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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 3.30PM**

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**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, 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, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. **WELCOME**

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

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. **APOLOGIES**

It was noted a leave of absence had been approved for Councillors V Jones and J M S Erwood. An apology was noted from the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich and the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the apologies be received.

WEBBY/McKAY  
Carried  
CL/21/1

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District Mayor noted the meeting is being recorded.

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 – 8 December 2020**  
D20/36235 (Pages 7-18)

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HARRIS/JAMIESON  
Carried  
CL/21/2

6.2 **Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 15 December 2020**  
D20/37137 (Pages 19-26)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 December 2020 be received.

BOYDE/DALZIEL  
Carried  
CL/21/3

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 December 2020 be adopted.

DALZIEL/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/21/4

The District Mayor noted the recommendations to be adopted by Council today included the approval of the in-shed feed system being added to Year 1 of the Long Term Plan, the establishment of a reserve for rate mitigation from the farm profit and the approval of the construction of a concrete silage pad to be completed this financial year.

6.3 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting– 26 January 2021**  
D21/3410 (Pages 27-35)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2021 be received.

McKAY/JAMIESON  
Carried  
CL/21/5

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2021 be adopted.

BOYDE/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/21/6

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was confirmed there had been no contact from the Walking Access Commission.
- Councillor Dalziel noted the discussion regarding community loans within the Treasury Management Policy (page 29, item 8) did not accurately reflect the points he had raised. It was clarified that these minutes could only be amended by the Policy and Services Committee. He confirmed there was no changes to be made that would impact the adoption of the recommendations from the committee.

6.4 **Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee – 19 November 2020**  
(Pages 36-38)

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee held on Thursday 19 November 2020 be received.

JAMIESON/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/21/7

6.5 **Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 2 December 2020**  
(Pages 39-45)

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held on Wednesday 2 December 2020 be received.

VOLZKE/WEBBY  
Carried  
CL/21/8

The District Mayor noted significant discussion had occurred regarding the state of State Highway 3 and assurance had been given at the meeting that maintenance would be undertaken.

6.6 **Taranaki Civil Defence Group Joint Committee – 3 December 2020**  
(Pages 46-52)

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Joint Committee held on Thursday 3 December 2020 be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/21/9

The District Mayor noted the meeting had largely focused on the budget for the upcoming financial year. Iwi representation on the committee had also been discussed and confirmation given that this committee was legally unable to appoint an iwi representative as a voting member, however iwi would be invited to join the advisory group and have voting ability.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that construction tender was for the current headquarters to be upgraded to ensure it met the correct seismic strength requirements under the building code. The Chief Executive noted that there had been a pre-approved tenderer but the joint committee decided for this project to go to open tender which incurred a penalty but ultimately has resulted in significant savings.

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**

D21/4036

(Pages 53-63)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD

Carried

CL/21/10

2. THAT, in accordance with Standing Order 8.3, Council resolves to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 2.00pm to release the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Consultation Document for public consultation.

McKay/BOYDE

Carried

CL/21/11

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- At the last Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved to support the letter from the Mayoral Forum to the Prime Minister regarding the changing of the law allowing for a poll to be called when a local authority establishes a Māori ward. This was then referred to the minister responsible and a response was received and circulated to Councillors. Nanaia Mahuta announced in New Plymouth last week the plan and the urgency to remove the provision for a community driven poll from the law, although the new legislation would allow for a Council initiated poll on a Māori ward which is consistent with the establishment of other wards. This would also apply retrospectively meaning if a poll was called in New Plymouth or South Taranaki, following their decision to include a Māori ward in the 2022 elections, then it wouldn't hold.
- He noted the inclusion of the 2020 attendance schedule for all committees in his report and congratulated Councillors on an outstanding attendance for the year.
- He noted the recommendation to call an Extraordinary Meeting on 23 March 2021 which would allow Council to release the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Consultation Document and supporting documents for consultation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that Ngā Kaiwhakatere o Taranaki would not replace Tapuae Roa or Taranaki 2050. This newly formed group comprises of the mayoral forum as well as defined representatives and would oversee these two initiatives as well as the regional recovery strategy. He acknowledged the similarities between the strategies and their content. He noted that Neil Holdom was the chair of this group.

8. **QUESTIONS**

- It was clarified that the start time for Ordinary Meetings had been moved to 3.30pm for the full year at the adoption of the meeting schedule. This will allow for workshops to continue at the conclusion of the meeting when required.
- It was noted the resurfacing of Broadway (between the round-a-bouts) was due to occur at the end of January but is now scheduled for March/April 2021. This will be undertaken by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. The scope for the work has now changed and will not include the parking areas which now means Council cannot look at changing the parking at this time. It was clarified the work that was recently undertaken was sewer work undertaken by Council prior to the resurfacing.

*The meeting closed at 3.55pm*

N C Volzke  
**CHAIRMAN**

Confirmed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

N C Volzke  
**DISTRICT MAYOR**