

**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 28 August
2018 at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	
		C L Littlewood	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		C S Williamson	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Representative Members	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
	Mr	P Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
	Mrs	V MacKay	(Science Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)

One Member of the media.

Apologies The apology from Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) was received and sustained.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 17 July 2018

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential 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 17 July 2018 at 10.45am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 7 August 2018.

Williamson/Raine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Good Farming Practice: Action Plan for Water Quality

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing to the Committee the *Good Farming Practice Action Plan for Water Quality 2018* and noted the Council's role in promoting the Action Plan throughout Taranaki.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Good Farming Practice Action Plan for Water Quality 2018*
2. notes that the Council is well placed to implement the Action Plan.

MacLeod/Joyce

3. Beef and Lamb New Zealand: Environment Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018-22

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing Beef and Lamb New Zealand's recently released *Environment Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018-22*. The high level document was viewed as a positive step forward.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum '*Beef and Lamb New Zealand: Environment Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018-22*'
2. notes the strategy is a positive first step for this important sector of the economy
3. notes that a number of aspects of the environment strategy complement the work programmes of this Council.

Williamson/Littlewood

4. Soil Quality in the Taranaki region – 5 yearly survey results

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee that the Council has completed another 5-yearly survey of regional soil quality as per its on-going State of the Environment programme, and provided a summary of the reported findings.
- 4.2 It was noted that Iwi would be circulated a copy of the report as it will provide an important tool to assist further consultation with Iwi on the review of the Council's freshwater plan.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of a report *Soil quality in the Taranaki region 2017: current status and comparison with previous samplings* (Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, May 2018)
2. notes the findings of the report, that the general patterns in Taranaki's soil quality are similar to those in other regions; that the primary concerns that emerge from this survey relate to compaction of soils in pasture, elevated nitrogen levels in dairy and drystock soils, and low nutrient levels in hill-country and forestry soils; and that generally, aspects of poor soil quality can be reversed by appropriate management
3. notes that the findings of the study will be considered during the preparation of the *Regional Water and Land Plan*
4. distributes the report to the landowners concerned, and to other interested parties.

Littlewood/McIntyre

5. Taiao Taiora Taranaki Iwi Management Plan

- 5.1 Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communications Officer, spoke to the memorandum presenting, for Members' information, an Iwi management plan recently produced by the Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust *Taiao Taiora an Iwi Environmental Management Plan for the Taranaki iwi Rohe*. The document was professionally presented and Council officer attendance at its launch was acknowledged.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and the Taiao, Taiora an Iwi Environmental Management Plan for the Taranaki iwi Rohe (2018)
2. notes that the Plan outlines the expectations and the position of Taranaki Iwi on matters relating to the environment in their rohe

3. notes that the Plan will be taken into account during the review of the Council's Resource Management Act policy documents concerning air, freshwater, soil and coastal resources
4. recognises that the Plan is a positive step forward in clarifying the policy position of Taranaki Iwi on environmental matters.

Boyde/Raine

6. Submission on Draft National Planning Standards

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission to be endorsed by the Committee that was made to the Ministry for the Environment on the Draft National Planning Standards. The submission was sent by the closing date of 17 August 2018.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum Submission on Draft National Planning Standards
2. endorses the submission.

Lean/Williamson

7. Update on further submissions to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on further submissions received in support or opposition to initial submissions made on the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*.
- 7.2 It was suggested that the Council hold a joint meeting with the Iwi environmental advisor submitters on the Proposed Plan as part of the pre-hearing consultation process.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Update on further submissions to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and further submissions received.

Williamson/MacLeod

Closing Karakia

Mr H Eriwata (Iwi Representative) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the open meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 11.15am.

Confirmed

Chairperson

N W Walker

Date

9 October 2018