



Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/26182

6 July 2023

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 11 July 2023** beginning at 3.30pm.

Timetable for 11 July 2023 as follows:

2.00pm	Workshop - Long Term Plan (Vision, Values and Community Outcomes)
3.15pm	Afternoon tea for Councillors
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Yours faithfully

Sven Hanne
Chief Executive

2023 - Ordinary - July

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AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council



F22/55/05 – D23/28706

Date: 11 July 2023 at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

1. [Welcome](#)

- 1.1 **Opening Karakia**
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2. [Apologies](#)

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4. [Declarations of Members Interest](#)
Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

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Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

6. [Confirmation of Minutes](#)

- 6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 13 June 2023**
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Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

- 6.1.1 [Public Forum Notes](#)
D23/25525 Page 21

Attached for Council's information.

- 6.2 **Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 20 June 2023**
D23/27406 Page 23

Recommendations

- 1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be received.
- 2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 27 June 2023
D23/28249 Page 28

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

6.4 Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee – 18 May 2023
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Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2023 be received.

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Moved/Seconded

6.5 Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee – 25 May 2023
Page 42

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2023 be received.

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Moved/Seconded

6.6 Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – 8 June 2023
Page 45

Recommendation

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2023 be received.

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Moved/Seconded

7. District Mayor's Report
D23/29188 Page 49

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

8. Questions

9. Closing Karakia
D21/40748 Page 53



Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/40748

Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.



Our reference
F19/13/03-D22/17082

Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, unless guided to an alternative route by staff, please exit through the main entrance. Once outside the building please move towards the War Memorial Centre congregating on the lawn area outside the front of the council building.

If there is an earthquake, please drop, cover and hold where possible. Remain indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit or remain where you are until further instruction is given.

5. Attendance schedule for 2023 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	14/2/23	14/3/23	11/4/23	9/5/23	13/6/23	11/7/23	8/8/23	12/9/23	10/10/23	14/11/23	12/12/23
Meeting	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Steve Beck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Annette Dudley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Jono Erwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Ellen Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Amanda Harris	AV	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Vaughan Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	A						
Min McKay	✓	✓	S	✓	✓						
John Sandford	S	S	S	✓	✓						
Clive Tongaawhikau	✓	A	✓	✓	A						
Mathew Watt	✓	✓	✓	A	✓						

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
EM	Emergency Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held, or attended by, by Audio Visual Link

MINUTES

Ordinary



F22/55/05 – D23/25695

Date: Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

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

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Aquatic Services Team Leader – Mr R Naicker, the Community Development Officer – Mrs V Fischer (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs A Kingston (*part meeting*), the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, the Revenue Manager – Mrs J Erwood (*part meeting*), six members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. Welcome

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

1.1 Opening Karakia
D21/40748 Page 9

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message
D21/26210 Page 10

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

2. Apologies

An approved leave of absence was noted for Councillor V R Jones and an apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

HARRIS/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/43

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 declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 May 2023
D23/20328 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HALL/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/23/44

6.1.1 Public Forum Notes
D23/20261 Page 22

The notes from the public forum on 9 May 2023 were attached for Council's information.

6.2 Audit and Risk Committee – 16 May 2023
D23/21284 Page 26

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 be received.

ERWOOD/WATT
Carried
CL/23/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 be adopted.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/46

The District Mayor noted that these minutes included the consideration of the earthquake prone buildings (War Memorial Centre, TET Multi Sports Centre, the former Pool Complex and the Clock Tower). By adopting these recommendations council will be approving the actions for these.

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 23 May 2023
D23/23145 (Open) D23/22137 (PE) Page 37

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 be received.

McKAY/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/23/47

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 be adopted.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/48

The District Mayor noted that these recommendations included the approval to progress with opening the next trail at the Kingheim Forestry and to proceed with further discussions regarding the mountain bike trail with the Taranaki Trails Trust.

7. District Mayor's Report
D23/24199 Page 49

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BECK
Carried
CL/23/49

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- This morning, along with Councillor Harris, he attended the sod turning ceremony for the Kahouri Bridge project which symbolises the start of work. This is approximately an \$8 million project and will take between 10-12 months to complete the brand new two lane bridge and road realignment. He noted the Associate Minister of Transport, the honorary Kiri Allen, attended the event.
- He reiterated that confirmation had been received for a further two years of funding for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme. The target will remain at assisting 50 people into work or training. He noted that this year was currently sitting at 42 so the team was working towards reaching the target this year. This programme has been a really good success story right across the country.
- It was requested that council approve the two voting delegates for the LGNZ Conference in July as the District Mayor and Councillor Harris.

Recommendation

THAT the District Mayor and Councillor Harris be delegated authority to vote on behalf of the Stratford District Council at the 2023 LGNZ Conference.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/23/50

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified the remits will be circulated to seek guidance on the voting. The District Mayor also noted that there is a vote for the President and Vice President positions. There are three candidates for President, including the New Plymouth District Mayor, and all candidates will be visiting council either in person or by zoom in the near future.

8. [Decision Report - Adopt Annual Plan 2023/24](#)

D23/21912 Page 56

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

McKAY/BECK
Carried
CL/23/51

- ~~2. THAT the internal feedback from management in *Appendix 1* is considered, and the amendments made, as recommended.~~

- ~~3. THAT the discussion in *Appendix 2* is considered, and the recommendation to bring the delivery of the Swim School in house is approved.~~

- ~~4. THAT the feedback from the community on the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Fees and Charges is considered and amendments made, if any, as decided by Elected Members.~~

- ~~5. THAT the final amended Annual Plan 2023/24, including Fees and Charges schedule, be approved for adoption.~~

Recommended Reason

To adopt the Final Annual Plan 2023/24, after considering all internal management and community feedback, to enable Council to set rates for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, and commence its programme of works for the year from 1 July 2023.

The District Mayor noted that as there were a few components to this report, and adoption, the resolutions will be broken down and discussed individually. It was approved to relax standing orders during this discussion to ensure councillors were able to voice their views.

Appendix 1 - Internal Feedback

- Request for additional fees and charges for the Library for Ticket Booking Fees.

2. THAT the following fees be added to the Library/Information Centre section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 Annual Plan:

TICKET BOOKING FEES

- Commission of \$1.50 per ticket
- Credit Card payments via phone \$2.00 per ticket, capped at \$10
- General booking fee of \$2 per item for items such as accommodation, bus, ferry

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/51

- Request for additional fees and charges for the Pool Complex for the Swimming Club entry.
- The Chief Executive noted these fees had existed as an agreement between the swimming club and the council as there is a mechanism to allow a fee to be charged by mutual

agreement between council and an organisation. The fee structure fits in well in terms of the discount process. These have been discussed with the Swimming Club with the feedback to include a two times per week charge.

- Councillor Boyde noted that it makes sense to have these for consistent users.

3. THAT the following entry fees for club swimmers be added to the swimming pool complex section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 annual Plan:

Pool Entry – Club Swimming

Child, 2 entries per week	\$6/week
Child, 3 entries per week	\$9/week
Child, 4+ entries per week	\$12/week

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/52

- It was confirmed that the six members with term memberships will be able to use those to finish the term.

4. THAT Short Term Memberships (3 months) and Long Term memberships (12 months) be deleted from the swimming pool complex section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

BECK/WATT
Carried
CL/23/53

Appendix 2 - Options for Swim School Services

- The Chief Executive noted that the current swim school provider terminated its contract with council on the 12 May 2023. As a result of this officers have been investigating alternative options which are presented in appendix 2 and are either do nothing, bring in –house or seek an external provider.
 - Option 1 – if there was no similar service there would be a shortfall of approximately \$25,000 from students entering the facility.
 - Option 2 – the benefits of providing such a service will have the figures presented on top of entry fee which would be separate. It was important to note that a change in providers will have a drop off in numbers and Terms 3 and 4 are also historically lower in participation numbers.
 - Option 3 – is a similar arrangement to the one in the past. Council would have to formalise an agreement with an alternative provide and depending on those negotiations there may or may not be an income, however the entry fee from the students would be on top of this.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Sandford noted his support for Option 2. The pool is an expensive facility to have which is shown in the budgets, therefore anything that can increase turnover and help with the running costs is needed to be done. Option 2 will help relieve some of the burden on the ratepayers as he noted that a lot of people who do not use the pool currently pay a lot for the service.
- The Deputy Mayor asked for further explanation on covering the administration and service with existing staff roles. Mr Hanne noted that the team leader is supported by three senior staff who look after different aspects with one already covering the learning requirements of local schools and has the capacity to pick up a related task. The intent would be to broaden the scope of this role to cover the administration of a swim school service. The pool is well equipped to do this at the moment and depending on the success of the school then further resourcing for teaching roles may be required.
- It was clarified that monthly updates will be provided in the Community Services monthly report for a short time, quarterly and annual updates can also be given at the request of elected members.
- The Deputy Mayor noted her support for option 2 as maintaining the service in our community is so important as it is a critical life skill, but she noted she would be watching it closely to ensure it continues to be a success here.

- Councillor Boyde noted that doing nothing was not an option. He felt that option 2 provided so many more synergies and benefits that can be created and asked if teaching the lifeguards was an option? Mr Hanne noted that some of the lifeguards are qualified swim instructors and also work for the current external provider as well and some will be trained up. Council was not able to start recruiting for these positions until a decision was made today. Councillor Boyde supported Option 2.
- Councillor Hall supported Option 2 as it creates a revenue opportunity and seamless delivery of this service so that no one will miss out with the intention to start in term 3. She felt there was a risk with option 3 of finding another provider. She was keen to have reporting back on the progress and also see feedback from users as they will be key in making sure it is successful.
- Councillor Beck supported Option 2 as the most logical one, he noted that the current Aquatic Services Team Leader was one of the top managers to have.
- Councillor Watt asked if an external provider would cover operational expenditure or if council subsidised any of it? Mr Hanne noted that this was dependent on the decision by elected members. The current operator met all staffing and training costs and did not contribute to council's operating costs in any way with users paying normal entry fee to get into the facility. Part of the fees and charges discussion has been the charging of a lane hire fee which was heavily discussed with the anticipation of bringing in \$25,000 revenue per year, if a swim school in-house programme was more successful then any additional revenue would be shown as a surplus and could be available the following year for rates offset.
- Councillor Harris noted her support for Option 2. She noted that if all the feedback from the last couple of months was collated it would show how vital swimming lessons are to our community and council would be foolish not to enable that to happen.
- Councillor Dudley asked if this could be turned around before Term 3? Mr Hanne confirmed he thought it could. Councillor Dudley noted there had been issues with the computer and card systems at the facility and noted how important it would be to be seamless to not hold users up.
- Councillor Watt asked if an external provider (option 3) could be able to be ready to start in Term 3? Mr Hanne noted that it potentially could be as a provider has already reached out to council who believes they have the staff numbers in the region to provide this service, but council processes would require a minimum of two weeks advertising therefore there was the risk if no external provider coming forward and the facility would lose time needed to train staff.
- The District Mayor felt council had a social responsibility to make sure people have the opportunity to learn to swim so a service is needed. He felt there was obligation to the community and the children to have an option to learn to swim. Option 2 would allow the facility to commence in Term 3 which would provide a seamless transition and continuation of swimming lessons which has been highlighted as a concern in the community's feedback. Option 2 is the most economical for council and brings greater returns which is of benefit for all those who pay for the pool via their rates but do not use it. It also allows council to control the price of the services that are provided.

The Revenue Manager joined the meeting at 4.15pm.

The Community Development Officer left the meeting at 4.15pm.

- Councillor Erwood noted that this decision had caused a lot of angst in the community but now council was at the place to make a decision he supported Option 2. He acknowledged the mahi Aimee and her staff have done over the years by providing everyone the right to learn to swim.

5. THAT the discussion in *Appendix 2* is considered, and the recommendation to bring the delivery of the Swim School in-house is approved.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/54

Fees and Charges

- Mr Hanne noted that the existing fees for the swim school were taken without an increase or decrease to set a starting point. He noted there was a risk of low numbers that council could lose revenue on this service, but if the numbers are high there is the potential for a profit. The overheads of the pool were taken into account to find a balance of what is fair on the users and the community in general. He noted he has not heard complaints about the service as it currently stands but have heard that the users do not want to pay more. Elected Members could set the fee how they see fit but he noted the financial loss would be greater the lower it went.

- It was noted that the South Taranaki District Council fees were \$9.50 per session and the New Plymouth private operator was \$15 per session but this did include entry.
- At the request of elected members to simplify the pool fee structure two additional documents were circulated and then tabled at the meeting. One was a simplified version based on the current fees and the other was the same simplified version but had a 7% increase across all fees. The proposed structure was shorter and less complicated as requested and had removed the term memberships as there had been little interest in these. A concession ticket has been proposed with 10, 25 and 50 entries with an increasing percentage of discount as the concessions go up. The group fitness fees have also been simplified with the removal of term fees but could be further amended to have number of visits rather than a time period.
- The swimming club fees approved above will be added in.
- The discount for whole pool hire has been removed.
- The proposed \$100 per term for learn to swim instruction includes the provision to adjust pro-rata if a term is more or less than 10 weeks or is affected by public holidays.
- The revised schedule reduces the former two pages to just one.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the concession cards would include swim school students.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the former schedule had been too clunky and the revised proposed version was much better. He suggested amending the group fitness concessions to 25 and 50 entries (instead of 13 and 52 weeks) for consistency. This was approved to be amended with the same discount applied as to the entry concession.
- It was noted there had not been any targeted consultation with the group fitness users in regards to entry into the facility.
- The District Mayor noted that earlier discussions had seen a spectator fee proposed, however this was since removed. The other introduction was the 50% of adult entry fee for caregivers in the water supervising children under 8. Councillor Harris requested that spectators be added in as free to clearly distinguish the difference between a spectator and a parent supervising in the water.
- Councillor Beck noted he had been supportive of raising the fees initially but with the change in circumstances with the swim school he felt this should not be discussed until the Long Term Plan.
- Councillor Boyde supported Councillor Beck as there will be a lot more information to use after a full year of the facility operating to make really defined decisions around cost. He supported no increase.
- Councillor Hall agreed and noted that council has looked at specific charges and needed to be adjust and address any of the shortfall when there is better understanding. There was already enough change for this plan.
- The Deputy Mayor noted Wai O Rua was an incredible facility and extremely strong direction had been given to the Chief Executive to look for efficiencies through income and reducing outgoings. This still remains a priority to keep looking at these. The facility is new, there has been some teething issues including looking at staff numbers and she did not think now was the right time to introduce a fee increase. She noted a years worth of data will give time to refine efficiencies and provide the ability to make an informed decision for the Long Term Plan.
- Councillor Watt noted that one of the benefits of taking the swim school in-house was having control over the fees, he noted there could be pretty significant income from the pool if the same numbers participated in the programme. The District Mayor noted it may make a surplus but it would not match the operating costs for a pool, reducing the fee would make it more expensive for the majority of the community who don't use the facility. Councillor Watt clarified that he felt even a slight reduction in the fee would still result in reduction in expenditure for the pool.

The Community Development Officer left the meeting at 4.37pm.

- It was clarified that the high financial range potential income was based on 700 participants per term. Councillor Harris noted it would be great to see the level of actual participation before a call is made on the fee especially as Term 3 was a quieter period for swim schools.
- It was noted that the total rates cost for the pool \$1.99 million net.
- It was requested that a report be provided on how this year has gone, including costs, once the 12 month period has passed.

6. THAT the feedback from the community on the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Fees and Charges is considered and amendments made, as decided by Elected Members.

BECK/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/55

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor noted it was worthwhile noting the rest of the changes within the fees and charges. This Annual Plan has been massive and councillors have tried to be consistent with the balance of user charges and top up from the rate payer. She acknowledged a lot of council's services have a greater community good and trying to find the balance for these and looking at community feedback has been difficult. She noted some of the changes related to dog registration fees and cemetery plots. Council has tried to find the balance as best as it could.
- Councillor Sandford noted that a neighbouring council had put a blanket 10% increase across all their fees and charges and that elsewhere cemetery plots can be \$6,000 plus. These changes have been made with looking after the ratepayers in mind.
- Councillor Hall noted that she had visited forestry roads with the Roding Asset Manager and noted that when the differential rate was considered next it was important to realise the \$250,000 rate was just a drop in the bucket. She acknowledged staff and their time on this issue.
- The District Mayor noted that the submission from Federated Farmers supported the forestry differential rate.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 4.51pm.

7. THAT the final amended Annual Plan 2023/24, including Fees and Charges schedule, be approved for adoption.

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/56

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde noted he had received a question from an absent councillor questioning the impact of transport choices which questioned the answer given to him in the minutes that it wouldn't have an impact. The Director – Corporate Services clarified that it wouldn't have an impact on the 2023/24 budget as the projects don't have an impact until they are built.
- The Chief Executive noted that the anticipated income for the pool of \$25,000 from the lane hire fee was left in the budget as it is anticipated this will be received from the swim school provision. This allows council to adopt the Annual Plan today.
- Councillor Harris requested that the District Profile note that part of the district is in the Horizons Region.

9. Decision Report – Setting of Rates, Due Dates and Penalties Regime for 2023/24
D23/24083 Page 228

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/57

2. THAT the Stratford District Council sets the following rates, due dates, and penalties regime under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Funding Impact Statement, on rating units in the Stratford District for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023, and ending 30 June 2024.

Important: All charges are GST inclusive, and funds raised are stated GST exclusive.

GENERAL RATE

Council set a general rate under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (“LGRA”) calculated on the capital value of each rateable rating unit within the district.

The general rate is set with no differential.

The rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2023/24 is 0.16708 cents, raising \$5,197,300.

General rates will be used to fund all activities that are not covered by the uniform annual general charge, targeted rates or other funding mechanisms outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

Council set a UAGC under section 15 of the LGRA in respect of every separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit within the district.

