

MINUTES

Policy and Services Committee

F22/55/05 – D25/5846

Date: Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 3.00PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The Deputy Mayor M McKay (the Chairperson), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyde, A M C Dudley, V R Jones, A K Harris, E E Hall, J M S Erwood, W J Sandford and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the HR and Governance Advisor – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Manage – Mr S Bowden, the Property and Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), the Services Manager – Mr J Cooper (*part meeting*), the Roading Engineer – Mr Frank Hicks (*part meeting*) and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

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

2. Apologies

An approved leave of absence was noted for Councillor C M Tongaawhikau

Recommendation

THAT the apology be received.

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/25/20

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of members interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings, including Hearings, was attached.



6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy and Services Committee –28 January 2025 D25/2499 Page 9

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/25/21

7. Matters Outstanding

D16/47 Page 15

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/25/22

The Chief Executive noted that two further items will be added to this list following requests made at the previous meeting. The Business plan for Wai o Rua is still in production.

8. Decision Report – Stormwater Easement Request, Cloten Road

D25/4283 Page 16

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/25/23

2. THAT, Pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 and a delegation from the Minister of Conservation dated 12 June 2013, Council grant a 3 metre-wide stormwater easement in favour of Taranaki Regional Council over part of Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve on Cloten Road being Lot 3 Sec 78 Blk II, SD Ngaere as indicated in yellow on the plan attached in **Appendix 1**.

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
P&S/25/24

Recommended Reason

TRC is proposing to replace the existing stormwater pipe, serving their property at Cloten Road, with a new pipe and new alignment within the Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve. Council's approval, as landowner, is required for an easement in the reserve.



9. Monthly Reports

9.1 Assets Report D25/2733 Page 22

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/McKAY
Carried
P&S/25/25

The Director – Assets requested approval that the hearing date for the Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan be moved to 29 April 2025 to precede the monthly Policy and Services meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan hearing be re-scheduled to 29 April 2025.

McKAY/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/25/26

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the cost related to the grease trap at the TET Multi Sports Stadium would be on-charged to the lease holder.
- Councillor Boyde noted the increase in rubbish being dumped, particularly in rural areas. The Director – Environmental Services noted there is an issue with obtaining proof of who dumps the rubbish, therefore council is frequently unable to prosecute.
- It was clarified that officers are currently collating a list of stakeholders to participate in the discussion regarding Prospero Place development. Councillor Sandford reminded officers that the Ostlers Garden Trust is keen to be involved.
- The District Mayor requested that the Flint Road subdivision be added to matters outstanding for an update and projected timeline. Mrs Araba noted that once the surveyor is appointed then a better timeline will be able to be presented.

The Services Manager, Parks and Reserves Officer and the Roding Engineer left the meeting at 3.12pm.

9.2 Community Services Report D25/4433 Page 46

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/25/27

The District Mayor noted it was a difficult market for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs at the moment and there was lots of comms and engagement coming up.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Dudley congratulated the communications team on their recent social media activity, she has received positive comments about this.
- Councillor Dudley noted the funding of the Stratford Business Association (SBA) coming to an end this year and asked who would be responsible for the Christmas parade. Mr Hanne noted this would be a conversation to be had with the association or another community group. Councillor Beck asked if some communications should be done to see if there was interest in taking over this event? Mr Hanne clarified there had been no official notice from SBA that they would not be running this. Councillor Boyde noted they needed to come and present to council and report on what they are doing, there was meant to be a review on the roles and functions of the SBA which was not brought to council. Mr Hanne noted a public forum invitation would be a good opportunity for the SBA to present and also give elected members a chance to review their decision to remove the funding.
- Councillor Hall noted she had attended the Powhiri for Te Matatini on Monday and noted the honour being part of this.
- Councillor Hall noted there had been a significant amount of undertaken by the Percy Thomson Trust over the last month which included a full day strategy meeting and a work plan to ensure the letter of expectations is addressed. The statement of intent is in development and has a statutory deadline of 1 March.
- The District Mayor noted that the swim school is now at capacity with over 500 students this term. This is an outstanding achievement and it is good to see the swim school is functioning well.

9.3 Corporate Services Report
D25/5088 Page 55

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/WATT
Carried
P&S/25/28

The Director – Corporate Services acknowledged the Chief Executive for his role in covering the Health and Safety/Civil Defence Advisor role while this was vacant.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the farm revenue was above budget due to higher production.

9.4 Environmental Services Report
D25/1379 Page 72

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

McKAY/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/25/29

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Dudley asked if the complaints responded to was high? The Director – Environmental Services noted the team is seeing a bit of an increase and felt this could be a result of issues taking a little longer to resolve than usual.
- It was clarified that there were 15/15 building consent applications processed within 20 days.
- There has been no feedback received following the earthquake prone notices being put on buildings.



10. Questions

- Councillor Sandford requested a council visit to the local chicken farm.
- Councillor Beck noted there was a dogs on leash sign at the Malones Gates but further along it allows for free ranging dogs. Mr Hanne clarified there were areas within the park that had different restrictions which was decided by elected members during the review of this policy.
- Councillor Beck asked if the Stratford Park was able to use the skid pad without a resource consent? Mr Sutherland noted that work was being undertaken as to what activities can and can't happen without a resource consent and at what stage a resource consent is required.

11. Closing Karakia

D21/40748

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 5.31pm.



M McKay
Chair

Confirmed this 25th day of March 2025.



N C Volzke
District Mayor