

# MINUTES

## Ordinary Meeting of Council

Date: Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 3.30 PM  
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 (*via audio/visual link*), W J Sandford and G M Webby.

### In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu (*via audio/visual link*), the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, two members of the media (Stratford Press and the Taranaki Daily News).

#### 1. Welcome

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

##### 1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 7

The opening karakia was read.

##### 1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 8

The Chairman reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

It was requested that COVID-19 be noted within the Health & Safety message within the agenda.

#### 2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 3. Announcements

The Chief Executive noted that the Future of Local Government meeting scheduled for 17 March 2022 would now be held online. The link for this meeting will be circulated to Councillors and Management.

#### 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 members' 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 – 14 December 2021 D21/45388 (PE) D22/3538 (Open) Page 8

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

COPLESTONE/WEBBY  
Carried  
CL/22/1

### 6.2 Policy & Services Committee – 25 January 2022 D22/3321 Page15

#### Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 be received.

JONES/ERWOOD  
Carried  
CL/22/2

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 be adopted.

DALZIEL/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/22/3

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor noted his concern regarding the Differential Rate for Forestry (Item 9) and felt the rate being asked from the forestry industry was through the roof and needed some careful consideration.

### 6.3 Taranaki Solid Waste Committee – 4 November 2021 Page 25

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee held on Tuesday 4 November 2021 be received.

BOYDE/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/22/4

The Deputy Mayor noted that the bin contamination had been noted during the meeting and submissions to the National Water Strategy and the Emissions Reduction Plan had been approved.

**6.4 Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee – 11 November 2021**  
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**Recommendation**

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held on Tuesday 11 November 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD  
Carried  
CL/22/5

**6.5 Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 1 December 2021**  
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**Recommendation**

THAT the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held on Tuesday 1 December 2021 be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/22/6

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- A letter from the Stratford A&P Association had been tabled at this meeting which outlined their concerns regarding the safety of the Flint Road intersection. A meeting will be held with Waka Kotahi and the Association with a focus on that intersection and what can be done to ensure it is safe in the short and long term.
- The safety study on State Highway 3 from Egmont Village to Hawera will occur this week.
- He reminded Councillors that the speed and safety reviews for state highways is on-going. Waka Kotahi have made it very clear they have not made a recommendation for any speed limits on particular areas of the highway but it is widely known that the speed limit is being reviewed with the anticipation that it will be 80 kms.

Points noted in discussion:

- It was clarified that the feasibility study will begin in 2022 on a renewed project due to funding allocations. The consultation and study will be done in sections.
- It was requested that submission made by the committee on the Speed and Safety Review be circulated to Councillors.
- It was clarified that it was suggested at this meeting that Waka Koahi contact LGNZ and the lower North Island study group to obtain their research already undertaken on the impact and damage on roads from forestry in order to not duplicate this with their own study. The Deputy Mayor hoped this would result in some funding allocated towards this damage.
- It was noted that it was a *Chargenet* electric vehicle charging station being installed in Mokau and that funding mechanisms vary for these from site to site.

### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/22/7

2. THAT the District Mayor be appointed as a representative of the Stratford District Council on the Stratford Sports Society Inc. committee for a period that ends on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022
3. THAT the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to appoint a staff member as a representative of the Stratford District Council on the Stratford Sports Society Inc. committee for an ongoing period.

VOLZKE/BOYDE  
Carried  
CL/22/8

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The Stratford Sports Society has now adopted its new constitution which requires two appointments be made by Council for the committee. He has suggested that he be the first appointment and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to appoint a staff member to the committee to give a balance of operational and governance. He noted his appointment would be until October and the replacement would be appointed by the Mayor in the new triennium. The staff appointment would be on-going.
- The Trade Graduation process went very well.
- The Christmas Gift Appeal received good support from the community and the gifts were well received by the families.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde congratulated all involved in the Trade Graduation Ceremonies. Visiting the workplaces to recognise the champions in our community was really appreciated.

### 8. Questions

- Councillor Erwood questioned what the plan is for the old pool facility and when planning for its future would begin? The Chief Executive answered that as the current facility would still be required for use in the first part of the next financial year and for moving and closing down in the second part, it was planned to begin discussing its future as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.
- Councillor Coplestone questioned the outcomes of the District Mayor's meetings with Avon Medical Centre and the Taranaki District Health Board. The District Mayor noted that the meeting with the Taranaki District Health Board was to ensure they were aware of the issues arising, they are working with Avon Medical to assist with recruitment and retention. Avon Medical Centre are continuing to try and recruit and have put some contingencies in place for the meantime. This won't become a really critical issue until the end of March when two more doctors will leave.

### 9. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

*The meeting closed at 3.58pm*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

N C Volzke  
**District Mayor**