

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the
Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 20
February 2017 at 10.30am.**



Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		M P Joyce	
		D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)
		C L Littlewood	
		M J McDonald	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		N W Walker	
		C S Williamson	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		Mr P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		Mr R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		Mrs R Johnson	(Financial Services Manager)
		Mrs K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mr M Ogier	(PowerCo)	
	Mr P March	(PowerCo)	
	Mr K Pattie	(PowerCo)	
	Dr F Maseyk	(The Catalyst Group)	

Apologies There were no apologies.

**Notification of
Late Items** There were no late items of business.

1. PowerCo Presentation to the Taranaki Regional Council - PowerCo 2018-2023 Investment Proposal

The Council received a presentation from Matthew Ogier, PowerCo, on their investment proposal for the Taranaki electricity network as part of their 2018-2023 Investment Proposal. The presentation was provided to the Council as part of their customer and stakeholder engagement plan.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 December 2016

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions and confidential minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 10.30 am.

Lean/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. 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 31 January 2017 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Davey/Joyce

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 31 January 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. 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 31 January 2017 at 11.00 am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/McIntyre

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 13 February 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and confidential 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 13 February 2017 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/MacLeod

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. 2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal

6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive, consider and adopt the Council's *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*, the consultation document for the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*, for public consultation, and the 2017/2018 estimates.

6.2 The key points in the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* were highlighted to the Council, being:

- A 1% general rates increase against a proposed increase of 0.5% for 2017/2018 in the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*
- An extra investment in a trial programme to test large-scale predator suppression and eradication techniques across an entire catchment – the Waiwhakaiho
- A flood control scheme for Opunake in two parts: A rural component to divert floodwaters from the Hihiwera Stream and Alison St channel, and an urban component to upgrade culverts and channels. The urban part will be designed and implemented by the STDC, with the rural component being handled by the Council. The scheme is designed to protect Opunake from a one-in-100-year (1% probability) flooding event. A new targeted rate will be introduced to fund all South Taranaki flood control schemes to bring South Taranaki in alignment with North Taranaki
- An increase in the budget for the construction of a new Lodge at Pukeiti.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and the 2017/2018 estimates
2. notes that the formatting of the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* is still to be totally completed and that there are a number of minor immaterial editorial changes to be made

3. advises the Chief Executive of any proposed amendments to the estimates and/or the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and instructs the Chief Executive to progress any proposed amendments
4. notes the balanced budget requirement for 2017/2018 has been achieved
5. adopts the 2017/2018 estimates, the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Consultation Document* and the *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*
6. publicly notifies and invites submissions on the draft *2017/2018 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the *Local Government Act 2002*
7. notes the timetable for the completion and adoption of the *2017/2018 Annual Plan*.

Lean/Joyce

7. Submission on the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme: Community Consultation on Options Summary Booklet

- 7.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum receive and consider the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency's options document seeking the community's feedback on the options for improvements to the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger route.
- 7.2 The NZ Transport Agency options (1,2 or 3) for improvements on SH3 from Mt Messenger to Awakino Gorge were discussed. The Council supported option 3 as the best option for improving traffic management and safety along the route, a view that is in line with the Regional Transport Committee's long-standing advocacy for a bypass of Mt Messenger. The Council agreed that the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency proposal be strengthened to ensure the ecological, including key native ecosystems, and cultural values of the area (iwi land - Ngāti Tama), are addressed by the NZ Transport Agency in consultation with the wider community and key stakeholders. The Council agreed that the area be required to be protected through the development phase of the project with strong environmental mitigation measures.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and the Council's submission on the NZ Transport Agency's options document seeking the community's feedback on the options for improvements to the Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger route
2. advised the Chief Executive of any changes to the submission.

Williamson/Joyce

8. Riparian management and ecosystem services – PhD thesis studies by Fleur Maseyk

- 8.1 Dr F Maseyk, The Catalyst Group, provided a presentation to the Council on her paper, as part of her completion of studies towards a Doctor of Philosophy degree, entitled *Farmer perspectives of the on-farm and off-farm pros and cons of planted multifunctional riparian margins*. The paper summarises key aspects of her thesis *Applying ecosystem services thinking to natural resource management and conservation decision making*.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Riparian management and ecosystem services- PhD thesis studies by Fleur Maseyk*
2. notes the findings and interpretations set out in the memorandum.

Lean/Davey

9. External Appointment to the Policy and Planning Committee 2016-2019

- 9.1 The memorandum to receive and confirm an external appointment to the Council's Policy and Planning Committee from Taranaki Federated Farmers was noted and discussed.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. considers and confirms the appointment of Bronwyn Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) to the Policy and Planning Committee 2016-2019.

McIntyre/Davey

10. Appointment of TRC Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki

- 10.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to consider and make an appointment of a councillor as an invited Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki.
- 10.2 It was discussed and agreed that Councillor M P Joyce be appointed.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Appointment of TRC Trustee to Dairy Trust Taranaki*
2. confirms Councillor M P Joyce as the Council's Trustee on the Dairy Trust Taranaki for a term of twelve months.

McIntyre/Davey

11. 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference

- 11.1 The memorandum to appoint attendees to the 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held in Auckland 23-25 July 2017 was received and discussed.
- 11.2 Members who wish to attend were requested to forward their expression of interest to the Council Chairperson, D N MacLeod, for consideration. Councillor McDonald and Councillor Williamson expressed their interest in attending. Councillor Joyce and Councillor McIntyre expressed their interest in attending the Regional Sector Pre-Conference tour only.
- 11.3 The Chairperson will finalise the attendees in accordance with Recommendations 3 and 5.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints the Chairperson, Councillor D N MacLeod, together with the Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
2. seeks expressions of interest from Councillors who may wish to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
3. delegates to the Chairperson the authority to finalise the attendees at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 23-25 July 2017
4. appoints the Chairperson, Mr D N MacLeod as Presiding Delegate to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand to be held on Tuesday 25 July 2017 in Auckland
5. noting that the Taranaki Regional Council is entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand by up to three delegates, appoints up to two delegates to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand from amongst Councillors that will be attending the 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference.

Lean/Walker

12. Meeting Dates March-April 2017

- 121 The next six-weekly round of Council meetings for March-April 2017 were received and noted.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 12.50pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **3 April 2017**