

Date: 11 March 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, V R Jones, W J Sandford, C M Tongaawhikau 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 Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communication Manager – Ms G Gibson, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the IT Support Officer – Mr R Goddard, the Property and Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, one member of the Media (Stratford Press) and two 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

There were no apologies.

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. 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 – 11 February 2025 D25/4531 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HARRIS/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/25/12

6.2 Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 25 February 2025
D25/5844 Page 14

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/25/13

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

- Page 16, Second to last bullet point, amend Councillor to *Councillor Hall*
- Add Councillor Boyde to present.

6.3 Farm Committee – 25 February 2025
D25/5911 Page 23

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be adopted.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/25/14

6.4 Policy and Services Committee – 25 February 2025 - Hearing
D25/5904 Page 29

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Parking Control Bylaw, draft Restricted Access of Roads Bylaw and the draft Vehicle Crossing Bylaw, held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be received.

HALL/HARRIS
Carried
CL/25/15

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Parking Control Bylaw, draft Restricted Access of Roads Bylaw and the draft Vehicle Crossing Bylaw, held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be adopted.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/16

6.4.1 Updated Parking Control Bylaw
D24/46769 Page 37

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

6.4.2 Updated Vehicle Crossing Bylaw
D25/6412 Page 85

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

6.5 **Policy and Services Committee – 25 February 2025**
D25/5846 Page 93

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be adopted.

McKAY/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/25/17

7. District Mayor's Report
D25/7233 Page 98

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/WATT
Carried
CL/25/18

2. THAT an Extraordinary Meeting be held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 3.00pm to approve and release the consultation document on the Water Services Delivery plan.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/19

The District Mayor noted Te Matatini and that it was truly extraordinary. He felt those who attended would remember this for the rest of their lives. Stratford District Council was really well received and organisers were very appreciative of the support given. A lot of people in our community enjoyed the event and our hospitality industry benefited from it as well.

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/25/20

2. THAT the 2022 Local Government New Zealand Standing Orders as adopted on 8 November 2022 be revoked.

3. THAT the proposed 2025 Local Government New Zealand Standing Orders (**Appendix 2**) be adopted.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
CL/25/21

Recommended Reason

Standing orders contain the rules for the conduct of Council and Committee meetings with the updated version reflecting changes to procedures and legislation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Beck asked if there had been glaringly obvious changes? The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant noted that the major changes were highlighted within the report, however these were largely to align with legislative changes. The other changes were putting the text in plain English so it would not change any operational elements but be simpler to follow.
- The District Mayor noted there was clear wording now around conflict of interest, pecuniary interest, bias and pre-determination. He noted the conflict of interest is to be determined by the individual and not the mayor or chair.

9. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Di Gleeson, Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust

Response:

The Director – Community Services was requested to provide a decision report to give an indication of the value of the work the trust does, details about what council does contribute and what impact it would have if we increased the funding (ranging up to \$15,000 increase suggested). It should also detail if this can be funded from existing budgets or if would impact rates.

10. Questions

- Councillor Hall questioned if the public forum response was in the appropriate location in the agenda. She felt it was not very public friendly and would be better at the top to allow those presenting to stay for the response. The District Mayor noted he would discuss this with the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

11. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 281

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.56 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 8th day of April 2025

N C Volzke
District Mayor