

Date: 11 February 2025 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

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

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communication Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), one member of the Media (Stratford Press) and four members of the public.

1. Welcome

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

The opening karakia was read.

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor V R Jones and C M Tongaawhikau.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/25/1

3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted that earlier today certificates were presented for the milk bottle cap collections by the school. Initially the target had been to collect 15,000 caps but this was massively exceeded with over 135,000 caps collected. It was clarified that the issue with milk bottle caps going into the recycling plant is that they jam the machines or if they are still on the bottle when it gets crushed they shoot off the bottle. The Deputy Mayor noted there is now a business in South Taranaki who is taking these now and uses them with the by-product created here in the region.

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 conflicts of interest declared.

5. Attendance Schedule

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



6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 December 2024 D24/56876 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/2

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 9, Audit and Risk Committee, amend '*Elected Members only staff member*' to '*chief executive*'.
- Page 14, Percy Thomson Trust Letter of Expectation, first bullet under question, amend 'The District Mayor questioned' to 'The Deputy Mayor questioned'
- Page 15, Public Forum response, amend '*Councillor Moeahu*' to '*Mr Moeahu*'.

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 28 January 2025 D25/2499 Page 16

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 be received.

ERWOOD/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/25/3

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 be adopted.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
CL/25/4

6.2.1 Updated Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan D24/16527 Page 22

The updated plan following changes made at the Policy and Services Committee is attached for council's information.

The Parks and Reserve Officer left the meeting at 3.42pm.



Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/25/5

The District Mayor noted that an updated meeting schedule was circulated in hard copy due to mathematical errors on the one in the agenda.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the 195 call outs from the Stratford Fire Brigade in 2024. He noted this was a great opportunity to thank them for their services and the businesses who have staff involved as this is a huge commitment. It was clarified that these reports were only from the Stratford Fire Brigade and not Toko.

8. Decision Report – Proposed Road Closure for Junction Road for a Car Club event 15 March 2025 D25/1121 Page 74

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/25/6

2. THAT pursuant to Section 342 (1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974, approval is hereby given that the Stratford District Council closes:

- Junction Road from 551 Junction Road (RP5.4) to the intersection with Tawhiwhi Road (RP0.8) on Saturday 15 March between the hours of 7.00am-6.00pm.

The closure is to enable the South Taranaki Car Club to host a 1 day national hill climb motorsport event.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/25/7

Recommended Reason

In order for the South Taranaki Car Club to host a hill climb motorsport event, as part of the Gravel Weekend which allows drivers test runs prior to the National Rally Championship Season, it is necessary to close Junction Road for safety reasons for the participants and for any spectators. The proposed road closure requires formal endorsement by a Council resolution. The organisers expect up to 20 competitors from across Taranaki to attend.

The Roading Manager noted that the recommendation is from 7.00am to 6.00pm giving the organisers an extra half a hour either side of the event for any traffic management or recovery requirements. It was confirmed that these were the times advertised and no objections were received.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that any damage at these road events is rectified by the organisers or if council had to complete a repair the costs would be recovered from the organisation.

9. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Lauree Jones, EnviroSchools update

Response: Acknowledge and thank for reporting.

10. Questions

- Councillor Boyde asked if council was aware of the events held at the hockey turf in the weekend? This consisted of teams from out of the province. He noted there had been concern over the use of water on the turf during the water restrictions but clarified this was entirely recycled water held in tanks at the turf.

11. Closing Karakia

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The meeting closed at 3.52 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of March 2025



N C Volzke
District Mayor