



Date 23 February 2021, 1pm
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod M P Joyce D L Lean C L Littlewood M J McDonald D H McIntyre E D Van Der Leden N W Walker C S Williamson	Chairperson Deputy Chairperson <i>Zoom</i> <i>Arrived 1.20pm</i> <i>Zoom</i>
Attending	Messrs	S J Ruru M J Nield G K Bedford D R Harrison A D McLay C S Spurdle	Chief Executive Director – Corporate Services Director – Environment Quality Director – Operations Director – Resource Management Planning Manager
	Ms Mr Miss	J Reader P Ledingham L Davidson	Communications Manager Communications Adviser Committee Administrator

One member of the media, Mr M Watson, Taranaki Daily News and 12 members of the public.

Apologies Apologies from Councillor’s M G Davey and M J Cloke and an apology for lateness from Councillor D L Lean were received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items An update is to be provided on recent enforcement activities.

1. Deputation – Forgotten World Cycling Trail – Richard Woodd

1.1 Mr R Woodd spoke to the Council regarding the Forgotten World Rail Cycling Trail.

2. Rotokare Scenic Reserve Presentation

- 2.1 Mr S Collins and Mr M Weren from Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust gave a presentation providing an update on the Reserve's activities.

3. Confirmation of Ordinary Minutes - 15 December 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Pukeiti Lodge, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth on Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 9.30am.
- b) takes as read and confirms the public excluded minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Pukeiti Lodge, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth on Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 9.30am.

Lean/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Consents and Regulatory Minutes - 2 February 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 9.30am
- b) receives the public excluded minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 9.30am
- c) adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Van Der Leden

Matters arising

- It was acknowledged that the quality of the performance of consent holders in the Consent Monitoring reports is of a high standard.

5. Policy and Planning Minutes – 2 February 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 10.30am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.
Littlewood/Walker

Matters arising

- Officers are working on a submission to Climate Change Commission's Draft Advice. This will be circulated to the Committee.

6. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 15 February 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 15 February 2021 at 10am
- b) receives the public excluded minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 15 February 2021 at 10am
- c) adopts the recommendations therein.
Walker/MacLeod

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Meeting Dates for February, March and April 2021

- 7.1 The meeting dates for the next round of meetings were attached for Members' information.

8. Hearing on the Proposal to Amend the Regional Pest Management Plan

- 8.1 Mr D Harrison, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing submissions on the *Proposal for inclusion of mustelids in the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* (the Proposal) and to seek Members' consideration of those submissions, including recommended changes, and the adoption of the Proposal.
- 8.2 The Council heard Federated Farmers representatives and Forest and Bird representatives speak to their submissions.

- 8.3 It was noted that feral cats are not included in the Regional Pest Management Plan but the Council is not ignoring feral cats.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum titled *Hearing on the proposal to amend the Regional Pest Management Plan*
- b) notes that eight submissions have been received on the proposal
- c) receives the officers report entitled *Officers report: Proposal to amend the Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the revised track-changed version of the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* showing recommended changes
- d) hears Federated Farmers and Forest and Bird speak in support of their submissions
- e) considers, amends and adopts the recommendations contained within the attached officers' report and as a result of submissions, amends the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki*
- f) adopts the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* as amended by submissions
- g) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- h) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Walker/McIntyre

9. Review of the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of a review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki* (RLTP). The Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki (RTC) will consider a revised draft Plan prior to public consultation.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki*
- b) notes that RTC will consider the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22 – 2026/27* at its meeting of 3 March 2021 prior to public consultation
- c) notes that consultation on the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22 – 2026/27* is pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

Van Der Leden/Williamson

10. Regional Development Funding

- 10.1 Mr S J Ruru, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval for the allocation of Regional Development Funding to support implementation of the Covid-19 recovery plan.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Regional Development Funding
- b) notes that the Regional Leadership Group has recommended \$200,000 contribution (\$100,000 in the 2020/2021 financial year and \$100,000 to be consulted on under the Long-Term Plan) to support implementation of the Covid-19 regional recovery plan
- c) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter
- e) approves the allocation of \$100,000 in the 2020/2021 financial year as unbudgeted expenditure towards the Regional Development funding programme of work to be funded from reserves
- f) agrees to include \$100,000 in the 2021/2022 financial year budgets in the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan for Regional Development activity funding
- g) requires regular reporting to analyse how the investment has been spent and the return on the investment.

