
MINUTES OF POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28 JULY 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, W J Sandford, 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 Community Services Manager Mrs P R James, the Corporate Services Manager Mr H M Swart, the Executive Administration Officer Mrs D J Christie, the Promotions Officer Mr M Curry and two representatives from the media (Daily News and Stratford Press).

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Frost noted that at the June Policy & Services Committee Meeting he made a comment in regards to the decision made on the swimming pool. He apologised for this comment if it offended anyone.

1. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

It was noted that an explanation had been provided in regards to the opening hours of the transfer station ie. boxing day, the day after new years. It was also noted that Councillor Sandford would make contact with the Operations Manager before any investigations were sought for variations to the contract price.

PS/09/150

RESOLVED

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

Carried

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT**

File 03130

PS/09/151

EDWARDS/MILNER

THAT the Chief Executives report be received.

Carried

3. **FINANCE REPORT**

File 06010

Refer page 14, it was noted that under authorised additional expenditure the Stratford's of the World Garden should read "In Progress" and not "Complete".

PS/09/152

ROWE/FROST

4.1 THAT the incomplete projects contained within this report be carried-over to the 2009/2010 year.

4.2 THAT the finance report be received.

Carried

4. **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

File 18030

Refer page 22, under clause 3.6 it should read "previous years" not "previous tears".

Refer page 19, clause 2.1 - customer survey, it was noted that there is no shortage of water and conservation of water is only necessary during times of drought. If another reservoir was purchased this would provide water storage during the summer months. In regards to water management in the summer months Council advertise water restrictions on the radio and in local papers.

It was noted that during the LTCCP process a submitter sort to keep the bridge, but the state of the bridge is a risk. Affected parties were consulted and are happy for Council to demolish it. Councillors agreed that the suspension bridge be demolished.

PS/09/153

SANDFORD/VICKERS

THAT the Operations Manager's report be received.

Carried

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

File 18030

PS/09/154

MILNER/PUGH

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

Carried

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

File 18030

The District Mayor advised that for Chunuck Bair a wreath will be placed at the gates but there would be no actual celebration on 8 August as Soldiers Day is being held on 22 August 2009. It would be appreciated if Councillors could note this date in their diaries and be present on Soldiers Day.

PS/09/155

EDWARDS/SANDFORD

THAT the Community Services Manager's report be received.

Carried

7. **DOG CONTROL POLICY & PRACTICES REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

File 04008

Purpose

The report is to present to Council the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for adoption.

PS/09/156

VICKERS/FROST

THAT the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for the year ending 30 June 2009, be received and adopted.

Recommended Reason

The report is required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Carried

8. **TARANAKI REGIONAL SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY**

File 20012

Purpose

The report is to introduce the Taranaki Regional Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2009-2014 (The 2009-2014 Strategy).

PS/09/157

ROWE/HIGNETT

7.1 THAT Council receives and notes the information.

Recommended Reason

The Taranaki Regional Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2009-2014 provides robust data which is specifically pertinent to Stratford District and Taranaki as a whole. It will no doubt prove to be a valuable resource in the future when Council develops its Activity management Plans, Annual Plans and Long Term Council Community Plans (LTCCP).

Carried

9. **SUPPORT FOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

File 16043

Purpose

The report is to discuss the policy development of guidelines for Council support of fundraising by external groups.

Discussion

Discussion favoured retention of the status quo.

PS/09/158

EDWARDS/ROWE

- 7.1 **THAT** the Council continue with the existing process of the District Mayor exercising discretion in providing letters of support to external groups for use in their funding applications.

Recommended Reason

The present system is appropriate.

Carried

10. **CONTACT ENERGY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

File P4499

Purpose

The report is to consider the receipt of a significant financial contribution relating to the Stratford Peaker project, and a partial allocation.

Discussion

Discussion noted the potential benefit to the Stratford community by retention and possible improvement to primary health services.

PS/09/159

FROST/SQUIRE

- 7.1 **THAT** an amount, not exceeding \$700,000 be pledged from the Stratford Peaker Project financial contribution to the Stratford Health Trust for the purpose of its Stratford Medical Centre Project, on the conditions that this pledge is to be treated as top-up funding, and that the pledge requires that full funding for the project be secured before any funds are uplifted.

Recommended Reason

The Stratford Medical Centre project is a key community facility project that benefits the whole of the Stratford District Community.

Carried

11. **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY GARDEN**

File 16075

Purpose

The report is to seek Council's endorsement to the concept of establishing a Community Garden in Stratford.

Discussion

It was noted that a community garden idea has been raised by community members.

Councillors Sandford and Frost said that they supported the concept as long as it does not cost our ratepayers any money.

It was noted that Work and Income (WINZ) have advised that the youth of the district are finding it harder to get a job and the unemployment benefit is slowly growing. It was felt that the community garden would bring meaning in the community.

HIGNETT/MILNER

7.1 **THAT** Council endorses the establishment of a community garden in Stratford.

Lost

The Chief Executive advised that the Community Services Manager's wage is paid for by the ratepayers which therefore stops her from investigating anything.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

PS/09/160

FROST/SANDFORD

7.1 **THAT** Council endorses the establishment of a community garden in Stratford subject to no ratepayer capital expenditure money being used in the initial set-up.

Carried
By Majority

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

PS/09/161

FROST/SANDFORD

7.1 **THAT** Council endorses the establishment of a community garden in Stratford subject to no ratepayer capital expenditure money being used in the initial set-up.

Carried

12. **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

File 03155

Purpose

The report is to advise that in March 2008 the Stratford District Council applied to the Crime Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Justice for funding to conduct a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) report in Stratford.

Discussion

It was noted that in regards to item 4 on page 59, the Council is having a meeting with the Police next week and will raise the issue of security cameras again and try to get some definitive answers from the Police.

PS/09/162

SANDFORD/PUGH

7.1 THAT the CPTED report produced by Amtac Ltd be received.

7.2 THAT Council endorses the recommendations in the report.

Carried

13. **BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

File 03114

Purpose

The report is to explore whether a feasibility study should be conducted on the broadband idea contained within the LTCCP.

Discussion

The Chief Executive gave a brief background noting that the LTCCP had a statement in it saying that investigation was needed. He advised that this report addresses some earlier items and yes there is some cost to ratepayers to carry out the investigation of the broadband infrastructure. He also drew to Councils attention his disclosure on page 63, clause 3.3.

Councillors Rowe and Squire noted that it is a very interesting report and the attachments are also very diverse in what they suggest and the options available. The study would tell us whether we are able to do something for ourselves in this area or in partnership. They noted it is a bit of a risk, but the benefits that could be gained will far out weigh doing nothing.

PS/09/163

SQUIRE/ROWE

7.1 THAT a feasibility study to investigate broadband options as per the LTCCP be approved.

Recommended Reason

Broadband is a core infrastructure service of the future that requires investigation.

Carried

14. **QUESTION TIME**

File 03096

Leave of Absence

P/File

Councillor Milner put in an apology for Soldiers Day on 22 August. She requested a leave of absence for the Policy & Services Committee Meeting on 25 August 2009.

15. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

PS/09/164

EDWARDS/VICKERS

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely

Agenda Item No.16

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Chief Executive Performance Review No. 16	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act). (section 48(1)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

"PUBLIC EXCLUDED"

PS/09/166

ROWE/SANDFORD

THAT the open meeting resume.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 11th day of August 2009.

J D Edwards
DISTRICT MAYOR