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**MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE WAR MEMORIAL  
CENTRE ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009 AT 3.00 PM.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**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, the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie and two representatives from the media (Stratford Press, Daily News).

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor W J Sandford.

PS/09/129

**ROWE/MILNER**

THAT the apology be received.

Carried

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their support while he was in hospital.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

A list of matters have been referred from the LTCCP process and over the next few weeks a timeframe will be established for who deals with what issues.

PS/09/130

**RESOLVED**

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

File 03130

The Chairman noted that once again Council has been ranked at the top for the work undertaken through the RMA Resource Consents process. He congratulated Council Officers as this is the second time Council has achieved this.

The District Mayor referred to page 8, he advised that there is further details to come regarding the Charter Parade which happens every four years in Stratford. He asked that Councillors note this date in their diary.

PS/09/131

VICKERS/EDWARDS

THAT the Chief Executives report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

PS/09/132

VICKERS/PUGH

2.1 THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

Points noted from discussion on the operations report were:

- that Council are responsible for the special purpose road that goes through the plateau carpark and this is 100% funded from NZ Transport Agency.
- temporary road closures are advertised and if objections are received, the NZ Transport Agency makes the final decision on whether the road closure proceeds.

PS/09/133

HIGNETT/MILNER

THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

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

File 18030

PS/09/134

ROWE/FROST

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

Carried

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

File 18030

### Discussion

Points noted during discussion of the community services report were:

- a good number of applications from young people for Youth Council which is very encouraging.
- how much time and effort do Council help with new businesses establishing themselves in town ie. after-school care. At the moment the library seems to be used as an alternative for after-school care as it is warm and computers are available.
- an invitation was extended to Councillors to attend the swimming carnival being held on Saturday 27 June at 4.30pm.
- the rural provincial sectors meeting was well attended and a variety of items were presented such as: LGNZ - Matters Affecting Councils Regarding Current Policy, Telecom - Broadband, NZ Fire Service - Rural Fire and new Responsibilities under the RMA.
- there have been several articles in the daily news regarding regional land transport and it is not good news for Taranaki. There has been a real challenge from the Regional Land Transport Committee to Wellington but at the end of the day we are competing with Auckland. It was noted that the Regional Funding for our roads will cease in 2013.

PS/09/135

### MILNER/PUGH

6.1 THAT the report be received.

Carried

## 7. **RAISE CAPITAL FUNDING LOAN**

File 20130

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from Council to finance capital works contained within the 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) for the 2009/2010; 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 years.

PS/09/136

### ROWE/EDWARDS

7.1 THAT in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 2002 and in terms of the Liability Management Policy adopted by Council, the Stratford District Council resolves to:

- 7.1.1 Raise a loan of \$440,100 to finance the 2009/2010 additional capital works programme as per the adopted 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

- 7.1.2 Raise a loan of \$822,500 to finance the 2010/2011 capital works programme as per the adopted 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.
- 7.1.3 Raise a loan of \$542,100 to finance the 2011/2012 capital works programme as per the adopted 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.
- 7.1.4 Raise a loan of \$4,300,000 to roll-over the current drawdown loan facility with TSB Bank for a further period.
- 7.2 THAT the loans be covered by a negative pledge over rates revenue.
- 7.3 THAT the Chief Executive be delegated authority to negotiate and agree the most economical loan structure in raising the loans as approved under 7.1 above.
- 7.4 THAT delegated authority to act to raise funds under the loan(s), to agree the precise terms and conditions of the loan(s) or any tranches thereof including all renewals within the maximum term of the loan(s) or to enter into any incidental arrangement associated with this loan(s) shall be granted to any two of the Chief Executive, the Corporate Services Manager or the Accountant.

**Recommended Reason**

Approval is required to raise loans as provided in the 2009-2019 LTCCP.

Carried

8. **FUNDRAISING FOR POOL COMPLEX**

File P1592

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to commence the process of establishing a fundraising group for the swimming pool complex project.

Discussion

The Chief Executive advised that this is the next stage in the process following the LTCCP.

The District Mayor noted that it is a very comprehensive report which looked at all the pros and cons and possible effects on the community. He advised that he had spoken with the Chairman of TET and there would be no funding to put into the TSB Pool for at least another two years. Therefore in all seriousness Council need to take this into consideration with any decision made today.

**MOTION**

EDWARDS/ROWE

THAT Council receives the Chief Executives report and given the international and national economic situation, decide not to proceed at this stage, but wait for better economic circumstances.

Points noted in discussion were that Council will not go ahead and spend the \$100,000 on pricing and investigation work until the appropriate time.

PS/09/137

EDWARDS/ROWE

THAT Council receives the Chief Executives report and given the international and national economic situation, decide not to proceed at this stage, but wait for better economic circumstances.

Carried  
By Majority

9. **MAINTENANCE OF LOWER KOHURATAHI 'A' BRIDGE**

File 27050

Purpose

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

PS/09/138

ROWE/MILNER

7.1 THAT Council commences consultation with affected parties to determine their views on the possible stopping and divestment of the Lower Kohuratahi 'A' Bridge.

**Recommended Reason**

Under the rules contained in the New Zealand Land Transport Agency's funding manual any significant future maintenance of the Lower Kohuratahi 'A' 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

10. **WHITIANGA 'A' BRIDGE**

File 27115

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to determine whether or not Council wishes to explore the option of ceasing to maintain the Whitianga 'A' Bridge by consulting with the affected parties.

PS/09/139

EDWARDS/FROST

7.1 THAT Council commences consultation with affected parties to determine their views on the option of Council ceasing to maintain the Whitianga 'A' Bridge.

**Recommended Reason**

Under the rules contained in the New Zealand Land Transport Agency's funding manual any significant future maintenance of the Whitianga 'A' 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

11. **DISTRICT PLAN DECISIONS PART IV - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

File 18270

Purpose

This report is to provide recommendations for Council on the submissions made in respect of the natural environment ie. riparian management, waterways, indigenous forest, protected trees and outstanding natural features.

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 Change 5, relating principally to impermeable surfaces, 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. The Planning & Regulatory Manager also gave an overview of each section noting the proposal, changes and its relevance.

*Councillor Milner left the meeting at 4.28 pm.*

PS/09/140

**ROWE/HIGNETT**

1. THAT recommendations 153 to 233, as contained within this report, be approved.
2. THAT the review of the Indigenous Forest rules be brought forward in the approved rolling Review Programme for the Stratford District plan to commence directly following notification of the Stratford District Plan 2009.

**Recommended Reason**

1. The reasons for each recommendation are provided within this report.
2. The review is required urgently to address potential inconsistencies relating to the management of indigenous forests under the District Plan and to give effect to Method A2.4.3

Carried

12. **DISTRICT PLAN DECISIONS PART V - NETWORK UTILITIES**

File 18270

Purpose

This report is to provide recommendations for Council on the submissions made in respect of network utilities.

Further decision reports will cover the various remaining subject areas submitted on in respect of the Proposed Stratford District Plan (the Plan) and the few remaining submissions in the Proposed Plan Change 15, relating principally to impermeable surfaces, transportation and amenity. 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. The Planning & Regulatory Manager also gave an overview of each section noting the proposal, changes and its relevance.

PS/09/141

EDWARDS/PUGH

THAT recommendations 234 to 333, as contained within this report, be approved.

**Recommended Reason**

The reasons for each recommendation are provided within this report.

Carried

13. **QUESTION TIME**

File 03096

There were no questions.

The meeting concluded at 5.18 pm.

N C Volzke  
**CHAIRMAN**

Confirmed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.

J D Edwards  
**DISTRICT MAYOR**