
**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 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 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