

Date: Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 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, E E Hall, A K Harris, V R Jones, 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 Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the HR and Governance Administrator – Mrs Carissa Reynolds, and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. Welcome

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

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 5

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 6

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors W J Sandford and C M Tongaawhikau.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/13

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.

It was requested that Councillor W J Sandford's apology be amended to *sick*.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 February 2023 D23/5978 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/14

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

- Page 12, last paragraph “however *for* other documents this is until 2027 which is inconsistent.

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 28 February 2023 D23/7711 (PE) D23/8213 (Open) Page 14

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 be adopted.

McKAY/JONES
Carried
CL/23/15

DUDLEY/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/16

The HR and Governance Administrator undertook to amend the date on the minutes to *28 February 2023*.

7. District Mayor's Report D23/4126 Page 25

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/23/17

The District Mayor noted that submissions were made on the Water Services Bill, Council did not send a representative to speak at Parliament, however a representative for the Taranaki Mayoral Forum submission spoke to the submission from the forum.

8. Decision Report – Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) review visions, goals and objectives

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Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/18

2. THAT the committee approve the proposed vision, goals and objectives for the proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023 as recommended in Option 3.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/19

Recommended Reason

To set the high level direction for waste management and minimisation.

The Director - Assets noted that in order for work to move forward on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan the vision, goals and objectives needed to be adopted.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was confirmed the recommendation presented only related to the vision, goals and objectives of the WMMP and nothing further.
- Councillor Hall sought clarification on the process from now until the WMMP is finalised. The Director – Assets noted that after adopting the proposed vision, goals and objectives, Council can go ahead and pull together the actions, plans and targets. Further discussion will be had with other Council's within Taranaki to collate a regional approach. A draft WMMP will then be presented to Council for consideration.
- It was noted that Council was not constricted with a tight timeline, as there is a year to complete the WMMP.

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor noted the updated vision felt better than the original.

9. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Judy Drummond – Stratford Croquet Club

Response:

- It was noted a decision needed to be made whether Council wanted to support the relocation of the Stratford Croquet club, providing there is no extra cost to Council. The District Mayor noted if there was support for the proposal of relocation, an investigation or report needed to be the starting point.
- Councillor Erwood expressed his mixed feelings towards support given the club numbers. He suggested a potential new location of beside the new pool, which would allow plenty of space and the possibility of extra marketing and exposure for the Croquet Club.
- The District Mayor noted the potential benefit to Council of future development if the Croquet Club vacated their current location. This would also benefit the Croquet Club in terms of the ability to expand.
- Councillor Hall supported the starting point of an investigation at this stage for two reasons being the aging population growth and the possible flow on benefits for Council as the Croquet Club is currently sitting in prime real estate.

- Councillor Boyde agreed with Councillor Halls support of an investigation, however believed there are a lot more questions in regards to numbers and usage needs to be answered in the investigation. Are they currently using the grounds a couple of days a week for a short amount of time, is the payoff worth it?
- Councillor Jones questioned if it is Council's job to investigate where the Croquet Club could relocate to, or is it the Croquet Clubs due diligence? Have they investigated the potential of using other clubs in the district e.g. the golf club, or have they just ruled it out without asking?
- The District Mayor noted with the Croquet Club coming to Council their preference is that Council supplies the land. He noted that a question to the Croquet Club should be, have you looked at and explored other options? As Council can only supply land we have and there may be better options for them elsewhere.
- The District Mayor questioned if anyone thought Council should not start an investigation option. No one opposed to beginning an investigation.
- It was noted that Council would write back to the Croquet Club that Council will undertake some preliminary investigation work, which is non-committal. This will be added to Matters Outstanding for the Policy and Services Committee.

Speaker: Dave Taylor, Charlotte Littlewood – Taranaki Trails Trust

Response:

- It was noted Kingheim Walking Track was mentioned during the presentation that the Council is not currently the controlling authority for the 20km mountain bike part of the trail, however there possibly has never been a conversation to do this.
- It was noted the cost for the Kingheim Walking Track is minimal, mostly signage as Kingheim Forest is in charge of maintenance. If the popularity of the Trail grew there is the possibility in the future that discussion may need to happen around carparking and bathroom facilities.
- It was noted the consensus in the room is to confirm to the Taranaki Trail Trust that their requests have been noted. This will be added to Matters Outstanding for the Policy and Services Committee.
- Councillor Boyde is supportive of an investigation into the Taranaki Trails Trust's requests.

10. Questions

- Councillor Harris noted that the presentation from Taranaki Trails Trust had pointed out that the Council's walkways were not made for cycling, is this going to be amended? It was noted when the bylaw was updated most tracks had been changed from no cycling to cycle friendly. However, some walkways were strictly walking trails which is a Department of Conservation requirement.

11. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.55pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of April 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor