
**MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK
ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2020 AT 3PM TO HEAR AND CONSIDER
SUBMISSIONS TO THE WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE BYLAWS**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors M McKay, V R Jones, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, G W Boyde, W J Sandford, A K Harris, J M S Erwood, and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Executive Administration Officer – Ms R Vanstone, the Asset Management Coordinator – Mrs L Campbell, the Plant Engineer – Mr P Jacobs, and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. **WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the District Mayor, the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff and the media.

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomes everyone to the Policy and Services Committee meeting. It is reinforced to Councillors that the purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider submissions on the Wastewater and Solid Waste Bylaws. Councillors are asked to hear submissions with an open mind, to restrict their question time to the submitter to points of clarification or issues pertaining to the subject matter. Councillors are requested not to get into direct dialogue with the submitter as there is tight timeframe scheduled for the day. Councillors may take notes whilst the submitter is speaking.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The Deputy Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBMISSIONS**

Submissions pages 5-15

Attached are the 5 submissions received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT each of the 5 submissions to the Wastewater and Solid Waste Bylaws be received.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/32

2. THAT each submitter be individually thanked for their submission, and a copy of the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting and subsequent meetings be provided to each submitter.

WEBBY/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/20/33

Recommended Reason

Each submission is formally received and the submitter provided with information on decisions made.

6. **SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD**

(no report)

Submitters are given 5 minutes to speak to the Committee. Five minutes is also allocated for questions from the Committee.

Adam Du Fall joined the meeting at 3.05pm.

Adam Du Fall	Powerco Ltd
Points noted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per the submission, Mr Du Fall supports the protection of council infrastructure.• Powerco sought open and unpermitted access to their services to a maximum depth of 600 millimetres (mm) to enable routine and emergency work to be carried out given that a lot of the electricity network was within the road corridor.• Powerco's objective is always to limit as much disruption as possible particularly to their large customers.• For the purpose of maintenance, Powerco is happy to advise council of any work a month in advance.• Regarding clause 1806, Mr Du Fall asked whether the restriction of work to be carried out within 5 metres of the centreline of any rising main or trunk sewer (clause 1806.6 refers) was a blanket rule specified to public land given that there is already a 10 metre corridor within the road corridor. He noted that the 5 metre distance is starting to restrict the available space.• The Director – Assets clarified that the 5 metre wide centreline is applied to any public space. Private property has easements in place.• Mr Du Fall outlined a scenario of simple pole replacement within the restricted 5 metres – alignment could not be changed without putting stress on the aerial load meaning a double pole or strengthener would be required. Mrs Araba gave assurances that council's intention is protection of infrastructure and that all work is carried out in a safe	

manner. She noted that council is happy to work with Powerco to find a resolution and will respond to approvals sought in a timely way.

- Furthermore, the Plant Engineer stated that there is provision for emergency work to be carried out and all assets are marked with before dig notices.
- Given council's assurances that the consenting process would not add delays to planned work, Mr Du Fall was satisfied with the draft bylaw and complimentary of council's processes and turnaround times to date.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Following a question by the District Mayor, Mr Du Fall clarified that an emergency under section 330 of the Resource Management Act was an incident that caused an impending threat to people or property. A car colliding with a pole would meet that definition.
- Mayor Volzke asked what percentage of Powerco's network was above 600mm. Mr Du Fall referred to the reticulated gas network and ring-main unit transformers.

Mr Du Fall departed the meeting at 3.18pm.

7. **WASTEWATER BYLAW– DELIBERATION AND ADOPTION**

D20/2192 (Pages 16-67)

Discussion

Council needs to consider submissions to the Wastewater Bylaw as part of the consultation process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/34

2. THAT subject to any new information from submissions highlighted at the hearing, the *draft* Wastewater Bylaw 2020 be adopted as it stands.

