
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021 AT 3.30PM

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 Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson and one member of the media (Taranaki Daily News).

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**

There were no apologies.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District Mayor thanked Councillors for their attendance at the Emergency Meeting on 21 May which was called at short notice. He acknowledged the work that had been done behind the scenes on the Long Term Plan with the hearing and document updates and acknowledged the Executive Administration Officer for her work with the minutes.

He reminded Councillors that the Stratford District Youth Council were presenting to Council at 4.00pm.

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 – 11 May 2021**
D21/16361

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/47

6.2 **Policy & Services Committee – 18 May 2021 - Hearing**
D21/17306

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, held on Tuesday 18 May 2021, be received.

JAMIESON/WEBBY
Carried
CL/21/48

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, held on Tuesday 18 May 2021, be adopted.

BOYDE/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/21/49

The District Mayor noted that the discussion regarding Māori Wards during this meeting had not resulted in a resolution, therefore no decisions regarding this were being adopted with the resolutions from the Policy and Services Committee minutes.

6.3 **Ordinary Meeting of Council (Emergency Meeting) – 21 May 2021**
D21/17525

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 21 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
CL/21/50

6.4 **Policy & Services Committee – 25 May 2021**
D21/17965 – PE D21/18327 – Open

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be received.

McKAY/JONES
Carried
CL/21/51

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the Public Excluded section, held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 be adopted.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/21/52

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D21/18471

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/21/53

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The District Mayor noted that the consent for the sealing of the Tangarakau Gorge had now been granted which now clears the way for work to begin when weather permits. He noted he had attended the blessing at the Manawawiri Stream for the work about to commence for the culvert replacement, as part of this trip they were also given an insight into the design for the Kahouri Stream bridge replacement with the new road beginning at the Beaconsfield Road intersection and finishing at the top end of the cemetery – this will be a two lane bridge. He also noted the cultural significance of the area by the cemetery and this development will enable work to be done to tell this story.
- He noted Council would now undergo a representation review following the decision to establish a Māori ward. This would involve decisions regarding boundaries, wards and numbers of representatives for each ward. The Director – Corporate Services confirmed a

workshop was scheduled in July for Councillors to discuss different options which would be followed by a report to Council.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde commended the work done by those involved in the construction of the new St Johns building and noted this provided security for the service in the town.
- It was clarified by the Director – Community Services that a funding application had been submitted to the Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs and included provision for one careers expo a year. Councillor Boyde noted the second half of the year was an appropriate time to hold one as students were thinking about their futures following the end of the school year and noted that timing was crucial for these events. He noted he was still receiving positive feedback from this event.

8. **QUESTIONS**

The meeting closed at 3.44pm

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 13th day of July 2021.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR