

Date: 8 July 2025 at 3.40 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor M McKay, Councillors: G W Boyde, S J Beck, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, V R Jones, 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 Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Manager – Miss G Gibson, the Property and Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Rooding Manager – Mr S Bowden, four members of the public and three members of the Media (Stratford Press and the Daily News).

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

An approved leave of absence was noted for Councillor C M Tongaawhikau.

3. Announcements

Item 9 on the agenda will be brought forward to after agenda item 5. The District Mayor has requested Councillors remain at the end of the meeting.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

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

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached. Councillor Dudley requested her status for the meeting on 13 May be changed from apology to sick.

9. Public Forum Response

Speakers: Tihikura Hohaia - Protect Our Moana - Taranaki, Fiona Young - Protect Our Moana – Taranaki, Te Aorangi Dillon - Tumu Whakarae Te Korowai o Ngāruahine

Response:

- TTR would be invited to present to Council so a balanced view on the topic could be formed, if any.
- Formally respond to the presenters in writing, and potentially provide the presenters with the date TTR are able to present to Council, if they respond before the formal letter is sent.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 3.49pm.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 June 2025

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Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/25/50

6.2.1 Public Forum Notes

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

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 24 June (Hearing)

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Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Future of Water Services Delivery in Stratford, held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Future of Water Services Delivery in Stratford, held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be adopted.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/25/51

The Director – Assets and the Property and Projects Manager left the meeting at 3.51pm.

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 24 June 2025

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Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be adopted.

HALL/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/52

Recommendation

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/25/53

2. THAT the District Mayor, Councillors Boyde and Harris be delegated authority to attend and vote on behalf of the Stratford District Council at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference to be held 16-17 July 2025.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/25/54

3. THAT Council authorises the Executive Committee to oversee and complete the performance appraisal process (including remuneration review) for the Chief Executive.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/55

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- It has been recommended by the consultant that the Chief Executive's performance appraisal could be sped up if a smaller group was used in the consultation to make the process a little more flexible.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Hall questioned since it has been a long time since a Performance Appraisal was done, how the wider Council can give their view if this process is undertaken by the Executive Committee? The District Mayor advised there is no legal requirement to complete yearly views, however it does require all Councillors to have their say and help set the KPIs.

The Director – Assets joined the meeting and the Communications Manager and two members of the media left the meeting at 3.57pm.

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/25/56

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 Sunday 10 August 2025 between the hours of 07:30am to 5:30pm for the South Taranaki Car Clubs to host their Annual Street Sprint motorsport event.

- Orlando Street – From Celia Street to Warwick Road
- Warwick Road – From Orlando Street to Cordelia Street
- Cordelia Street – From Warwick Road to Romeo Street
- Romeo Street – From Orlando Street to Cordelia Street

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
CL/25/57

Recommended Reason

In order for the South Taranaki Car Club to host the Annual Street Sprint motorsport event, it is necessary to close the roads listed above for safety reasons, for the participants and spectators. The proposed roads closure requires a formal endorsement by a council resolution.

10. Questions

There were no questions.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Recommendation

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Code of Conduct Complaint Investigation	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, under section 6 and section 7 of the Act - specifically Section 7(2)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

BECK/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/25/58

The Director – Assets, the Director – Corporate Services, the Director – Community Services, the Director – Environmental Services, the Roading Manager, two members of the public and one member of the media left the meeting.

12. Public Excluded Item - Decision Report – Code of Conduct Complaint
Investigation

Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resume.

SANDFORD/WATT
Carried
CL/25/63

13. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 5.26pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 12th day of August 2025

N C Volzke
District Mayor