The UAGC for 2023/24 is \$857 per SUIP, raising \$3,823,500.

DEFINITION OF SUIP

A SUIP is a Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit and includes any part of a rating unit that is used or inhabited by any person. This definition applies to the application of the UAGC, the Solid Waste targeted rate, Wastewater targeted rate, and the Community Centre targeted rate.

This definition includes separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any particular time, which are provided by the owner for rental or other form of occupation on an occasional or long term. For the purpose of this definition, vacant land and vacant premises are separately used by the owner as a property available for separate sale, or provided by the owner for rental (or other form of occupation).

For a commercial rating unit (other than motels/hotels), this includes a building or part of a building that is, or is capable of being, separately tenanted, leased or subleased, and is not integral to the commercial operation. Motels/hotels are treated as one SUIP even if each accommodation unit may be capable of separate habitation.

For a residential rating unit, this includes a building or part of a building which is used, or is capable of being used, as an independent unit. An independent unit is any unit containing either separate cooking and living facilities, or a separate entrance; and that has its own toilet or bathroom facilities.

Separate parts of buildings, after the first, that are uninhabitable and declared unsanitary under the Health Act 1956 or the Building Act 2004 are not SUIPs.

TARGETED RATE – ROADING

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 in respect of roading and street services based on the capital value of each rating unit within the District.

The roading rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2023/24 is 0.10253 cents, raising \$3,160,200.

The roading rate will be used to fund the Roothing Activity.

A differential rate is applied on rating units which have forestry land as the primary use, but exclude land that is categorised under the valuer general's rules as indigenous forests or protected forests of any type. This is instead of the roading rate discussed above. The differential rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2023/24 is 0.87567 cents, raising \$250,000.

The funds collected from the differential will be used to fund the Roothing Activity.

TARGETED RATE – SOLID WASTE (RUBBISH AND RECYCLING)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for refuse collection on the basis of an amount per each SUIP from which Council is prepared to collect a container of refuse, as part of its normal refuse disposal service, in the Stratford and Midhirst domestic collection area.

The solid waste rate under section 16 for 2023/24 is \$365, raising \$853,300.

The solid waste rate will be used to fund the urban domestic refuse collection activity.

TARGETED RATE – WASTE WATER (SEWERAGE)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for sewerage as a fixed amount per each SUIP which is connected to a public sewerage drain, and a targeted rate under Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the LGRA as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council waste water reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 30 metres of a public wastewater drain, but are not connected.

For all non-commercial properties the differential factor is 1 (base), and the Waste Water rate for properties connected is \$315, and for serviceable properties is \$157.50, being 50% of the targeted rate.

Commercial properties are differentiated by use as follows:

Commercial base category (all commercial rating units not included in any other commercial category) and the differential factor is also 1 (base) and the amount is \$315 per SUIP.

- Commercial 2 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 2 toilets) differential factor 150% of base and the amount is \$472 per SUIP.
- Commercial 3 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 3 toilets) differential factor 200% of base and the amount is \$630 per SUIP.
- Commercial 4 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 4 toilets) differential factor 225% of base and the amount is \$708 per SUIP.
- Commercial 5 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 5 toilets) differential factor 250% of base and the amount is \$787 per SUIP.
- Commercial 6 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 6 toilets) differential factor 275% of base and the amount is \$866 per SUIP.
- Commercial 7 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 7 toilets) differential factor 300% of base and the amount is \$945 per SUIP.
- Commercial Large (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 8 or more toilets) differential factor 325% of base and the amount is \$1,023 per SUIP.

The sewerage system rate for 2023/24 is to raise \$809,600 and will be used to fund the waste water activity.

TARGETED RATES - WATER SUPPLY

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for water supply on the basis of an amount per rating unit connected to the Stratford, Midhirst, or Toko Water Supply, and a targeted rate under Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the LGRA as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council water reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 100 metres of a water main, but are not connected.

The Water Supply rate for properties connected is \$582, and for serviceable properties is \$291, being 50% of the targeted rate, and raising \$1,582,800.

In addition, Council set a targeted rate for extraordinary water supply under section 19 of the LGRA on the basis of an amount per unit of water supplied in the Stratford Water Supply Area, the Midhirst Water Supply area, and the Toko Water Supply Area to any rating unit which has been fitted with a water meter.

The Stratford water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$471,200.

The Midhirst water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$16,807.

The Toko water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$3,200.

The water supply rates will be used to fund the water supply activities in the Stratford, Midhirst and Toko areas.

TARGETED RATES - COMMUNITY CENTRES

Council sets targeted rates under section 16 of the LGRA for community centres on the basis of an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the listed community areas. This rate uses a fixed charge based on the location of the rating unit.

The community centre rates for 2023/24 are:

- A fixed charge of \$23.00 within the Wharehuia Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$2,020.
- A fixed charge of \$23.00 within the Te Popo Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$1,020.
- A fixed charge of \$13.80 within the Pembroke Road Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$1,860.
- A fixed charge of \$34.50 within the Toko Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$4,500.
- A fixed charge of \$17.25 within the Pukengahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$810.
- A fixed charge of \$17.25 within the Midhirst Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$5,520.
- A fixed charge of \$11.50 within the Makahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$500.
- A fixed charge of \$30.00 within the Cardiff Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$2,817.

The community centres rate will be used to fund the operating costs of the community centres and will raise \$19,047.

PAYMENT DUE DATES AND PENALTIES

All rates, except those for metered water supply, will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

1 st Instalment:	30 August 2023
2 nd Instalment:	29 November 2023
3 rd Instalment:	28 February 2024
4 th Instalment:	29 May 2024

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA the following penalties on unpaid rates (excluding metered water rates) will be added:

- A charge of 10% on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2023 which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment. The penalty will be added on the following dates:
 - 1st Instalment 6 September 2023
 - 2nd Instalment 6 December 2023
 - 3rd Instalment 6 March 2024
 - 4th Instalment 5 June 2024
- A charge of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2023 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2023. The penalty will be added on 11 July 2023.
- A continuing additional penalty of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2023, to which a penalty has been added under the immediately preceding bullet point, and which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added. The penalty will be added on 10 January 2024.
- Penalties imposed are exempt from GST.

Payment Due Dates for Metered Water Supply

A charge of 10% on any amount outstanding for the quarter which remains unpaid on the following dates will be added on the dates below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Penalty Date</u>
1 July to 30 September 2023	29 November 2023	6 December 2023
1 October to 31 December 2023	28 February 2024	6 March 2024
1 January to 31 March 2024	29 May 2024	5 June 2024
1 April to 30 June 2024	28 August 2024	11 September 2024

EARLY PAYMENT

Sections 55 and 56 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 empowers Council to allow for the early payment of rates.

- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2023/24 year, but no discount will be applied for early payment. (Section 55).
- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2024/25 and subsequent years, but no discount will be applied for early payment. These payments will be applied to general rates or individual targeted rates if requested by the ratepayer, otherwise they will be applied against future general rates. (Section 56).

PAYMENT LOCATIONS – ALL RATES AND CHARGES

Direct Debits are the preferred method of payment. Direct Debit Authority Forms are available at our Council office, or online.

Payments can be made online by going to <https://www.stratford.govt.nz> and clicking on “Pay Online”. Electronic payments shall be deemed to be received at the Council Office on day of receipt.

The Council accepts payments by cash, eftpos or credit card between the hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, at the Council offices, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/58

Recommended Reason

The Annual Plan 2023/24 contains the activities and associated costs of Council and the funding mechanisms, including rates, to meet those costs. The Rates to be set above are consistent with the Funding Impact Statement in the Annual Plan 2023/24, as required by law. Council is required by law to adopt an Annual Plan by 30 June of the year in which the Plan commences, and set rates for the year.

The Revenue Manager noted two amendments to the resolution to ensure it aligned with the Financial Impact Statement. These were the inclusion of waste water under the definition of a SUIP and the increase of the solid waste targeted rate total collected to \$853,300.

The Aquatic Services Team Leader left the meeting at 4.54pm.

The Revenue Manager left the meeting at 5.57pm.

10. Response to Public Forum

Speaker: Rob Green and Lynsi Latham-Saunders

Topic: Parihaka Network/Heritage Month

Response:

- Councillor Boyde supported the request for the Director – Community Services to look into possible support.
- Councillor Hall noted she was interested to see where council's financial contribution could come out of which budget.
- It was agreed that the Director – Community Services would investigate further and provide information for council to make a decision. This would include consideration of use of the function facility.
- Councillor Hall noted it was fantastic hear from Heritage Taranaki and good to hear about our local history especially acknowledging the 5 November.
- The District Mayor noted he would consider appointment to the committee. Councillor Sandford noted the benefits for the community really needed to be discussed before appointing to the committee.

11. Questions

There were no questions.

12. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 236

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 5.01pm

N C Volzke

Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of July 2023.

N C Volzke

District Mayor

PUBLIC FORUM

Notes



F22/55/05 – D23/25525

Date: Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 3.00 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

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

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, Rob Green and Lynsi Latham-Saunders (Heritage Taranaki), three members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, members of the public, staff, and the media.

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

2. Speakers

Speaker: Rob Green and Lynsi Latham-Saunders

Topic: Parihaka Network/Heritage Month

Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Green noted he was the secretary of Heritage Taranaki which was set up as a local branch.
- There is a mistaken view that Heritage Taranaki is about protecting public and colonial buildings but it is much more than buildings. The first heritage month invited the people of Taranaki to consider their stories and what they would like to offer the whole of Taranaki to create a better understanding of each other. Invitations went to iwi, hapu and genealogy groups and about 30 events were held.
- The flyer for the 2022 Heritage month was circulated. It was noted that Stratford did not really feature in it, however there was a Chinese event held at the Pioneer Village.
- Heritage Taranaki's key sponsors are New Plymouth District Council and South Taranaki District Council who will both be contributing \$7,500 this year for the event. The purpose of today's presentation is to ask Stratford District Council to support heritage month.
- It was noted that 5 November is Parihaka Day which marks the date of the invasion of Parihaka. Ms Latham-Saunders noted her involvement with the Parihaka Network.
- There is very little evidence of what was here in Stratford before settlers arrived and is a part of our heritage that is missing.
- She noted that the legacy of Parihaka was relevant to the discussion during the workshop around reducing waste as it is about tolerance, reconciliation, sustainability, respecting each other and what is important to each other without judgement.
- It was noted she had approached the library around the school holiday programme as they would like to have a focus on sustainability and this fits in well with the legacy of Parihaka so will be looking to do activities such as newspaper planter pots with seeds that the children can make and take home and also make for the marakai at Parihaka. It would also be good to take a group of children to Parihaka. Ms Latham-Saunders has also offered to read the book she has written of the story of Parihaka which was given their blessing to be used with school groups.
- Ms Latham-Saunders asked council to consider letting the group use the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre to have a display of art for a week culminating on 5 November with an evening that would include the Stratford Kapa Haka group, thespian reel singing and the

dance school would also be approached to provide a visualisation on what peace and reconciliation looks like.

- Before any planning can be done the group needs to know that council is supportive of the initiative.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted that the Percy Thomson Gallery had been approached but were not taking any bookings until July 2025.
- It was also requested that a council representative be appointed to the Heritage Committee. Both New Plymouth and South Taranaki have an elected member representing them on the committee.

The meeting closed at 3.16pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of July 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES

Farm and Aerodrome Committee



F22/55/05– D23/27406

Date: Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 12noon
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

Councillor G W Boyde (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors S J Beck and V R Jones, and Committee Member, the Property Officer – Mrs S Flight.

In attendance

Councillors E E Hall and W J Sandford.

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, Mr P Radich (Fonterra), one member of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, visitors, and the media.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 6

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 7

The Chairman reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

An apology was noted from Mr J Buckley (consultant).

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

The Chairman requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Farm & Aerodrome Committee meetings was attached.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting – 21 March 2023
D22/11703 Page 9

Recommendation

THAT the confirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/23/13

7. Matters Outstanding

D20/11504 Page 15

Recommendation

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

JONES/BECK
Carried
F&A/23/14

8. Programme of Works

D20/28552 Page 16

Recommendation

THAT the Programme of Works be received.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
F&A/23/15

The HR and Governance Administrator undertook to make the following amendments:

- Changed the Final Farm Business Report to December and updated the year of report to 2022/2023

9. Decision Report – Approve draft Farm Business Report 2023

D23/24839 Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the report and draft Farm Business Report 2023 be received.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
F&A/23/16

2. THAT the Committee makes a decision on the allocation of the remaining profit made in the 2022/23 financial year, after the rates mitigation portion.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
F&A/23/17

Recommended Reason

To uphold the Committee's responsibilities in relation to the Council farm.

The Property Officer noted the following points:

- The financial expenditure is based on May figures, and final end of year figures will change these which will also change the net profit.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Beck questioned which way Mrs Flight sees the financial expenditure figures going with the end of year data. It was advised it is likely the profit will go down slightly.
- Councillor Jones enquired if any remaining profit was put into the reserve if and when it can be taken out. It was noted it could be taken out in the next financial year.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Jones noted his preference for loan repayment and also putting some of the remaining profit towards the reserve. He noted that in previous years around \$60,000 was put into the reserve, and he would be in favour in the ballpark of \$60,000 - \$70,000 going into the reserves again and the remaining going towards loan repayment.
- Councillor Beck noted he is also in favour of paying off some debt and putting around \$55,000 into reserve and \$100,000 into debt repayment.
- The District Mayor noted his support for lowering debt as, as a committee, there was some sort of obligation to ensure debt is not increasing. He noted his starting figures would put \$69,882 towards debt repayment and \$100,000 into the reserve. This would give flexibility for fine tuning of next year's budget when the final figures are in.
- Councillor Sandford noted his view that next year is going to be difficult when looking into rate increases and it would be good to have a backup if needed.
- Councillor Hall noted her support with the District Mayors proposal given that the figures are going to change slightly. This will allow the opportunity to make a decision later in the year.
- Councillor Jones noted his support for the District Mayors suggestion if the money put in reserve can later be used towards debt reduction.
- The District Mayor noted he doesn't believe there is any right number, however putting \$69,882 towards debt will reduce debt below \$1.9 million. It was advised only one figure needed to be agreed on, and the other figure would be decided when the figures are finalised.
- The Chairman noted his support of the District Mayor's points.

3. THAT the Committee allocates \$69,882 towards debt reduction with any remaining profit made in the 2022/23 financial year, after the removal of the \$50,000 rates mitigation portion, to go into the reserve.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
F&A/23/18

10. Information Report – Risk Review

D23/22011 Page 37

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
F&A/23/19

Recommended Reason

To update the Farm and Aerodrome Committee of changes to both the Farm and Aerodrome Risk Registers and advise the Committee of any incidents in relation to the identified risks.

Points noted in discussion:

- The Chairman noted that on Page 41 of the Agenda, the inclusion of the Health and Safety Visits is really important.

11. Quarterly Report – Farm and Aerodrome Business and Financial Report
D23/21225 Page 45

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BECK/JONES
Carried
F&A/23/20

Recommended Reason

This report provides a quarterly business and financial update to the Farm and Aerodrome Committee. It highlights the milk production from the current season at the farm and reports on the key activities at the Aerodrome.

The Property Officer noted the following points:

- With the adoption of the Annual Plan budget was approved for a review to be undertaken on the aerodrome.
- There is currently a commercial proposal to place a hangar at the aerodrome.

Points noted in discussion:

- Mr Radich noted there are many interesting things happening with Fonterra and milk prices. It was shown that the price of whole milk powder has dropped below milk prices and that other products have kept the milk price up. He advised there should be a reasonable dividend to Shareholders this year.
- Mr Radich outlined the special dividend payment has been brought forward from October to August. He explained the dividend was due to the sale of an asset in Chile and was technically a distribution not a dividend.
- Mr Radich noted Council's Farm Insight report shows the farm as performing above average efficiency. He noted Fonterra are interested in farms' greenhouse gas emissions per kg, however the government is interested in the measure per hectare. It was noted that 1% of Fonterra's emissions are from shipping, 9% from manufacturing and 90% comes from Farms. 60% of the emissions from farmers comes in the form of methane.
- Mr Radich noted that as a ratepayer how proud he was of the Council farm.
- The Chairman requested the farm visit from the Health and Safety Advisor be entered into the programme of works to ensure it happens regularly. It was noted that a Health and Safety Report is already included in the programme of works for each meeting.
- Councillor Jones noted on page 53 the annual budget has improved, with operating costs around 50% of milk income.
- Councillor Jones questioned the expense of aerodrome contract services. It was noted this is to pay the consultant for the farm aerodrome management plan.

12. Quarterly Report – Health and Safety Update
D23/21937 Page 62

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
F&A/23/21

Points noted in discussion:

- It was noted the Health and Safety Advisor was satisfied after the farm health and safety audit, along with the progress with health and safety with the aerodrome.

Mr Radich left the meeting at 12.44pm.

13. Questions

There were no questions.

14. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 51

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm

G W Boyde
Chairman

Confirmed this 19th day of September 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES

Policy and Services Committee



F22/55/05 – D23/28249

Date: Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 3.00PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The Deputy Mayor – M McKay (the Chairperson), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors: S J Beck, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, V R Jones, W J Sandford, C M Tongaawhikau and M J Watt

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden (*part meeting*), the Services Asset Manager – Mr J Cooper (*part meeting*), the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), the Graduate Asset Engineer – Ms K Van Hout (*part meeting*), the Education Officer – Water and Waste – Mr P McNamara (*part meeting*), the Property Officer – Mrs S Flight (*part meeting*), the Projects Engineer – Mr O Mabumbo (*part meeting*) and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

Via audio visual link: Mr K Wright, Ms S Hitchcock and Mrs J Patterson (Venture Taranaki) (part meeting).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

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

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

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor G W Boyde.