HARRIS/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/20/35

3. THAT the commencement date of Wastewater Bylaw be 1 June 2020.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
P&S/20/36

Recommended Reason

Section 146 (b)(ii) of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 allows the Stratford District Council ('Council') to make and revise its Wastewater Bylaw for the regulation of wastewater activity in the Stratford district in an efficient, safe, reliable and sustainable manner. The adoption of this Bylaw will allow the fulfilment of these purposes.

Submission 1

- The Chair noted Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust's endorsement of the draft bylaw.

Submission 2

- The Chair noted that Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust requested no further changes to the draft bylaw.

Submission 3

- Mayor Volzke expressed his concern at putting a rule in place that caused so much disruption to minor works. He noted Powerco's comments suggested that as long as permits were issued in a timely manner and that they could still deal with emergency repairs and maintenance, they were happy for the draft bylaw to remain unchanged.
- The Chief Executive added that a lot of council infrastructure was a depth of 600mm or less and any work at this depth exposed our assets. He also noted that Powerco did not appear to have any issues with this council.

8. SOLID WASTE BYLAW– DELIBERATION AND ADOPTION

D20/2212 (Pages 68-128)

Discussion

Council needs to consider submissions to the Cemeteries Bylaw as part of the consultation process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/37

2. THAT subject to any new information from submissions highlighted at the Hearing, the draft Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2020 be adopted.

3. THAT the commencement date of the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw be 1 June 2020.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/38

Recommended Reason

Section 146 (a)(iv) and b(iii) of the Local Government Act (2002) allows the Stratford District Council ('Council') to make and revise its Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw for the regulation of waste management activity in the Stratford district in an efficient, safe, reliable and sustainable manner. The adoption of this Bylaw will allow the fulfilment of these purposes.

Submission 4

- It was noted that New Plymouth District Council, for consistency's sake, asked for the maximum weight of refuse containers to be changed from 70 to 35 kilograms.
- The Director - Assets noted that full refuse containers usually weigh around 27 kilograms unless heavy material such as concrete, stones or soil were being dumped. From a waste minimisation perspective, a reduction in the weight council are obliged to pick up would see residents do more sorting rather than dumping into the general waste bin.

- The Plant Engineer advised that complaints have been received when the bin is not picked up – usually because it has been damaged from heavy material such as concrete, stones or soil. In this case, a service contractor is called in.
- There was discussion about whether to change the maximum weight now or later as allowed for under section 10.1 of the draft bylaw. Councillor Boyde noted that reducing the maximum weight was not in the draft bylaw. The District Mayor suggested that a change could be effected today given that the bylaw has been out for consultation already. A change later, would require further consultation. Reducing the maximum weight now was supported by Councillor Dalziel. Councillor Erwood suggested waste minimisation education was key to community support. Councillor Jamieson agreed.
- The Waste Minimisation Officer clarified that complaints about overweight refuse bins are not received regularly and that non-collection is not frequently weight related.
- Councillor Boyde agreed on a change to the weight restriction of refuse bins to 35 kilograms.

Submission 5

- Catherine Tempero requested that council add a ‘zero waste goal by 2040’ action to the bylaw. Whilst this council is working toward zero waste, there is no specified target date.
- Councillor Dalziel added that a goal without a date was not a target. He noted that there has been a meaningful waste reduction in recent years.
- The Director – Assets clarified that a change such as adding a time-related target would require a change to the waste minimisation plan which drives the bylaw, not the other way around.
- Councillor McKay noted that a change to the target would require a commitment from council to put resources in place to achieve it. She suggested a more formalised plan and goal so that a meaningful date can be considered and added. She therefore supported an open-ended target and was supported by Mayor Volzke who suggested that the important thing was that council was heading in the right direction to attain zero waste as stated by the bylaw.
- Councillors had read the Great Barrier Island article as suggested by the submitter.
- The Waste Minimisation Officer clarified that a regional education plan is currently in place and sits within the waste minimisation plan. She noted that there were several local and regional strategies.
- Councillors had reviewed the website suggested by the submitter.

The meeting closed at 3.43pm.

A L Jamieson
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 28th day of April 2020.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR