
MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE WAR MEMORIAL CENTRE ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2009 AT 3.00 PM.

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor Mr N C Volzke (Chairman), Councillors A L Frost, R M Hignett, V Milner, S M Pugh, J C Rowe, K R Squire, R K Vickers and the District Mayor J D Edwards.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive Mr M R Freeman, the Planning & Regulatory Manager Mr M R Avery, the Operations Manager Mr J Jones, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart, the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie and one representative from the media (Daily News).

APOLOGIES

Please note that Councillor John Sandford is on leave of absence. An apology was received from the Community Services Manager Mrs P James.

PS/09/52

MILNER/PUGH

THAT the apologies be received.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

There were no matters outstanding.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

File 03130

It was noted that the Chief Executive made a submission on behalf of the Stratford District Council in support of a regional initiative for Broadband.

The District Mayor and Councillors gave their viewpoints on the future of Taranaki governance, noting that bigger isn't necessarily better.

PS/09/53

EDWARDS/ROWE

THAT the Chief Executives report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

PS/09/54

FROST/PUGH

THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/09/55

VICKERS/EDWARDS

THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

5. **PLANNING & REGULATORY MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

PS/09/56

HIGNETT/SQUIRE

THAT the Planning & Regulatory Manager's report be received.

Carried

6. **COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

The Chairman advised that the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Committee have met and a report will be forthcoming to Council.

The District Mayor advised that the Creative Communities Assessment Committee met last Wednesday and five applications were received.

It was noted that after school care is being investigated. A survey has been put together and gone out to the school community, if the service is needed then the community will support it.

Councillor Frost advised that Sport Taranaki extends their thanks to Council for the Uni Games. The feedback was good with approximately 300 students staying in Stratford.

PS/09/57

FROST/VICKERS

THAT the Community Services Manager's report be received.

Carried

7. **MAINTENANCE OF WINGROVE 'A' BRIDGE**

File 27083

Purpose

The purpose of this report is determine whether or not Council wishes to explore the possibility of stopping and divesting itself of the Wingrove 'A' Bridge by consulting with the affected parties.

PS/09/58

EDWARDS/SQUIRE

- 7.1 THAT Council commences consultation with affected parties to determine their views on the possible stopping and divestment of the Wingrove 'A' Bridge.

Recommended Reason

Under the rules contained in the New Zealand Land Transport Agency's funding manual any significant future maintenance of the Wingrove 'A' Bridge may not receive a subsidy. If this were the case then it would not be considered equitable for the community to continue funding the maintenance of an "uneconomic roading facility".

Carried

8. **QUESTION TIME**

File 03096

Councillor Frost asked what the timeframe is for the steel frames on the signage structure. He also asked if the lights behind the stone features at the town entrances would be reconnected.

The Operations Manager replied that the contractor is building the steel for the second structure. He replied that the lights are going to be reconnected.

The meeting concluded at 3.42 pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 12th day of May 2009.

J D Edwards
DISTRICT MAYOR