
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, OHURA ROAD, WHANGAMOMONA ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The Acting Chief Executive and Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Community Development Manager – Mr C Julie, the Administration & Communication Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, the Community Development Officer – Mrs S Shepherd, the Community Engagement Officer – Mrs J Roguski, two members of the media (Stratford Press & Taranaki Daily News) and four members of the public.

1. **WELCOME**

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

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures. He noted that even in the Whangamomona Town Hall if there was an emergency the procedures would remain the same and those present would need to meet on the road.

2. **APOLOGIES**

A leave of absence was noted for Councillor V R Jones and apologies noted for the Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne and the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the apologies be noted.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/20

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District Mayor reminded Councillors to speak loudly due to not having the microphones and being in a large hall.

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. There were no declarations of interest.

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

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

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

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 March 2021**
D21/7767 (Pages 9-13)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

DALZIEL/WEBBY
Carried
CL/21/21

6.2 **Farm & Aerodrome Committee – 16 March 2021**
D21/8645 (Pages 14-21)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm & Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 be received.

JAMIESON/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/21/22

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 be adopted.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
CL/21/23

The Chairman of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee, Councillor Boyde, noted the outstanding performance of the farm.

6.3 **Audit & Risk Committee – 16 March 2021**
D21/9431 (Pages 22-32)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/21/24

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 be adopted.

VOLZKE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/21/25

It was clarified by the Director – Corporate Services that a data breach would be covered by the Statutory Liability Insurance as the Cyber Policy covers putting the system back in place after a hack, ransomware threat or an intercept of Council’s invoices.

6.4 **Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 23 March 2021**
D21/9666 (Pages 33-36)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

WEBBY/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/26

6.5 **Policy & Services Committee – 23 March 2021**
D21/9613 (Pages 37-34)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 be received.

SANFORD/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/27

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 be adopted.

DALZIEL/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/28

6.6 **Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee – 6 April 2021**
D21/10812 (Pages 45-47)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 April 2021 be received.

SANDFORD/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/21/29

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 April 2021 be adopted.

SANDFORD/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/21/30

The Chairman of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee, Councillor Sandford noted the following points:

- The process was continuing to improve - including a rise in the return of funds not used. He commended the Administration & Communication Officer, Ms R Vanstone, for her diligence and the work put in the organisation.
- He noted \$10,000 was able to be distributed this round including one grant to a new rugby league club in Stratford.
- It was noted there was one organisation that was late in getting its application into Council. The application was received and approved by the Committee as these funds are to help the kids of our area and aid the travel to sports. This organisation will be reminded of the need to applications and accountability forms need to be received on time.
- It was noted there had been applications in the past received where the funds were allocated to families who lived in Stratford but travelled to sports outside the area. This time there were applications for families who play for Stratford clubs but live outside the area. Following discussion by the committee it was approved as these families were travelling to play for a Stratford sports team.

6.7 **Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee – 25 February 2021**
(Pages 48-50)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 February 2021 be received.

JAMIESON/WEBBY
Carried
CL/21/31

The Deputy Mayor noted the following points:

- The committee had requested a review be undertaken on the trial with the use of plastics on road surfaces and to have the results documented.
- There had been a strong push for reusable coffee cups where the public could exchange a cup for a reusable one.
- Agri-recovery has different depots coming up around the region. There will be one at the Stratford A&P Show grounds in May.

6.8 **Taranaki Regional Transport Committee - 3 March 2021**
(Pages 51-56)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/21/32

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- There had been discussion on the sealing of the piece of State Highway 43 which had been spoken about today during the public forum.
- There was focus on the condition of State Highway 3, particularly going through Normanby and between Stratford and New Plymouth. The issues with potholes has not gone away, especially with wet weather, the Committee will do everything it can to keep a focus on these road breaks.

6.9 **Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee - 10 March 2021**
(Pages 57-63)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 be received.

ERWOOD/VOLZKE
Carried
CL/21/33

The District Mayor noted there had been reports during this meeting on the response to COVID and some weather related events. He noted Todd Velvin had been appointed as the permanent Lead Controller with Civil Defence.

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D21/10793 (Pages 64-92)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/21/34

The District Mayor requested that Councillors ensure they are up to date with the 3 Water Reform progress. He noted the submission by Stratford District Council to the Climate Change Commission was included as an attachment.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted the majority of call outs by the Stratford Fire Brigade during March had been to vegetation and bon fires. This was largely due to it being hedge cutting season and burning the offcuts, some of which had gotten out of hand. Councillor Boyde commended the Stratford Fire Brigade on the work they undertake.

8. **DECISION REPORT – PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE FOR ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2021**

D21/8426

(Pages 93-103)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

McKAY/ERWOOD

Carried

CL/21/35

2. THAT pursuant to Section 342(1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that the Stratford District Council proposes to close the following roads on Sunday 25 April 2021, between the hours stated in the recommendation below, for the purpose of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service:

- Miranda Street between Fenton Street and Regan Street – 5:30am to 8:00am
- No Parking on the western side of Juliet Street between Regan Street and No. 53 Juliet Street – 6:00am to 10:00am

McKAY/DALZIEL

Carried

CL/21/36

Recommended Reason

In order for the Stratford District Council to hold ANZAC Day commemorations, it is necessary to close the roads listed above for the safety of the public gathering for the dawn service at the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street. The parking restriction along part of Juliet Street is for the purposes of a display of military vehicles following the ANZAC commemorations. The proposed road closures require formal endorsement by a Council resolution.

The Roading Assets Manager noted the following points:

- This is a slight change from previous reports as due to the uncertainty of the COVID alert levels the decision was made to not have a parade but rather an extended commemoration service at the War Memorial Centre.
- This report requests the closure of Miranda Street for the commemoration service and includes a provision for a no parking restriction on Juliet Street for the display of Army or ANZAC vehicles.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE**

Name: Richard Pratt
Subjects: Heritage status of the town
Hot pools in Stratford.

Response:

The District Mayor will formalise the verbal response to Mr Pratt's points that were given during the forum and invite him to speak to these points as part of the Long Term Plan hearing.

10. **QUESTIONS**

- It was noted that Kohuratahi hold an ANZAC service at the Kohuratahi monument at 10am.
- It was clarified that the reseal of Broadway was due to commence on 22 April 2021 (subject to the weather conditions). This would include a resurface between the two round-a-bouts and some pavement repairs as well. This work will not be going to the kerb as initially planned and therefore would not include the parking areas. The plan will be to complete the work overnight with diversions in place. Mr Bowden noted that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is generally very good at communicating with businesses. The District Mayor noted there would be an article in the Stratford Press relating to this. It was confirmed the required work to Council's infrastructure under Broadway had been completed.

The meeting closed at 4.31pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 11th day of May 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR