative roads provides for adequate recognition of future growth in those areas.

PS/09/46

HIGNETT/SQUIRE

THAT recommendations 127 to 154, as contained within this report, be approved.

Recommended Reason

The reasons for each recommendation are provided within this report.

Carried

Councillor Pugh joined the discussion table.

14. **QUESTION TIME**

Leave of Absence

- Councillor Sandford requested leave of absence from the meetings on 14 and 28 April 2009.
- The District Mayor John Edwards requested leave of absence from the Policy & Services Committee meeting to be held on 28 April 2009.

The meeting concluded at 4.47pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 14th day of April 2009.

J D Edwards
DISTRICT MAYOR