Recommendation

THAT the apology be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/23/75

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of members interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

Councillor Erwood declared an interest in Item 10 – TET Funding Application 2023

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings, including Hearings, was attached.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy & Services Committee – 23 May 2023
D23/22137 (PE) D23/23145 (Open) Page 11

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023, including the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HALL/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/23/76

7. Matters Outstanding

D16/47 Page 23

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

HARRIS/JONES
Carried
P&S/23/77

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Erwood requested that Victoria Park Drainage be added to the matters outstanding index to ensure councillors remain updated on this. The request was denied as this project would remain being updated in the Assets Monthly Report until it is completed.
- Councillor Jones requested a report be brought to council on the errors that have occurred on the Victoria Park drainage. It was reiterated that these questions can be asked during the presentation of the assets monthly report.

8. Information Report – Economic Development Quarterly Report – Quarter Three

D23/25864 Page 24

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/BECK
Carried
P&S/23/78

Mr Wright, Venture Taranaki, noted the following points:

- The positioning for the future event was hosted today at the Novotel in New Plymouth and was well attended.
- The latest updates were provided to attendees and will be available on Venture Taranaki's website but ones to note were:
 - Provisional GDP has increased by 0.6% to just over \$10 billion, but this is behind the national average.
 - Consumer spending has increased by 2.26% at the year end, however this does not necessarily mean extra spending and could be money being spent on the same product with increased costs due to inflation.

- Net migration has increased.
- Visitor spend has gone up significantly by 20% to April 2023.
- The median house price is \$534,000 which is a reduction of 13%.
- Number of building consents are down by 30% across the region. There is a notable reduction in commercial construction projects and only a small amount of residential building consents in the last month.
- The latest business survey has been completed and shows that about half the people are expecting the economy to worsen in the country, however about 50% of the respondents felt Taranaki was going to be ok. Overall businesses in Taranaki are feeling a bit more positive than they were six months ago.
- The first crop of branching out phase 2 was completed at Francis Douglas Memorial Collage with an organic garlic crop. There has been a lot of support from land owners in trialling these crops.
- There are two KPI's that are behind target, the level of annual investment into regional businesses is subject to government policy and number of engagements with business operators which is a result of recording issues which has now been fixed and the target has now been met.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted that approximately 17% of the submissions for branching out had been from the Stratford area. The confirmed trials are yet to be determined but this will be reported on in the next quarterly report.
- Ms Patterson noted that the business survey results can be broken down into specific districts and can be forwarded if requested.

9. Information Report – Local Government Elections 2022

D23/21905

Page 53

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/ERWOOD

Carried
P&S/23/79

Recommended Reason

To provide the Committee with a final report of the 2022 Local Government Election.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This report highlights the outcomes of the recent local elections and is done after each election to provide a summary of how it went.
- The technical aspects were outsourced to Election Services with Mrs Radich appointed as the Deputy Electoral Officer.
- The election was successful in the fact all vacancies were filled and the cost of the election was significantly less than anticipated with only one ward to be part of the elections.
- A decision report will be brought in August to discuss the voting systems (First past the post or single transferrable voting system (STV)).

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor asked whether the option to review the representation arrangements be included in the report to decide voting systems. The Chief Executive asked if there was any desire to do a full representation review, this could be done but he would advise against it.

Councillor Erwood left the room at 3.17pm.

10. Decision Report – TET Funding Application 2023
D23/24650 Page 71

Recommendations	
1. THAT the report be received.	VOLZKE/WATT Carried <u>P&S/23/80</u>
2. THAT Council's funding application to the Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET) for \$686,000 is approved to be submitted.	HALL/DUDLEY Carried <u>P&S/23/81</u>
Recommended Reason The opportunity to have projects externally funded will reduce the rating impact for ratepayers.	

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the \$450,000 requested amount for the pool complex was broken into \$400,000 of operational expenses and \$50,000 for new equipment. It is estimated that council will be looking at an approximate \$320,000 total spend on electricity at the end of the year, however additional expense has been included to allow for higher costs through the winter months.
- It was clarified that the feedback sought on the skate park had specifically been regarding the future of the bowl which was filled in at the request of the community due to the health and safety concerns it presented. This funding application is to accommodate for accessibility and catering for a wider group which was requested by the community. It was clarified that the funding from the Better Off Funding was separate to this project.

Councillor Erwood rejoined the meeting at 3.23pm.

11. Decision Report – Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) Review – Targets and Actions
D23/24958 Page 76

Recommendations	
1. <u>THAT</u> the report be received.	HARRIS/HALL Carried <u>P&S/23/82</u>
2. <u>THAT</u> the committee approve the proposed <i>Targets and Actions</i> for the proposed DRAFT Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023.	WATT/BECK Carried <u>P&S/23/83</u>
Recommended Reason To set targets for the achievement of the vision, goals and objectives and propose possible actions to support the delivery of the targets.	

The Director – Assets noted that target PT5, reduce contamination for the Stratford District from council provided kerbside recycling, had been added at the request of elected members.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted that a number of the targets have a provision that they will be achieved provided council introduces an organic waste collection by 2027. He questioned if by adopting these were elected members effectively committing to starting a green waste collection? Mrs Araba noted that the targets state that council can no longer reduce waste to landfill if it does not start diverting. There are two or three targets that will depend on if council adopts diversion at a later stage.

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor asked if there was support for a couple of additions. The targets talk about reduction of total waste going to landfill and also increasing the amount diverted into recycling but wondered if there was the appetite to include a separate target to incorporate a total reduction and not moved from one area to another? She clarified that the longer term vision of elimination would require education to not bring the waste into homes in the first place and she did not feel these targets promoted this behaviour from the start. The Education Officer clarified that these targets are based on what is already here now and will be able to be changed in 2027 because of the avoidance strategies that are coming nationally, but that until the national schemes come in council is limited to what it can do in the avoidance space as consumerism drives what is coming into the district at the moment.
- Councillor Beck noted that once the national schemes progress then we will see companies changing their packaging as was done with the plastic bags, and then there will be less waste coming into the households.
- The Chief Executive noted that it is difficult to introduce a target if there is no incentive or mechanism to achieve it.
- The Deputy Mayor noted there was only one target around behavioural change being the regional waste minimisation officer, and wondered what else could be done in the education space as every individual in the community could do something to start this change. She suggested sharing the monthly weight of waste going to landfill so that people can do something in their own homes to help direct savings. Mr McNamara noted that all the actions and targets included behavioural change so it is the biggest one council undertakes. Mrs Araba noted there was a draft education strategy that will be finalised once the WMMP is finalised and that will identify a lot more around the education in the district and getting people involved. Avoidance is the very beginning and Mr McNamara will be doing that once the strategy is complete.
- It was noted there will be up to three campaigns a year to get more avoidance and more reduction. Mrs Araba noted that PT11, PT12 and PT13 would be moved to sit under the behavioural change heading to be a bit clearer.

12. Decision Report – Review of King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan

D23/18373

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Recommendations	
1. <u>THAT</u> the report be received.	DUDLEY/HARRIS <u>Carried</u> <u>P&S/23/84</u>
2. <u>THAT</u> in terms of Section 41(4) of the Reserves Act 1977, as administering body of the reserve, Council carry out a comprehensive review of the King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan.	
3. <u>THAT</u> council seek submissions and feedback from key stakeholders in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.	HALL/DUDLEY <u>Carried</u> <u>P&S/23/85</u>

Recommended Reasons

The Reserves Act 1977 requires Council to “keep its management plan under continuous review”. The King Edward Park is one of Stratford’s premier reserves both in terms of passive and active recreation and warrants their own management plan to better guide their present and future use, maintenance and development. This plan is due for review, given the changes to parts of the reserve within the last few years.

The Chief Executive noted that a reserve management plan review process is fundamentally different from a normal annual or long term plan. The Reserves Act requires that council approaches the public before a review is even started and ask what they would like to see, that feedback is then taken into a draft document and properly consulted on. This report is seeking approval to begin that first round of consultation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted that the existing plan clearly needed updating such as the referrals to a potential pool development, second hockey turf and the ownership of the TET Stadium being with a trust. There are a number of things that have happened that require updating, but also a change to introduce new items. He noted the resolution was to begin a comprehensive review and asked if the document was started from scratch? The Parks and Reserves Officer confirmed the review does start from scratch and the draft document that is presented to council will be new and not just reviewed.
- Mrs Araba noted the intention was that the community will provide input and ideas for this document and will also incorporate what officers have experienced in terms of maintenance and requirements of the reserves over the past few years. She did not expect to use consultants for this.
- It was clarified that it was planned that residents will be given access to the 2017 management plan to see what was done, what wasn’t done and then suggest ideas for the new document. Public notices will be clear regarding the requirements of the reserve management act and that the first round is asking for ideas. Mrs McBain noted that the first public review period will be four weeks.
- The Communications Manager noted that all usual communication methods will be used to alert and encourage the public to submit feedback. She noted that pre-engagement required a lot more effort and resource than usual consultation and will also need to include direct stakeholder engagement.
- Councillor Beck noted his concern that the timeframe for consultation was too short to start with a clean slate. Mrs Araba clarified that that the timeframes could not be extended as the projects within the plan will need to be included in the Long Term Plan process, she noted that residents will have the opportunity to have their say in the second round of consultation.
- Councillor Sandford noted his concern that asking people to come forward with their ideas will lead to disappointment when there isn’t the budget to do their wonderful ideas. Mrs Araba clarified that in the ten year plan projects will be pushed out to years where there is suitable budget and hopes that will help manage people’s expectations. She noted this was an outdated plan so it needed to be reviewed.
- The Deputy Mayor reiterated the importance of councillors engaging with the community and getting them to participate and put their ideas forward.

13. Decision Report – Interim Speed Management Plan

D23/26357

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Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/23/86

2. THAT in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 the committee endorses the Interim Speed Management Plan which gives effect to reducing the speed limits outside the following schools:

- Midhirst School – 30km/h
- Stratford Primary School – 30km/h
- Stratford High School – 30km/h
- St Joesph’s Primary School – 30km/h
- Taranaki Diocesan School (Pembroke Road frontage only) – 30km/h
- Pembroke School – 60km/h
- Makahu School – 30km/h
- Marco School – 60km/h (Marco Road frontage only)
- Ngaere School – 60km/h (Cheal Road frontage only)

ERWOOD/HALL
Carried
P&S/23/87

Recommended Reason

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule) requires all road controlling authorities (RCA’s) to develop and consult on a speed management plan. The Stratford District Council is the RCA responsible for local roads (i.e. non-State highway roads) within the Stratford District. The purpose of this Interim Speed Management Plan (iSMP) is to enable the Stratford District Council to share how it intends to manage speed limits over the period extending up to the end of June 2024.

The primary focus over this period is the reduction of speed limits around the schools in Stratford under the Road to Zero project. Some other minor proposals are also being put forward following some calls for change from the community as well as a few locations where the posted speed doesn't align with the current legislation/bylaws.

The Roding Asset Manager noted that this report was to reduce speeds around the urban and rural schools as per the plans in the appendices.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Jones questioned if the recommended decision was for permanent or variable speed limits? Mr Bowden clarified that the recommendation was to make them permanent speed limits. There had been teething issues with the variable limit trial at Stratford Primary School as well as significant cost in infrastructure. He noted that the long term vision for speed limits would potentially see some of these roads reduced to 30kms per hour as well therefore expenditure for variable signs would be wasted. He further clarified that the flashing signs were required for variable limit areas and can only operate during the times specified. Any amendments outside of the predetermined times will require the schools to notify the police which could be if a school was crossing the road to use the school hall.

The Services Asset Manager joined the meeting at 3.54pm.

- Councillor Jones noted that feedback received on the physical features outside Stratford High School help make the reduced speed limits self-enforcing.
- It was clarified that the schools have been supportive of these changes. Mr Bowden noted that the Setting Speed Limit Rule is telling council that it has to have either 30km or 60km speed limits,

permanent or variable, to make school children safer. A lot of the issues raised during consultation were safety related as to why children did not walk or cycle to school. These changes to the speed limits will make it safer for children.

- It was clarified that Portia Street had been left out of the lower speed zone as it was felt including it made the zone for St Joseph's Primary School too big.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Erwood supported Option 2. He noted it was important to keep it simple and consistent and will likely be taken out of our hands with the speed limit rules anyway. This is a good decision going forward.
- The District Mayor noted his support for the recommendation. He felt there is a number of places where the limits will be achieved anyway such as Pembroke Road where vehicles are slowing down at an intersection, or Midhurst School where it is only a short piece of road. He did not think there was a need for variable limits and that people will learn and create habits.
- Councillor Hall noted her support for Option 2. Drop offs and pick ups from school is such a busy place and she felt 30km and 60km were appropriate limits, especially with it becoming law soon. She noted that when these changes happen it can be a shock but that people adapt to behavioural change when it is put in front of them.
- Councillor Tongaawhikau noted his support for the recommendation as it is human lives affected in these areas.
- Councillor Beck asked if implementing these changes helped with the upcoming speed management plan targets? Mr Bowden noted that the speed limit rule requires all road controlling authorities to apply the 30km or 60km speed limit outside of 40% of schools in their district by this time next year, this recommendation will see the whole lot done in the next 12 months.

The Communications Manager left the meeting at 4.04pm.

14. Monthly Reports

14.1 Assets Report
D23/23450 Page 331

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

DUDLEY/WATT
Carried
P&S/23/88

The Chief Executive noted an additional resolution would be proposed following receipt of this report, this was to confirm the request from elected members for the Chief Executive to write a submission on the Water Services Entity Bill. A draft submission was tabled and circulated.

The Director – Assets noted that officers had presented to council at a workshop regarding a potential level of service change for waste collection. It had been noted that a decision report with options would be presented to elected members because this matter was urgent, however officers have been able to negotiate additional timeframes to allow for consultation with the community on this change. This will be completed as part of the WMMP consultation document and there will be targeted questions regarding the introduction of waste diversion such as food collection.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Sandford noted that there had been 88 cancellations for bookings at the War Memorial Centre over the past 12 months and that the reasons noted in the report were due to price. He asked if council should be doing something to rectify this? Mrs Araba noted that this inclusion in the report had been to highlight the magnitude of this issue. Council could look at reducing the target for the next few years but it was also important to note the availability of the TET Stadium which also offered onsite catering for meetings. Options will be discussed during the Long Term Plan process. It was confirmed

that these results were not from a formal survey but from discussions at the time of cancellation. Councillor Harris noted she would be interested in a formal survey being completed as there had been a lot of renovations done at the War Memorial Centre and it would be good to ensure it is utilised.

- Councillor Sandford noted it was in excess of \$600 for an individual to rent the War Memorial Centre for 12 hours.
- Councillor Dudley requested that the financial impacts of those cancellations be included in the next monthly report.

Recommendation

THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive be requested to make a submission on the Water Services Entity Bill, in line with the draft tabled to elected members including any requested amendments, on behalf of Stratford District Council.

DUDLEY/TONGAAWHIKAU
Carried
P&S/23/89

- The District Mayor requested that consideration be given to the Future for Local Government Report amalgamation proposals and that this submission aligns with that.

The Services Asset Manager, the Parks and Reserves Officer, the Projects Engineer, the Graduate Asset Engineer, the Education Officer – Water and Waste and the Property Officer left the meeting at 4.13pm.

14.2 Community Services Report D23/23416 Page 354

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HALL/TONGAAWHIKAU
Carried
P&S/23/90

The Acting Director – Community Services noted the following points:

- The school holiday programme is now out and there is already a good uptake for a number of activities. The Stratford District Youth Council on the bus event has sold out.
- There is a Positive Ageing forum scheduled for 27 July 2023.
- Puanga celebrations will be held on Thursday 13 July with a number of really cool activities and a strong link between the Library, Community Development team and external stakeholders/organisations.
- Puanga Flags will go up this week, there was a great turn out for this competition.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Jones noted that the council farm had still had a fantastic year even with production being down to 142,000 kg/ms. There was a profit of \$159,000 over and above the \$50,000 already allocated to rates mitigation. The Farm and Aerodrome Committee had allocated \$69,882 to debt repayment and the remaining profit will go into the farm reserve.
- Councillor Hall noted there was a new exhibition opening on Friday 30 June 2023, Kāhui Māreikua, which is an exhibition that has been developed over the past two years and hosts works from New Zealand, Australia and United States of America by indigenous women celebrating womanhood.
- The District Mayor noted that it was excellent to see increased activities and new classes at Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre resulting in increasing numbers. He requested staff be commended on this trend.

- The Deputy Mayor noted the options provided on the Parihaka Network/Heritage Month request on page 354. She supported Option 1 to provide in-kind support towards marking and promotion as council has tight budgets and do not have the existing funds to support this at this time. Councillor Sandford supported Option 1 as well due to budget restraints.

Recommendation

THAT Option 1 as presented in the Community Services Monthly Report regarding support to the Parihaka Network/Heritage Month be confirmed.

McKAY/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/23/91

- The District Mayor noted that council officers were not able to take on board the request for committee representation due to being stretched in their roles. He supported making the suggestion to the group to publicly seek a Stratford community representative through expressions of interest.

14.3 Environmental Services Report
D23/20543 Page 363

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

McKAY/BECK
Carried
P&S/23/92

The Director – Environmental Services noted that the national/regional comparison for building consents provided on page 369 of the agenda showed how the district was travelling compared to regional and national trends. He noted it was important to follow the direction of the data rather than the numbers. There have been significant peaks and troughs but that Stratford was generally moving in a similar direction to the rest of the region.

