

Date: Tuesday 11 June at 3.30pm
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, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, Councillor V R Jones, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Acting Chief Executive and the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Acting Director – Community Services – Mrs E Bishop, the Committee Secretary – Ms E Coulton, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Community and Economic Development Manager – Ms S Afzal and two members of the public.

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

An approved leave of absence was noted for Councillor A M C Dudley and an apology noted from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau and the Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne.

Recommendation

THAT the apology be received.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
CL/24/65

3. Announcements

The Acting Director - Community services introduced the new Community and Economic Development Manager, Saba Afzal who started her role on the 28th of May.

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.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 **Policy and Services Committee – 14 May 2024 (Hearing)** D24/24718 Page 9

Recommendation

1. THAT the confirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy and the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan, be received.

McKAY/WATTS
Carried
CL/24/66

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 14 May 2024, to hear and consider submissions to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy and the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan, be adopted.

HALL/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/67

6.2 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 May 2024** D24/23413 Page 39

Recommendations

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/68

The Committee Secretary undertook to make the following amendments:

- The position of chairman from the Deputy Mayor M Mckay to the District Mayor N C Volzke.

6.3 **Audit and Risk Committee – 21 May 2024**
D24/26005 (PE) and D24/24937 (Open) Page 43

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/69

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 21 May 2024 be adopted.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/24/70

6.4 **Policy and Services Committee – 28 May 2024**
D24/26845 Page 50

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2024 be received.

ERWOOD/WATT
Carried
CL/24/71

2. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2024 be adopted.

HARRIS/SANFORD
Carried
CL/24/72

6.5 **Regional Transport Committee – Thursday 18 April 2024**
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Recommendations

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 April 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/73

Recommendation

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/74

2. THAT an Extraordinary Meeting be held on Thursday 20 June at 10.30am to make a decision on the New Pedestrian Crossings – Broadway, SH3.

VOLZKE/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/75

The District Mayor Noted the following points:

- That a submission to parliament's Justice Committee regarding the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill has been made, as per the Workshop discussion held on the 28th of May.
- That the meeting with representatives from Kainga Ora revealed a high demand for social housing but a low supply within the Stratford District. He mentioned that whilst the statistics seem worrying, Kainga Ora revealed that 12 new houses are to be built this year with 6 either completed or near thereof.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Harris questioned if Kainga Ora gave reasoning as to why social housing has seen lower output recently. The District Mayor clarified that they did not give a clear reason.
- Councillor Beck queried if the houses are planned to be built in clusters or are to be spread out across the district. The District Mayor confirmed that the houses he has seen the development of have been in clusters and are typically two to a section which is standard development for these builds.
- The Deputy Mayor questioned as to why the Extraordinary meeting is to be held on a Thursday and not the typical Tuesday meeting Schedule. The District Mayor Clarified that this due to the public submission timeline and allowing ample time to create an agenda and plan the meeting to its typical standards. He expressed that he is sympathetic that this day may not work for everyone.

8. Public Forum Response

Speaker: Michael Carr, Sport Taranaki

Response: Acknowledge and thanks for presentation.

9. Questions

- Councillor Jones queried if the council has received any feedback on the loss of parking due to the development of the new Kahouri bridge, questioning if NZTA is prepared to help us fund extra parks if required due to complaints. The District Mayor confirmed that there has not been any specific complaints in regard to parking as of yet, he expressed that we will need to wait until the final barriers of the bridge have been placed before we assess any parking options. It was confirmed that there is no extra funding within the council to add extra car parking ourselves and The District mayor is hopeful that NZTA will be eligible to assist when needed.
- Councillor Jones mentioned an email that had been sent in as a submission for the new Broadway crossings proposal. The email alleged that Stratford has previously had two crossings on Broadway and that these became an issue, Councillor Jones expressed that he does not recall this and the District Mayor agreed. It was decided to investigate this claim further.

10. Closing Karakia
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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.51pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 9th day of July 2024.

N C Volzke
District Mayor