Williamson/McIntyre

11. Electoral Decisions: Māori Constituency

- 11.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill* with particular reference to the decisions the Council made in relation to a Māori Constituency for the 2022 local elections. These decisions were made in August 2020.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Electoral Decisions: Māori Constituency
- b) resolves to:
 - ~~make no decision as a result of the enactment of the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill* and retain the August 2020 decisions in relation to a Māori constituency; or~~
 - ~~create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections; or~~

- ~~• confirm creation of a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake a special consultative procedure as part of the preparation and adoption of the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan and then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections;~~
or
 - ~~• confirms to consult on a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake an abbreviated consultative procedure then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections at the 6 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting. Donald/Daisy motion lost~~
 - resolves to consult on a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake an abbreviated consultative procedure then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections at the 6 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting.
- c) notes that if a decision is made to create a Māori constituency, that a representation review will need to be undertaken
- d) notes that if the special consultative procedure as part of the preparation and adoption of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan is adopted, the consultation timetable and consultation document will be the same as that to be adopted in the preparation and finalisation of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan
- e) notes that if the abbreviated consultation option is adopted, a consultation timetable and consultation document will need to be finalised and delegates to the Chairman and the Chief Executive the authority to finalise the form and content of the timetable and consultation document
- f) notes that all of these matters are conditional on the successful enactment of the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill*
- g) determines that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- h) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

McIntyre/Lean

For – 3 (Councillors D L Lean, M J McDonald, D N McIntyre)

Against - 6

Motion lost

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Electoral Decisions: Māori Constituency
- b) resolves to:
 - ~~make no decision as a result of the enactment of the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill* and retain the August 2020 decisions in relation to a Māori constituency; or~~
 - ~~create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections; or~~
 - ~~confirm creation of a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake a special consultative procedure as part of the preparation and adoption of the *2021/2031 Long Term Plan* and then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections; or~~
 - ~~confirms to consult on a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake an abbreviated consultative procedure then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections at the 6 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting.~~
 - resolves to consult on a Māori constituency as its preferred option and undertake an abbreviated consultative procedure then make a decision on whether to create a Māori constituency for the 2022 local authority elections at the 6 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting.
- c) notes that if a decision is made to create a Māori constituency, that a representation review will need to be undertaken
- d) notes that if the special consultative procedure as part of the preparation and adoption of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan is adopted, the consultation timetable and consultation document will be the same as that to be adopted in the preparation and finalisation of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan
- e) notes that if the abbreviated consultation option is adopted, a consultation timetable and consultation document will need to be finalised and delegates to the Chairman and the Chief Executive the authority to finalise the form and content of the timetable and consultation document
- f) notes that all of these matters are conditional on the successful enactment of the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill*
- g) determines that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- h) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

MacLeod/Walker

For – 6

Against – 3 (Councillors D L Lean, M J McDonald, D N McIntyre)

The meeting was adjourned at 3.13pm and reconvened at 3.18pm.

12. 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan: Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation

12.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive, consider and adopt the following documents for public consultation:

- The supporting information that is relied on for the content of the consultation document, in particular the *Revenue and Financing Policy*, and that will form the basis for the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- The Consultation Document for the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*.

12.2 Clarifications and corrections to the submission form and consultation document were suggested to Officers.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum on the Consultation Document and the Supporting Documentation for the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- b) advises the Chief Executive of any proposed amendments to the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* and instructs the Chief Executive to progress any proposed amendments
- c) delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to amend and finalise the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* to respond to decisions made in relation to the Māori Constituency and matters arising from the finalisation of the audit process
- d) notes the balanced budget deficit for 2021/2022 and confirms the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit
- e) notes the proposed budget surpluses and deficits between 2021/2022 and 2030/2031 and confirms the transfers to and from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits
- f) notes that the use of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits balances out over the ten-year life of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* and that, over the full ten years, the budgets balance
- g) adopts the supporting information that is relied on for the content of the Consultation Document, in particular the *Revenue and Financing Policy*, and that will form the basis for the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- h) adopts the Consultation Document that will form the basis for the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- i) publicly notifies and invites submissions on the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- j) notes the timetable for the completion and adoption of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*

- k) determines that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- l) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Lean/Williamson

13. General Business

13.1 Enforcement

Mr A D McLay, Director - Resource Management, provided an update on the outcome of prosecutions for Graincorp and New Plymouth District Council and City Care. The Silverfern Farms case is being heard on Wednesday 24 February.

13. Public Excluded

The Committee did not go in to public excluded as the minutes were addressed in the public meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Public Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 3.48pm

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____

D N MacLeod

6 April 2021