

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 3:52 PM

Venue: Whangamomona Hall, Ohura Road, Whangamomona

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, A K Harris, E E Hall, V R Jones, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roding Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Project Engineer – Mr O Mabumbo 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 D21/40748 Page 7

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 8

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

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau and apologies noted from the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

McKAY/WATT
Carried
CL/24/45

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 declared conflicts of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

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

It was requested that Councillor J M S Erwood's attendance be amended to Leave of Absence for the meeting on 12 March 2024

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 March 2024** D24/9404 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/24/45

6.1.1 Public Forum – 12 March 2024 D24/9408 Page 15

The notes from the March public forum are attached for council's information

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook the following amendments:

- Amend the apologies to include the approved leave of absence for Councillor J M S Erwood.
- Page 14, amend *Physical Therapy* to *Physiotherapy*.

6.2 **Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 19 March 2024** D24/10841 Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be received.

DUDLEY/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be adopted.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
CL/24/45

6.2.1 Updated Terms of Reference – Farm Committee D24/9401 Page 23

Councillor Boyde noted the following points:

- This meeting included discussion on the committee self review to ensure it is still fit for purpose going forward. The recommendations from the committee was to amend the title to be *Farm Committee*, update the terms of reference and reduce the meeting frequency to three times a year. It was also requested that, should council not have the appropriate skill sets for the committee, then an independent member could be brought onto the committee.

- He noted the farm was a strategic asset that contributed towards a 1% reduction in rates through rates mitigation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the operational scope within the terms of reference and although he understood the operational matters do not extend to the committee. He reiterated that the farm is a unique asset and felt that there was not the required skill set amongst council officers to maintain the level the farm is running at in regards to decisions for goods and services, feed contracts and fertiliser. He suggested a change to the wording to ensure the committee can assist with the operational side of the farm.
- The District Mayor noted purchasing of goods and services and approval of invoices were not the role of elected members. He noted the intent was to ensure elected members were not buying goods and services but it did not stop the committee from making recommendations around how much fertiliser was to be applied (as an example).
- The Chief Executive noted there were two sides to this, governance and operational. This committee was the governing body and was advising as it was made up of representatives with farm experience. He noted this did not stop officers conferring with members for advice but it should be done separately from their governance role.
- Councillor Hall noted there are examples of how governance and operation works together such as with iwi organisations.
- It was clarified that the independent position was if council felt there was not the appropriate skill set on council for this committee, then they would put in motion the process for bringing an independent member onto the committee. The District Mayor reiterated it would only be filled if there was a need.

6.3 **Audit and Risk Committee – 19 March 2024**
D24/12999 Page 26

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be adopted.

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/24/45

6.3.1 Updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
D23/22153 Page 34

6.4 **Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 26 March 2024**
D24/15263 Page 41

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/24/45

6.5 **Policy and Services Committee – 26 March 2024 (Hearing)**
D24/15333 Page 45

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan, held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be received.

SANDFORD/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan, held on Tuesday 26 March 202 be adopted.

McKAY/WATT
Carried
CL/24/45

6.5.1 Updated King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan
D22/26025 Page 53

6.6 **Policy and Services Committee – 26 March 2024**
D24/7501 Page 102

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be adopted.

3. THAT the Statements of Proposal for the Rate Remission Policy and the Rate Postponement Policy be adopted.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
CL/24/45

6.6.1 Updated Rates Remission Policy
D24/2230 Page 113

6.6.2 Updated Rates Postponement Policy
D24/3502 Page 122

6.6.3 Statement of Proposal - Rates Remission Policy
D24/15646 Page 124

6.6.4 Statement of Proposal - Rates Postponement Policy
D24/15648 Page 126

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 be adopted.

HARRIS/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/24/45

Councillor Harris noted this was the first time 20 years that the committee had more money than was applied for, which meant it was a good position to award the majority of what was requested. There was a carryover of around \$2,000 which the governing body had confirmed could be carried over it was not a large percentage of allocated funds.

7. District Mayor's Report

D24/15644 Page 131

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/24/45

The District Mayor noted that the bridge at Kahouri Stream was nearing completion, with the planned end date being in May. The walk around was followed by a hui to discuss the cultural art work that will be attached to the bridge. This will be a waka that is split into segments and displayed the story along the state highway but all displayed together on the bridge. The old bridge will remain to be used for walking and cycling access and create a viewing platform for photos of the mountain.

8. Questions

- Councillor Jones noted the public forum presentation in Whangamomona in 2023 which was regarding Whitianga Road and safety concerns for the bus run. Mr Bowden noted that remedial work and a bank retreat had been completed. Councillor Harris noted that the presenter had been elated with the response and has commended the work completed.
- Councillor Sandford noted there were missing glass panels on the platform overlooking the hockey turf at the TET Multisports Centre. He noted that he had been advised the panels are waiting to be installed but the contractor was not able to do the installation due to council rules. Mr Hanne clarified that this would be due to the contractor needing to provide his methodology for the job as a health and safety plan. Councillor Sandford noted his concern that the missing panels were a health and safety issue. Mr Hanne confirmed that he would look into this matter.

9. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.24pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 14th day of May 2024.

N C Volzke
District Mayor