

# MINUTES

## Ordinary Meeting of Council

F19/13/05 – D22/30023

**Date: Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 3.30 PM**  
**Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford**

### Present

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

### In attendance

The Acting Chief Executive and- Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, two members of the public and two members of the media (Stratford Press and Taranaki Daily News)

#### 1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Acting Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, members of the public and the media to the meeting. In acknowledgement of *Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori* this welcome formed part of his full pepeha.

##### 1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 4

The opening karakia was read.

All those in attendance were asked to stand and a minutes silence was held to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

##### 1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 5

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

#### 2. Apologies

An apology was noted from the Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne.

#### **Recommendation**

THAT the apology be noted.

VOLZKE/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/22/88

#### 3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted that as part of Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori all elected members had been invited to present their pepeha at the start of the Ordinary Meeting. Councillors Erwood, Harris and Boyde presented their pepeha.

#### 4. Declarations of Members' Interest

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

The declaration of members' interest was circulated for updating.

#### 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 August 2022 D22/30023 Page 8

###### **Recommendation**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

SANDFORD/WEBBY  
Carried  
CL/22/89

##### 6.2 Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 23 August 2022 D22/32186 Page 14

###### **Recommendation**

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/JAMIESON  
Carried  
CL/22/90

##### 6.3 Policy & Services Committee – 23 August 2022 D22/32840 (Open) D22/32305 (PE) Page 17

###### **Recommendations**

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 August 2022 be adopted.

JONES/DALZIEL  
Carried  
CL/22/91

### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD  
Carried  
CL/22/92

2. THAT Council endorses the appointments of Mr Bruce Ellis, Mrs Helen Cloke and Mrs Deborah Clough as trustees of the Percy Thomson Trust for a three (3) year term expiring at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

BOYDE/DALZIEL  
Carried  
CL/22/93

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The second recommendation relates to three trustees of the Percy Thomson Trust who have now completed their three year term and are seeking a renewal period of a further three years. The Trust has recommended that these trustees remain on the trust but a council endorsement is required.
- It was noted that the statistics within the letter from the Mayoral Forum to the Minister of Transport, Honourable Michael Woods, were obtained from Waka Kotahi through a LGOIMA request and show the lack of maintenance across the whole roading network. A delegation of Mayors from across New Zealand are meeting with Waka Kotahi tomorrow to discuss the issue of the roading network.

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor requested that future letters from the Mayoral Forum clearly state they are from the forum and not from council, as the individual councils had not had the opportunity to receive or endorse the letters before they are sent. The District Mayor agreed and noted that the administration for the Mayoral Forum would be undertaken by the Stratford District Council for the next triennium.
- Councillor McKay asked if the Member of Parliament for Stratford had attended the recent meetings. The District Mayor clarified that the first meeting had been a visit from National Members of Parliament who had visited the region as a group and confirmed that she had not joined the meeting with the Minister Kieran McAnulty. He noted Mrs Lewis had recently been on parental leave.
- Councillor Dalziel noted that the letter to the Minister of Transport stated the average seal life for the roading network was down to 1.23 years and questioned if that puts a lot of the roads in deficit for the average to be so low. The District Mayor noted he would suggest Taranaki roads were in a deficit along with Northland and the East Coast from Napier through to Gisborne.

### 8. Public Forum Response

**Speaker:** Philip Macey, Stratford Park Project Update

**Response:**

- An acknowledgement of the presentation will be sent.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Dalziel noted his concern that the cost forecast for the Stratford Park project must have risen compared to the initial projections three years ago. The District Mayor noted that the income that is being generated through the farm with grazing and selling grass and hay was above their projections and are doing well with that. The group has held their costs to what they have expected at this stage and are meeting the terms and conditions of their loan with council. In terms of development there will be additional funding and investment sought, but he noted that a number of the projects were not being undertaken by the steering group and potentially built by another party, for example the museum is being built by another group who is funding the project and will pay a ground lease for the space used.

## 9. Questions

- It was noted that the pool complex was progressing and work is being undertaken to open it as soon as possible. An open day for the public was suggested as an opportunity for the public to look through the whole facility while not in use.

## 10. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

*The meeting closed at 3.55pm.*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

N C Volzke  
**District Mayor**