

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 3.30pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyde, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, Councillor V R Jones, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, , the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, The Communications Advisor – Mrs S Clarkson, the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, The Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, two members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

Via audio visual link: the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland

1. Welcome

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

1.1 Opening Karakia
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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

An apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau.

Recommendation

THAT the apology be received.

BECK/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/59

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. The Deputy Mayor declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 6.2, Decision Report 9 – Stratford District Licensing Committee – Position of Deputy Chairperson.

5. Attendance Schedule

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 April 2024 D24/17281 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/60

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 23 April 2024 D24/20441 (PE) and D24/15375 (Open) Page 14

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 be adopted.

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
CL/24/61

The HR & Governance Administrator undertook to make the following amendments:

- It was noted that the date of the meeting and the resolution numbers had been updated.

7. District Mayor's Report D24/22568 Page 23

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/24/62

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The opening of Kahouri Bridge was a significant milestone for the District. He noted for 60 years Mayors have been requesting improvements to the bridge, and this is a significant one.
- The improvement to the Stratford Health Trust will help in excess of 7,000 people.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde noted he found it hard to believe that the Taranaki Regional Land Transport Review had public transport as the number one priority for the region.
- The Deputy Mayor noted she was pleased to read about the Stratford Health Trust given the recent closure of one of Stratford's longstanding General Practitioners. She advised he recently had an experience going into the Stratford Health Trust and was really pleased.
- Councillor Harris noted due to the replacement of the Kahouri Bridge, access to the cemetery is currently altered, and can be difficult to navigate into. She questioned if there could be some communication put out to the community on how to access the cemetery. Mr Hanne noted the intention was to let New Zealand Transport Agency complete their work and then re-look at what is in control of Council and figure out what it looks like once they have finished their project, however communication could go out in the meantime.
- Councillor Jones commented on the letter received from Chorus where they stated great connectivity is vital, noting for four or five years fibre has run past his property to Toko School, however he has never been able to connect which is far from great connectivity. The District Mayor noted the email address of the sender is in the minutes if Councillor Jones would like to reach out.

8. Decision Report – Reallocation of Better Off Funding

D24/20662 Page 41

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/24/63

2. THAT the Stratford District Council reallocate the Better Off Funding to three water infrastructure projects being the Grit Tank Replacement (**\$2M**); the Wastewater Modelling (**\$50k**) and the Stormwater Modelling (part funding of **\$400k**)

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
CL/24/64

Recommended Reason

The reallocation of the Better Off Funding is necessary to align with the central government directive.

The Director - Assets noted the following points:

- This is following a directive from Central Government to redirect the Better Off Funding towards water projects.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde questioned that on page 42 it notes the Brecon Road extension has commenced, however the funding is no longer being allocated to that. It was noted it as commenced in the sense that it the point of entry assessment has been assessed, however the bulk of the money has not been spent. Councillor Boyde questioned if this now means the project will be loan funded. Mr Hanne advised this will be a decision for Council in the Long Term plan consultation.
- Councillor Beck questioned if the money is already with council or it needs to be claimed as the projects happen. Mr Hanne noted some funding has been received however further tranches will need to be claimed for costs of the project going forward.

9. Questions

There were no questions.

10. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.46pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of June 2024.

N C Volzke
District Mayor