14.4 Corporate Services Report
D23/25173 Page 371

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

JONES/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/23/93

The Director – Corporate Services noted that it was looking like 64% of the capital budget will have been used by the end of the financial year so there will be a significant level of carry forwards. She noted that the report also outlined where there have been savings made but there are also capital projects which are only partway through. A decision report will be brought to this committee in July to carry forward projects.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that bringing forward Waka Kotahi funding would reduce the available roading budget for next years projects as it will come off the allocation for Year 3. Additional funding from Waka Kotahi cannot be sought as it is locked in for a three year period. The 2023/24 work programme will be slimmed down and the level of service will reduce as a result of this.
- Councillor Hall noted that the Revenue for the Swimming Pool was up by \$98,836 for June and had been up by \$99,932 in May. She asked why there was less revenue when there had been an increase in activities. The Acting Director – Community Services noted that numbers fluctuate depending on a number of things including the need, the type of activity, external facility bookings or private bookings and because of these there will always be fluctuations.
- Councillor Hall questioned if there was an idea of what the monthly revenue will be for the swimming pool activity yet? Mrs Radich noted that the budget for this financial year is roughly around \$20,000 per month so that is an increase on previous years but an increase was anticipated. She noted that there are a number of external factors that can impact as well. The Chief Executive noted that swimming lesson concession cards are brought at the beginning of terms therefore that revenue is calculated at that point in time, this was similar to the invoices sent to school groups.
- The District Mayor noted it was good to see the records projects were nearing completion. This had been a mammoth task for the officers involved and it was good to see the digitisation of property files was nearing completion. He asked that this be passed onto the officers.
- The District Mayor questioned if the Director – Corporate Services was comfortable with the variation in closing balances from one month to another. Mrs Radich noted that in terms of treasury management this needs to be between \$0 - \$100,000 as any surplus funds are invested, but that the balances are held to ensure council does not need to do any emergency borrowing, so she was comfortable with these figures. Variations can occur due to anticipated grant funding that is not received, or anticipated spending that is not completed.
- Councillor Beck noted he had received very positive feedback regarding the decision for council to carry on with the swim school.

15. Questions

There were no questions.

16. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 389

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.35pm.

M McKay
Chairperson

Confirmed this 25th of July 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor



Committee: Taranaki Emergency Management Group Joint Committee
Date: 18 May 2023
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
Document: 3173668

Members	Mr	N Walker	Chairperson
	Mr	N Holdom	Mayor New Plymouth District Council
	Mr	P Nixon	Mayor South Taranaki District Council
	Mr	N Volzke	Mayor Stratford District Council
Attending	Ms	C Littlewood	Chairperson Taranaki Regional Council
	Mr	S Hanne	Stratford District Council (CEO)
	Ms	F Aitken	South Taranaki District Council (CEO)
	Mr	G Green	New Plymouth District Council (CEO)
	Mr	S Ruru	Taranaki Regional Council (CEO)
	Ms	L Poutu	Iwi Representative (Zoom)
	Mr	T Velvin	Taranaki CDEM (Regional Manager)
	Ms	K Lawson	CDEM (Group Welfare Manager)
	Mr	S Tiatia	TEMO (Zoom)
	Mrs	M Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss	N Chadwick	Executive Assistant

The meeting opened with karakia at 10.00am

Apologies T Velvin CDEM (Regional Manager) and K Lawson CDEM as late

1. Confirmation of Minutes - CDEM Joint Committee 8 March 2023

Recommended

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 8 March 2023 at 10.30am.

Holdom/Nixon

2. Confirmation of Minutes - CDEM Co-ordinating Executive Group 11 May 2023

Recommended

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki civil Defence Emergency management Co-ordinating Executive group meeting held at Stratford District Council chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford at 1pm 11 May 2023

Holdom/Nixon

10.11am T Velvin and K Lawson CDEM joined meeting

3. TEMO Launch Code

- 3.1 Mr T Velvin – CDEM, spoke to the memorandum to inform the members of the updates to the TEMO Launch code.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the memorandum, *Launch Code*
- b) noted the contents of Launch Code
- c) endorsed the *Launch Code*.

Nixon/Holdom

4. CDEM Quarterly Performance Report 2022/23

- 4.1 Mr T Velvin, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum to provide the CDEM Coordinating Executive Group with an update on the *Quarterly Performance Report 2022/23*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the memorandum Quarterly Performance Report 3 2022/23
- b) endorsed the report to the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Group Joint Committee.

Walker/Volzke

5. Regional Public Service Commissioner Update April 2023

- 5.1 Mr T Velvin – Spoke to the Memorandum to provide an update on the MSD support of weather impacted areas.
- 5.2 Kaz Lawson gave an update on the working relationship between CDEM and MSD

Recommended

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the memorandum *Regional Public Service Commissioner update April 2023*
- b) takes as read the *Regional Public Service Commissioner update April 2023*
- b) noted the content of the report.

Volzke/Holdom

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Mr N Walker, declared the meeting of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee closed at 10.56pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____

N Walker

(Date of next meeting 10 August 2023)



Date: 25 May 2023, 10.30am

Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

Document: 3175664

Present			
Councillors	B Roach	South Taranaki District Council (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	
	N W Walker	Taranaki Regional Council (Ex officio)	
	M McKay	Stratford District Council	
	M Chong	New Plymouth District Council	
Attending			
Ms	A Matthews	Taranaki Regional Council	
Mrs	V McKay	Taranaki Regional Council	
Mr	A Jamieson	Taranaki Regional Council	
Ms	K Hope	New Plymouth District Council	
Mr	M Brough	New Plymouth District Council	
Ms	V Dombroski	Stratford District Council	
Mr	J Cooper	Stratford District Council	
Miss	J Ingram	South Taranaki District Council	
Ms	L Campbell	South Taranaki District Council	
Mrs	M Jones	Taranaki Regional Council	
Miss	N Chadwick	Taranaki Regional Council	

The Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee opened with at karakia at 10.30am

Apologies Were received and sustained from, Councillor D H McIntyre - Taranaki Regional Council, Ms G Potroz - New Plymouth District Council and Mr H Denton - South Taranaki District Council
Walker/McKay

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 9 March 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held at Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 10.30am
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 9 March 2023 have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for receipt and information.

Chong/McKay

Matters Arising:

Ms K Hope - New Plymouth District Council, apologised for not planning the workshop as discussed at the last meeting. Kimberley suggested that she could present the New Plymouth District Council's presentation after the meeting. The members agreed.

Food in schools, Ms K Hope - New Plymouth District Council, will provide an update at next meeting.

2. Regional Waste Minimisation Officer's Activity Report - May 2023

- 2.1 Ms K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on significant activities undertaken by the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer (RWMO), in collaboration with the district council officers of NPDC, STDC and SDC.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Regional waste minimisation Officer's Activity Report - May 2023*
- b) noted the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer and district councils.

Walker/McKay

3. Te Rautaki Para - Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy

- 3.1 Ms K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with a summary of Te Rautaki Para - Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Te Rautaki Para - Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy*.

Chong/McKay

There being no further business, Committee Deputy Chairperson, B Roach declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 11.18am

Taranaki Regional

Council Chairperson: _____

B Roach (Deputy Chairperson)

unconfirmed



Date: 8 June 2023, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
Document: 3179153

Present		A L Jamieson	Taranaki Regional Council (<i>Chairperson</i>)
		M J Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council (<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>)
		N Volzke	Mayor - Stratford District Council
		P Nixon	Mayor - South Taranaki District Council
		H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council
Attending	Mrs	C Littlewood	Taranaki Regional Council
	Mr	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	S Downs	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Ms	L Stewart	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Mr	S Bowden	Stratford District Council
	Mr	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council
	Ms	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Mr	A Gurney	New Zealand Police
	Miss	N Chadwick	Taranaki Regional Council
		V Lim	South Taranaki District Council
		L Beck	New Plymouth District Council
		R O'Keefe	New Zealand Police
		C Gazley	Taranaki Regional Council
		L Hawkins	Taranaki Regional Council (<i>left meeting at 11.30</i>)
		M Addy	New Plymouth District Council
		N Wiseman	New Plymouth District Council
		B Clough	Taranaki Regional Council

Zoom Vinuka Nanayakka Waka Kotahi

3 Members of the Public Attended

1. Confirmation of Minutes Regional Transport Committee – 1 March 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 10.30am
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held at 47 Cloten Street, Stratford on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Matters Arising

Waka Kotahi Safety report will be circulated to members.

Nixon/Volzke

2. Regional Transport Advisory Group Minutes – 5 April 2023 and 24 May 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) took as read the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 5 April 2023 and 24 May 2023
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group held at 47 Cloten Street, Stratford on 5 April and 24 May 2023, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Duynhoven/Cloke

3. SH3 Working Group Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Group meeting held at Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten road, on 10 May 2023.

Cloke/Jamieson

4. Regional Land Transport Plan Review

- 4.1 Ms F Ritson, Senior Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum to provide an overview of the mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan and some of its key building blocks.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Regional Land Transport Plan review.

- b) noted the contents of the memorandum, specifically the next steps in the programme development.

