

Date: 14 July 2026 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor Neil Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor Amanda Harris, Councillors: Steve Beck, Jaimie Bertie, Josh Best, Grant Boyde, Annette Dudley, Jono Erwood, Ellen Hall, Katherine Sextus and Mathew Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive –Sven Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Raelene Johnson, the Director – Assets – Victoria Araba, the Governance Advisor & Executive Assistance – Gareth Hancock.

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read and the H&S message was read. The mayor welcomed members, senior staff to the meeting and members of the public.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Councillor Chadwick. It was also noted that Councillor Bertie would need to leave at 4.00 pm if the Council meeting was still in session.

Recommendation

THAT Councillor Chadwick's apology be received.

HARRIS/WATT
Carried
CL/26/52

3. Announcements

The Chief Executive noted Stratford High School was inadvertently recorded as receiving \$500, when the approved amount was \$1,500 in the previous Sport NZ meeting minutes.

Recommendation

THAT correction be included and approved, so that the funding allocation accurately reflects the intended amount of \$1,500 for Stratford High School.

DUDLEY/BERTIE
Carried
CL/26/53

The Chief Executive requested that the Elected Member remain behind for one minute to discuss a matter that was not related to 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. None were noted.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Ordinary Council Meetings was attached and noted.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 June 2026

D26/21559

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Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/BOYDE

Carried

CL/26/54

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 23 June 2026

D26/23152

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Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2026 be received.

BEST/HARRIS

Carried

CL/26/55

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2026 be adopted.

BERTIE/BEST

Carried

CL/26/56

6.3 Water Services Committee – 30 June 2026

D26/24141

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Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Water Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 be received.

WATT/DUDLEY

Carried

CL/26/57

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Water Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 be adopted.

VOLZKE/HARRIS

Carried

CL/26/58

6.4 Taranaki Resource Management Reform Steering Group – 3 June 2026

D26/25059

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Recommendations

THAT the unconfirmed minutes and associated documents of the Taranaki Resource Management Reform Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2026 be received.

BOYDE/VOLZKE

Carried

CL/26/59

Councillor Boyde noted that the Chair and Deputy Chair had been appointed. Management across Taranaki is working well together. The Councillor provided an update from the 7 July meeting, which included a GDP update. Ongoing engagement and the importance of consistent regional messaging were noted, particularly given engagement fatigue within the community. The Mayor provided an update on spatial planning and its effects on the region and advised that members would be kept informed of developments. Councillor Beck asked about public engagement on the plan, and the process was explained. Councillor Hall asked whether this group had terms of reference and what the sign-off process would be. This was explained to members.

7. District Mayor's Report

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Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD

Carried

CL/26/60

The District Mayor noted the following points

- The new hospital is a regional facility and an amazing one at that. It is truly remarkable and has been a long time in the making.
- The South Taranaki alcohol policy has been in development for a long time. A regional policy would provide significant benefits, and all three councils are now working together on a shared policy.
- The Mayor noted the correspondence attached to his report.

8. Questions

- Councillor Sextus asked whether consideration had been given to reducing the speed limit on Portia Street to 30 km/h, noting the high level of activity in the area due to the swimming pool and netball courts. She advised that he had been approached by a member of the public. The Chief Executive outlined the formal process for requesting a speed limit review and noted that this was the first time the issue had been raised with Council. It was agreed that an explanation of the formal process would be presented to the next Policy and Strategy Committee meeting.

9. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.51 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of August 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor