

Date: Tuesday 14 November 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 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 – Assets Mrs V Araba and the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Finance Officer – Mrs M Smit, two 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
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The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message
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The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

A leave of absence was approved for Councillor J M S Erwood and apology received from Councillor A M C Dudley.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

HARRIS/JONES
Carried
CL/23/122

3. Announcements

The District Mayor reminded Elected Members that the Trade Graduation Ceremony will be held on 23 November 2023 and RSVPs are to be sent to the Workforce Coordinator.

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 conflicts of interest declared.

5. Attendance Schedule

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 October 2023 D23/45529 (Open) D23/43408 (PE) Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 October 2023, including those in the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

SANDFORD/HALL
Carried
CL/23/123

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to make the following amendments:

- Page 14, questions/points of clarification amend *hours* to *houses*

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 24 October 2023 (Hearing) D23/40080 Page 30

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and change of Level of Service, meeting held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and change of Level of Service, meeting held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 be adopted.

HARRIS/WATT
Carried
CL/23/124

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/125

The District Mayor noted this includes the recommendation to adopt and implement the Waste Management and Minimisation plan from 1 December 2023. A report will be brought back for consideration on the kerbside collection/level of service change.

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 be received.

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
CL/23/126

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 be adopted.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/127

7. District Mayor's Report D23/45970 Page 43

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/122

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- The report from LGNZ on the Future of Local Government will be presented to elected members to help form this council's vote.
- He asked if council would like to respond to Waka Kotahi regarding the special purpose road reduction in funding.
- He noted that all Transport Choices Projects had been paused while the government considers if funding is available within their list of priorities.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted council must reply to Waka Kotahi and make council's view very clear. This is totally unacceptable and unfair that 37% of these costs will fall back on ratepayers. This was once again out of council's control.
- The Director – Corporate Services noted this was approximately \$70,000 - \$80,000 worth of maintenance every year if the same level of service was maintained.
- The road could be closed during snow events, however this would impact Ngāti Ruanui with the Stratford Mountain House, Ngāruahine with the Dawson Falls lodge when it is completed and the Stratford Mountain Club for the ski field.
- Councillor Hall noted her disappointment at the change given that council has communicated strongly with Waka Kotahi how hamstrung council is with roading maintenance within the funding available. It is unsustainable and goes against the definition of a special purpose road. Council would have a massive financial impact to maintain this to the current level or a reputational impact if it does not.
- The District Mayor noted council is required to provide a road to the entrance of a property therefore this would only go to the boundary of Te Papakura o Taranaki which is why the road past the boundary is a special purpose road.

- The Deputy Mayor suggested the Mayoral Forum could also write in support of council as the closure of the road would have a regional impact. The District Mayor noted South Taranaki did not have any special purpose roads and New Plymouth had one up to North Egmont.
- The Chief Executive noted it could be suggested that the Department of Conservation be the road controlling authority from the boundary. Councillor Harris noted her concern that council would not be able to stipulate when it needed to be cleared and would be at the peril of their decisions.
- The District Mayor will write a letter and also raise with the new minister of transport.

8. Decision Report – Adoption of 2024 Meeting Schedule

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Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/23/122

2. THAT Council confirm the 2024 Meeting Schedule as ~~presented~~ amended.

McKAY/HALL
Carried
CL/23/122

Recommended Reason

Meetings are required to be held to effectively and efficiently conduct Council business in a clear and open manner.

It is the intention of this resolution to hold two-monthly Audit and Risk Committee Meetings, monthly Ordinary Council meetings, monthly Policy and Services Committee meetings and quarterly Farm and Aerodrome Committee meetings, to ensure efficiency of implementing decisions made by all Committees and to minimise meetings falling on the same day.

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant noted the following points:

- The heading dates will be amended to 2024.
- The hearing in February will be amended to begin at 1pm to allow for the Speed Management Plan to be added to this hearing. The hearing in March will now begin at 2pm.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was requested that all workshops be amended to begin at 1pm to allow for Long Term Plan discussions.
- It was requested that the September Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting be moved to 8 October 2023.

9. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Tracey Blake

Topic: Stratford Park Update

Speaker: Michael Carr

Topic: Sport Taranaki update

Acknowledge and thank both presenters and invite to continue six monthly updates.

10. Questions

- The District Mayor noted that an email from Stratford Primary School regarding Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre had been received. He asked if council would like to discuss the fees and charges and data of the aquatic centre as a separate topic during the long term plan discussions? Councillors agreed for this to be organised and it was requested that this be provided as soon as possible.

11. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.02pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 12th day of December 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor