

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council



F19/13/04 – D21/27963

Date: Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 3.30pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

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, V R Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Administration & Communication Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, 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, and the media.

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

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Announcements

The Chief Executive announced that a resolution will be proposed at the end of this meeting delegating voting powers at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 17 July to the District Mayor, who is attending on behalf of this council.

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.

It was noted the schedule would be amended to record Councillor Dalziel as present on 8 June 2021 and sick on the 22 June 2021.

6. Confirmation of minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 8 June 2021 D21/19404

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/WEBBY
Carried
CL/21/54

6.2 Farm & Aerodrome Committee – 15 June 2021 D21/20787

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm & Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2021, be received.

BOYDE/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/21/55

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm & Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2021, be adopted.

DALZIEL/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/56

6.3 Audit & Risk Committee – 22 June 2021 D21/21217

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2021, be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/21/57

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 be adopted.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
CL/21/58

6.3.1 Sensitive Expenditure Policy D21/15757

Changes were documented and attached for Council's information.

6.4 **Policy & Services Committee – 22 June 2021**
D21/21264

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2021, be received.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/59

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee held on Tuesday 22 June 2021, be adopted.

JAMIESON/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/60

6.5 **Extraordinary Meeting of Council (2021-2031 Long Term Plan Adoption_ - 22 June 2021**
D21/17525

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 22 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/61

6.6 **Taranaki Solid Waste Committee – 20 May 2021**

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee held on Thursday 20 May 2021 be received.

McKAY/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/21/62

The Mayor noted his attendance at this meeting due to the Deputy Mayor's unavailability.

6.7 **Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 2 June 2021**

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held on Wednesday 2 June 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/21/63

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The Te Wera site was not considered a viable option for the movement of logs by KiwiRail who will instead further develop the business case around the Waverley site. Interestingly all figures pertaining to Te Wera were redacted from the report being considered by the transport committee however the Mayor noted that of the 100,000 tonnes of logs coming out of the Te Wera Forest, 80,000 tonnes were going to the port over the next 7 year period with the remainder going to local mills. These numbers and the distances being driven were not considered high enough to make a successful (economic) case for rail movement out of Te Wera.
- The Ahititi Stock Effluent Disposal will remain open at the moment with further work being done for a longer term solution.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde asked whether the 12 month timeframe for roadside drug testing would be a reality. Mayor Volzke noted that there is a firm commitment for roadside drug testing and that the timeframe includes acquiring equipment and the training of staff.

6.7 Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee – 3 June 2021

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee held on Thursday 3 June 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/WEBBY

Carried

CL/21/64

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Dalziel sought an update on vaccination numbers since the meeting. Mayor Volzke responded that the Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) provides weekly updates and advised that vaccinations would ramp up from early August when vaccines for group 3 would be rolled out. He had concerns because vaccination centres were initially being mooted for Hāwera and New Plymouth only and that Stratford would have to rely on GPs and pharmacists. The Mayor subsequently met with the TDHB and they have now changed their mind. Mayor Volzke is almost certain that there will be a vaccination clinic in Stratford which will be open to all people – not just group 3. An official announcement is imminent.

7. District Mayor's Report D21/24669

Recommendation

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD

Carried

CL/21/65

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The District's roading issues were raised at a meeting with the Deputy Chairperson of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport. Also raised were the funding cutbacks which have impeded Council's LTP process.
- The Minister of Transport Michael Wood will visit the region in a few weeks – this will be another opportunity to re-emphasise the messages.
- There is a lot of work occurring on roads around the District. This is temporary and in preparation for permanent major work starting in the summer time.
- The Burial and Cremation Act changes will have some impact on what councils do and how cemeteries are operated. There will also be changes to the regulations around funeral directors.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor asked for further explanation around three waters reforms. Mr Hanne noted that there is limited information on the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) website and no new data has been presented as yet. An offer by Taituarā (Local Government NZ) to provide consultancy services to the TLA's for indepth analysis of the implications of the reforms, has been accepted by Mr Hanne. Council officers will provide the populating data for the analysis. This work will start in the next few weeks. DIA is funding this work so there are no other costs to council than our staff contributing data. A media release is expected this Thursday.
- Councillor Dalziel noted that a lot of the commentary is focused on drinking water but there are enormous costs associated with waste water. Mr Hanne agreed, adding that storm water has not even been discussed at this point. Mayor Volzke reiterated that there are many unanswered questions.

8. Questions

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 3.57pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 10th day of August 2021.

N C Volzke
District Mayor