
MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE TET MULTISPORTS CENTRE, PORTIA STREET ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT 5.30 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman: Matthew Dimock. Committee Members: Caleb Robinson, Sharon Mackie-Langton, Matthew McDonald.

IN ATTENDANCE

District Mayor Neil Volzke, Amy Kingston (secretary), Glenn Adams, Maureen Tunnicliff, Trevor Tunnicliff, Ilona Hanne, Les Heynie, Amanda Heynie, Mike Radich, Tim Malton, Helen Jones, Sue Hogan, Peter Hogan.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Richard Williams and Chade Julie.

THAT the apologies be received.

MCDONALD/ MACKIE-LANGTON
Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1.1 Stratford Business Association AGM – Monday 10 October 2022

THAT the minutes of the AGM of the Stratford Business Association held on Monday 10 October 2022 be confirmed.

DIMOCK/ADAMS
Carried

1.1.1 Matters Arising from Stratford Business Association Meeting – Monday 10 October 2022

There were no matters arising.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman spoke to his report as attached to the agenda.

THAT the chairman's report be received.

MCDONALD/ADAMS
Carried

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3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

THAT the Financial Report be received.

RADICH/MCDONALD
Carried

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

4.1 The Chairman vacated the chair and the District Mayor called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

THAT Matthew Dimock be nominated for Chairman.

MCDONALD/RADICH
Carried

Matthew Dimock was declared duly elected.

4.2 The District Mayor then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman.

THAT Matthew McDonald be nominated for Deputy Chair.

DIMOCK/HANNE

Matthew McDonald was declared duly elected.

4.3 Confirmation of Secretary/Treasurer

THAT the Community Development officer as appointed by the Stratford District Council is to carry out the duties of the Stratford Business Association Secretary/Treasurer.

MCDONALD/ MACKIE-LANGTON
Carried

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4.4 The Chairman then called for nominations for the 2023/2024 Committee:

The outcome of the votes resulted with the 2023/2024 Stratford Business Association committee consisting of the following six members.

Richard Williams *nominated by Matthew McDonald seconded by Caleb Robinson.*

Sharon Mackie-Langton *nominated by Ilona Hanne seconded by Matthew Dimock*

Mike Radich *nominated by Les Heynie seconded by Matthew McDonald*

Glenn Adams *nominated by Matthew McDonald seconded by Mike Radich*

Trevor Tunnickliff *nominated by Matthew Dimock seconded by Glenn Adams*

Maureen Tunnickliff *nominated by Amanda Heynie seconded by Matthew Dimock*

4.5 Audit of Accounts

The committee received late notice of departure from CMK who will no longer be auditing accounts. Due to insufficient time to find an alternative the committee will call for a formal special meeting to appoint a Reviewer/Auditor moving forward.

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 **Annual Subscription Fee**

The annual subscription fees are currently:

- 1-5 Staff: Membership is a fee of \$50.00 +GST per annum.
- 6+ Staff: Membership is a fee of \$100.00 +GST per annum.
- Not for profit with paid employees: Membership is a fee of \$50.00 +GST per annum.
- Not for profit with no paid employees: Membership is a fee of \$25.00 inclusive per annum.

THAT the annual subscription fee remains at \$50.00+GST per annum for businesses with 1 - 5 staff members, \$100+GST per annum for businesses with 6+ staff, \$50.00+GST per annum for Not-for-profit organisations with paid employees and \$25 GST inclusive per annum for Not for profit organisations with no paid employees.

DIMOCK/RADICH
Carried

5.2 **Meeting Schedule**

The meeting schedule for 2023/24 was attached.

THAT the meeting schedule for 2023/24 be approved.

MACKIE-LANGTON/ADAMS
Carried

5.3 **General Business**

General business was discussed.

The following points were noted:

- Mike Radich discussed the look and feel of Broadway and would like to have a discussion around this as a committee and how the association can help with bringing back some vibrancy.
- Matthew McDonald noted the committee has had conversations with Stratford District Council and that there will be an opportunity to submit during the Long-Term Plan consultation period.

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- There is a project called Stratford 2035 that has a current budget of approximately \$1.4 million.
- Current plans start with the beautification of Prospero Place, however, council currently only own part of the land. Plans to progress will require full council ownership.
- The pedestrian crossings are also being discussed with Waka Kotahi that includes the possibility two new pedestrian crossings; one to the north and one to the south (between the roundabouts), removing the current crossing opposite the Glockenspiel which will instead be a viewing platform. There may also be another crossing by Feildtorque.
- Plans are not finalised, but discussions are taking place.
- Many buildings on Broadway, as well as some council owned buildings, are deemed earthquake prone. Letters have been delivered which means the building owners require an engineer's report within 12 months of receiving the letter and depending on results the owner would have between 5- 25 years to complete work. This is not a council requirement, but government legislation.
- Roundabouts will also be included in the discussion for next steps once Prospero Place and the pedestrian crossings have been completed.
- A common misconception is that council own the verandas along Broadway. Council does not and as such cannot instruct building owners to complete works on their property. Where council can step in is if verandas become a health and safety risk and /or problems with leaking water falling on pedestrians.
- Council has offered a support package in the past for building owners to paint their buildings which did not have good uptake. There may be an option to re look at this in the future. There is strong resistance to any money that would come from rate payers' which needs to be considered. If the money came from an external funder, this would alleviate some of the burden.
- Tom Malton, Salvation Army noted the busyness of Broadway being a State Highway and the lack of crossings as an issue. It would be good to have an outcome that addressed this.
- Matthew McDonald noted it is important for the Stratford Business Association to maintain and continue to grow their relationship with council supporting common goals for the business community.

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The meeting concluded at 6:14pm

Matthew Dimock
CHAIRMAN