
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 14 JULY 2020 AT 4.00PM

PRESENT

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Acting Chief Executive and Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop and two members of the media (Stratford Press and the Taranaki Daily News).

1. **WELCOME**

The District Mayor welcomed the Acting Chief Executive, Councillors, staff and the media.

He reminded Councillors to read and ensure they are familiar with the health and safety message.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted from the Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich and the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the apologies be noted.

WEBBY/ERWOOD

Carried

CL/20/60

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Acting Chief Executive noted that nominations for the 2020 Citizen and Youth Citizens awards were now open until 31 July 2020. She asked Councillors to encourage community groups to complete a nomination form. These are available on Council's website.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

The declaration of member's interest was circulated for updating.

There were no real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to the items on the agenda.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting – 9 June 2020**
D20/10859 (Pages 7-15)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HARRIS/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/20/61

The Executive Administration Officer noted the following amendments:

- Page 14, last bullet amend to read “*unjustifiable*” and correct Councillor Dalziel’s spelling of his name.

6.2 **Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting – 16 June 2020**
D20/11519 (Pages 16-23)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 be adopted.

BOYDE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/20/62

Councillor Boyde noted that the farm had had a record year due to an outstanding performance by the sharemilker. This includes \$50,000 for rate mitigation. He noted the Finance Officer and Property Officer had been appointed to the committee and that 95% of riparian planting had now been completed. The farm has had its environmental farm plan signed off by Fonterra and is one of the first to be completed.

6.3 **Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee – 16 June 2020**
D20/11665 (Pages 24-27)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 be adopted.

SANDFORD/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/20/63

Councillor Sandford noted that this round of funding was always heavily contested due to winter sports. Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls had submitted and been granted for a total of three different leagues, this has now been reduced to two and the funding has been reduced by a third.

6.4 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 23 June 2020**
D20/12016 (Pages 28-35)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 be adopted.

HARRIS/WEBBY
Carried
CL/20/64

6.5 **Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee Meeting – 21 May 2020**
(Pages 36-39)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020 be received.

JAMIESON/BOYDE
Carried
CL/20/65

The Deputy Mayor noted the meeting discussed the services that continued to be provided during the COVID-19 lockdown and that the committee had been pleased with the waste and recycling being collected throughout. There is now a problem with plastics and what can be recycled due to the market for these products being at a standstill. Re-education will be required to ensure no contamination of recycling collections when it is clearer, and finalised, what is able to be recycled. Officers are looking

for serious investment and alternative options for these products to avoid all going to landfill. It was noted the use of these for the trial for the road surfacing was part of the investigations.

6.6 **Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Meeting – 21 May 2020**
(Pages 40-45)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020 be received.

VOLZKE/WEBBY
Carried
CL/20/66

The District Mayor noted the most significant aspect of this meeting was the price for the roof renovations at the Civil Defence bunker in New Plymouth. This was in excess of the budget by \$280,000 and was declined by the committee. This will now be put out for competitive tender.

He noted the cost of the COVID-19 response plan was highlighted in the minutes with \$223,000 of this final cost being able to be recovered from the Government funding and the remaining \$62,000 to be funded proportionality by the Taranaki Councils.

He acknowledged the appointment of Chade Julie as the Group Welfare Manager and Blair Sutherland as a Local Controller. Appreciation was noted for all staff who had helped during the pandemic.

6.7 **Taranaki Regional Transport Committee Meeting – 17 June 2020**
(Pages 46-53)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2020 be received.

ERWOOD/JONES
Carried
CL/20/67

The District Mayor noted this committee had not met since September 2019. The main point for this district during this meeting was the inclusion of the Brecon Road bridges into the regional land transport plan which was supported by all Councils. Being a part of the regional plan will assist in funding applications.

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D20/17600 (Pages 54-62)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/20/68

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The two graphs included in the report indicate the regional retail spend over the past 12 months with a spike going into COVID-19 lockdown, a drop during lockdown and a much quicker than expected climb after lockdown.
- It was noted that the media releases regarding the 3-waters was the total official information received to date.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde reiterated the acknowledgement in the Mayor's report on the retirement of Basil Chamberlain.

8. **QUESTIONS**
There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 4.19pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 11th day of August 2020.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR