

Date: Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Whangamomona Town Hall, Ohura Road, Whangamomona

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), Councillors S J Beck, G W Boyde A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, E E Hall, A K Harris, V R Jones, C M Tongaawhikau and M J Watt

In attendance

The Acting Chief Executive and Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the Project Engineer/Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, four members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed Elected Members, members of the public, staff and the media to the meeting.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 5

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 6

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillor W J Sandford and noted from the Chief Executive Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba and the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

HARRIS/HALL
Carried
CL/23/20

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted he had approved a verbal request by Mr Bruce Stockman to present to council for the public forum. This would be presented as Item 6.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. Public Forum

A verbal request was made from Mr Stockman directly to the District Mayor prior to the meeting. His request was approved based on the relevance to the meeting location (Whangamomona).

Points noted in the presentation:

- Whitianga Road is a side road administered by the Stratford District Council. He is raising this as an absolute health and safety risk.
- As the school bus driver he and the residents have been running their own health and safety and have been managing cars crossing at the school bus times of day by pulling over and stopping as there are only two places safe enough to pull over and evasive action if a vehicle is coming the other way is not an option. But this is just the local people who know there will be a bus coming at these times.
- It is an inferior road that needs attention immediately. There are slips with cones but the cones will not stop a school bus going down a 50-60 meter hill.
- He pleaded council to drive the road before heading back to town and then talk to someone who can supply funding to fix that hill before, not when, some children are killed. He noted there is no turning back, if there is an accident on this hill there will only be one outcome.
- He thanked the District Mayor for providing the opportunity to speak.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde asked if he had raised his concerns with council before? Mr Stockman noted he had spoken to various people, including people in the district, and felt it had gotten to the stage where someone had to stand up and tell the council what it is like. He reiterated how bad the road is.
- Mr Stockman confirmed that it was the stretch of road from Ohura Road and over the initial saddle down to the bottom.
- Councillor Harris noted she had spoken with Fulton Hogan regarding this area as she had been approached by a few locals. This would be discussed during the response discussion.
- The District Mayor asked Mr Herlihy for his view of the road, Mr Herlihy noted that this had been an issue for over a year. He noted that stock trucks cannot go down the hill as a truck and trailer would result in the trailer over the side of the hill.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Audit and Risk Committee – 14 March 2023

D23/9922

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Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 be received.

JONES/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/21

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 be adopted.

HALL/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/23/22

7.2 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 March 2023
D23/10319 Page 15

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/23

7.2.1 Public Forum Notes – 14 March 2023
D23/9817 Page 19

The notes from the public forum were attached for council's information.

7.3 Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 21 March 2023
D23/11709 Page 22

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/WATT
Carried
CL/23/24

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 be adopted.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/23/25

Councillor Boyde noted the following points:

- Half of the production for the current season has a guaranteed milk price of \$9.75 kg/ms with the current mid point being \$8.30 kg/ms. He noted it was an outstanding decision to fix that rate.
- He noted that the Farm Reserve was providing \$68,512 for rate mitigation this coming financial year, with further rate mitigation from the Fonterra dividend which is expected to be \$79,000. This reiterates the benefits the council farm has for all rate payers.
- He noted that the farm still has \$1.9 million of debt and with rising interest rates it would be important to look at debt reduction in the future.

7.4 Policy and Services Committee – 28 March 2023
D23/12257 Page 28

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/26

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 be adopted, excluding the proposed swimming pool complex fees and charges.

MOVED/SECONDED
Carried
CL/23/27

3. THAT the updated Animal Control fees and charges for Dog Registrations (as attached) be adopted.

HALL/BECK
Carried
CL/23/28

4. THAT the Swimming Pool Complex fees and charges as shown in the attached schedule be adopted.

BECK/HARRIS
2 against
Carried
CL/23/29

7.4.1 Fees and Charges
D23/1515 Page 41

The Fees and Charges Schedule was attached with the recommended amendments from the Policy and Services Committee. This includes the requested amendments to the Dog Registration fees and charges.

The Committee Advisor undertook to make the following amendments:

- The division result was to be added to page 37 of the agenda.

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- Attached to the minutes was an updated fees and charges schedule which includes the dog registration fees that the committee had requested to be changed.
- The changes to the cemetery fees were incorporated.
- The other changes were as presented to the committee.
- He noted there would be two more opportunities to discuss the fees and charges – when the Annual Plan is released for public feedback and when the final plan is presented for adoption.
- The resolutions also include the approval for the fencing at the waste water pond.
- He noted if there were any specific resolution, or fees and charges, that required to be discussed further then it would be held separately.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Dudley requested the Swimming Pool Complex fees and charges be discussed separately. She noted her objection to the lane hire fee for the swim school provider.
- It was noted that Councillor Dudley and Councillor Erwood voted against the proposed swimming pool fees and charges.

8. District Mayor's Report
D23/4126 Page 57

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/WATT
Carried
CL/23/30

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- He noted his attendance at the collective redress deed ceremony for Taranaki Maunga which was held at Aoteroa Marae in Okaiawa. This was a historic occasion to have been a part of and found the explanation of how it had come to be in crown ownership interesting and a real awakening occasion. Once all eight iwi have signed off the deed it will go into legislation the mounnga will take on a human personification with a governing board which will be the voice of the mounnga itself.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the number of callouts undertaken by the volunteer fire service, with one day having four call outs. He noted the district was blessed to have so many volunteers. The District Mayor noted that they get called for a lot of emergency/medical assist work as well as firefighting.

9. Decision Report – Proposed Road Closure of Miranda Street for ANZAC Day Service
D23/12665 Page 61

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/JONES
Carried
CL/23/31

2. THAT pursuant to Section 342(1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974, Stratford District Council approves the closure of the following roads on Tuesday 25 April 2023, 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
 - War Memorial Car park to be closed
 - Rolling closure of Fenton Street – Between SH3 Broadway and Portia St to the TET carpark – 5:30am to 6:00am

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
CL/23/32

Recommended Reason

In order for the Stratford District Council to hold ANZAC Day commemorations, it is necessary to close the road listed above for the safety of the public gathering for the dawn service at the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street. The proposed road closures require formal approval by a Council resolution

10. Questions

There were no questions.

11. Response to public Forum

Speaker Bruce Stockman

Topic Whitianga Road

Response:

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Harris noted she had discussed this issue with Fulton Hogan and she had been advised engineers were currently looking at solutions including cutting into the bank or a retaining wall. She noted the retaining wall was the preferred option. Work is being undertaken but it doesn't help the current situation.
- The District Mayor noted these concerns would be taken and presented to the Roading Asset Manager. This would be added to the matters outstanding.
- Councillor Jones noted that this had been an ongoing issue for a year and questioned if it had been reported to council at this time or developing now? The District Mayor could not confirm when complaints had been received by council but he would make sure the depth of concern presented today was reiterated.
- Councillor Jones noted his concern that council was not communicating properly to the public on how to report an issue. Residents should not have to attend a council meeting to bring an issue to light. The District Mayor noted that all complaints, however received, should be put into the system to ensure a response is given. The Acting Chief Executive noted that the Antenno app allowed the public to lodge a complaint and include photos of the area of concern.
- Councillor Hall requested that an update on the timeframe for this urgent work be provided as well.

12. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.06pm

N C Volzke

Chairman

Confirmed this 9th day of May 2023.

N C Volzke

District Mayor