Cloke/Volzke

5. Update on Developing the Regional Speed Management Plan

- 5.1 Ms F Ritson, Senior Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on developing the first Regional Speed Management Plan (RSMP).

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Update on developing the Regional Speed Management Plan

Cloke/Nixon

6. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 6.1 Ms Linda Stewart spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on Waka Kotahi's national and regional activities.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received with thanks the presentation and the detailed updates provided by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

Nixon/Duynhoven

7. New Plymouth District Councils Integrated Transport Plan

- 7.1 Ms Natalie Wiseman and Ms Mikaela Addy – New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on *New Plymouth District's Integrated Transport Plan* and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives with thanks the presentation from the New Plymouth District Council on development of an Integrated Transport Plan for their district
- b) notes the synergies with the regional Better Travel Choices work being undertaken at a regional level.

Cloke/Duynhoven

8. Transport Choices Programme update

- 8.1 Ms Liz Beck – New Plymouth District Council and Steve Bowden Stratford District Council spoke to the memorandum and gave PowerPoint presentations to provided updates on the work that is happening in the region.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum, *Transport Choices Programme* update
- b) receives with thanks the presentations from the Stratford District Council and New Plymouth District Council.

Volzke/Cloke

9. Territorial Authorities Update

- 9.1 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the Stratford District.
- 9.2 Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the New Plymouth District
- 9.3 Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the South Taranaki District

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the update provided by the South Taranaki District Council on its transport activities
- b) received the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on its transport activities.
- c) received the update provided by the Stratford District Council on its transport activities

Duynhoven/Jamieson

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor A L Jamieson, thanked the Committee for their work and declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.50pm.

Taranaki Regional

Council Chairperson: _____

A L Jamieson

MONTHLY REPORT

District Mayor



F22/55/04-D23/29188

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 11 July 2023
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – June 2023

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Future of Local Government Report

The long-awaited and final report on the Future of Local Government has been released. It is the product of two years of data gathering, brainstorming and consultation. After stripping the three water services away from councils, the question “what now, for the local government sector?” was asked and the government responded by commissioning this review.

In the opinion of many, the review should have been done prior to the three waters debate. There has been widespread scepticism about the governments sincerity and commitment to the review and if asked a month ago, I would have said the report was most likely headed for a dusty shelf somewhere in Wellingtons bureaucratic pile of reports.

But after reading it, I have changed my mind and I now have some hope that parts of it at least, will be actioned by whichever government is in power after the October election. There are 17 recommendations in the report that address a broad range of issues and the solutions offered are promoted as a collective offering that will contribute to a better future for local government. There are two standouts for me: future funding of councils and the re-organisation of council’s structure.

The future funding of councils is a huge challenge as the current model is simply unsustainable. This year’s rate increases right across the country are ample proof that the current system cannot fund itself adequately to provide the services expected of councils. The review seeks to address this by adding new revenue streams that include: an annual transfer of revenue equivalent to GST charged on rates, central government pays rates on Crown property, government consideration of the funding impact on local government of proposed policy decisions and significant funding to support local priorities, place-based agreements, and devolution of roles. This list is not everything and further suggestions compliment the five key funding recommendations in the report.

This will be well received by councils, and I anticipate most will welcome the recommendations that would see a significant increase in revenue for each council. As yet, we don’t know whether either of the two major political parties pick up and support these recommendations post October?

The other key group of recommendations were centred around strengthening local democracy and the political re-organisation. Included in the recommended changes were lowering the voting age to 16, providing for a 4-year local electoral term, lowering the threshold for Maori wards, and adopting an STV voting system as the nationwide method for local elections. Unlike the funding recommendations, I don’t see this grouping having the same universal support and it is likely that some robust debate will occur around each of them.

Likewise for the recommendation to re-organise councils, possibly into unitary authorities or a different arrangement with a “combined council”. Each requires some form of amalgamation, and each will have advantages and disadvantages depending on the individual councils involved. Joining-up councils has been tried before, it was resisted and failed.

But the review teams recommendations are different than on previous occasions and their call is for the process to be council lead, not government lead. The timing is such, that with the collective pressures on individual councils at the moment and the challenges around the sustainability of the current model, change may be seen as an opportunity that proves irresistible to some or alternately be forced upon us.

2. Taranaki Forestry Conservation Course Graduation

Last month I attended the graduation ceremony for ten young men who have participated in this training course. It was a very moving and inspiring ceremony that highlighted some of the many challenges facing our young people today. Through the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs programme, we were able to assist by providing circa \$24K towards the course costs.

Our collaboration and relationships with Ngāti Maru and Tree Machine as service providers continues to flourish, adding more value to the course outcomes. It was also pleasing to note that after facilitating discussion between the training providers and the Stratford Park Project team, that a large portion of the practical tuition took place at the Stratford Park property; the proverbial win-win situation.

With further government funding now being confirmed for the forthcoming financial year, I am keen to see the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs programme continue to support this course into the future.

3. Stratford Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting

It was my pleasure to attend the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the Stratford Fire Brigade. I am pleased to report that the brigade remains strong and very active, but it is not without its challenges. There were twelve new recruits during the last year, which is a very encouraging indicator, but the pressures of time commitment, employment out of the area and availability at certain times, combine to present challenges of having a full crew able to respond when the alarm goes off. They manage this well and the district is very well served by these volunteers. We should be very grateful and supportive of the service they provide.

4. Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee Meeting

The committee held its second quarterly meeting of 2023 and a workshop followed. The meeting included a Waka Kotahi update on roading issues and was followed by an in-depth update on the proposed safety improvements for SH3 Egmont Village to Hawera. The proposals to install significant lengths of median barriers along the route were debated in earnest. When finalised and the exact proposed locations confirmed, there will be a period of public engagement. The meeting minutes are available on the Taranaki Regional Council website.

5. Citizenship Ceremony

At the June Citizenship Ceremony two people, one from Ireland and the other from England, officially became New Zealanders. I pointed out to them both that this will help them decide which team to support at the upcoming World Rugby Cup. Swearing allegiance to his Majesty King Charles still has a different feel about it and the new New Zealand promo video is more upbeat but one thing doesn't change. That is, it is a privilege to be granted citizenship of this country and those who obtain it became entitled to many things that citizens of some other countries can only wish for. This message is embedded in the affirmation or sworn declaration made by each new citizen

6. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – June 2023

7. Some Events Attended

- Attended – meeting of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford District Youth Council
- Attended – meeting of the Citizens Awards committee
- Attended – meeting workshop with Waka Kotahi on Road Safety
- Attended – meeting of LGNZ Leaders group by zoom (x2)
- Attended - meeting of the Stratford Park Steering Committee
- Attended – launch of the Kahouri Bridge project, sod turning ceremony
- Attended – meeting of the Positive Aging committee
- Attended – hosted Citizenship Ceremony
- Attended – the LGNZ president candidates' debate by zoom
- Attended – LGNZ Future of Local Government release by zoom
- Attended – Alcohol Licensing Training Course (x2)
- Attended – Taranaki Mayoral Forum Quarterly meeting
- Attended – meeting with Minister Michael Wood by zoom
- Attended – meeting of Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua committee by zoom
- Attended – Tarmac Rally event as “Drop the Flag” starter
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford Health Trust
- Attended – Stratford Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting
- Attended – meeting with South Taranaki Community Services and Mayor Phil Nixon
- Attended – Taranaki Forestry Conservation Course Graduation with Ngati Maru
- Met – with Dan Gordon as LGNZ President Candidate
- Met – with staff at the Stratford Water Treatment plant
- Met - with representatives of Ample Group and Stratford Park Project
- Met –filmed interviews for Citizens Awards (x 5)
- Radio Interview - Access Radio (x1)
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews and Articles (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News - Interviews (multiple)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x3)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x2)
- Attended - Council Public Forums (x1)
- Attended - Council Workshops (x2)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x3)



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District Mayor

Date: 4 July 2023

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs June 2023

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 17 calls in June 2023

Calls up to 29th June 2023

01-06-23	Rubbish bin on fire Victoria Park
03-06-23	Tree on fire Hamlet Street
05-06-23	Car vs. pedestrian Broadway stood down before arrival
05-06-23	Motor vehicle accident Opunake Road assist Kaponga fire brigade
07-06-23	Alarm activation Empire Hotel Broadway
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10-06-23	Investigate rubbish fire Monmouth Road
11-06-23	Motor vehicle accident car off road Opunake Road near Cardiff Road
11-06-23	Investigate rubbish fire Ample Meats Mountain Road
15-06-23	Assist ambulance with medical call Curtis Street
15-06-23	Assist police with lifting Curtis Street
16-06-23	Motor vehicle accident car stuck on railway tracks Fenton Street
17-06-23	Alarm activation New Commercial Hotel Broadway
20-06-23	Assist ambulance with medical call Kent Terrace Midhirst
21-06-23	Motor vehicle accident Cardiff / Waingongora Road
22-06-23	Alarm activation Stratford Primary School Hamlet Street
29-06-23	Microwave smoking Beaconsfield Road



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Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.