

**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 30 April 2019
at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
Representative Members	Councillors	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Messrs	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
		M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)
		P B Muir	(Federated Farmers Taranaki)
	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S J Hall	(Director-Operations)
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)
		B E Pope	(Compliance Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Adviser)
	A Parr	(Harbourmaster)	
	Ms	J Mack	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	
Ms	P Fourie	(Fonterra)	
Mr	B Cheer	(Fonterra)	

Apologies The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce and Mr G Boyde (Stratford District Council) were received and sustained.

Notification of

Late Items

There were no late items of business. – Mr Hooker – requested further information on potential volcanic events associated with the Maunga.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 19 March 2019

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 19 March 2019 at 10.35am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 9 April 2019.

Littlewood/Raine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Update on the Coastal Plan Review

- 2.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting an update on the Coastal Plan review process and explained upcoming actions required under the Schedule 1 process of the *Resource Management Act 1991*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum entitled *Update on the Coastal Plan review*;
2. requests that officers prepare a report on the Proposed Plan, including submissions, under Section 42A of the RMA;
3. approves a hearing; and
4. approves the use of an independent hearing commissioner in the hearing.

Muir/Littlewood

3. Review and approval of Port Safety Management System and navigation update

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum informing Members of the review and approval by Maritime New Zealand of the council's *Port and Harbour Safety Management System Manual for Port Taranaki and its*

Approaches and introduced Mr A Parr, Harbourmaster who gave a presentation on the Port Safety Management System Manual and 2018/19 navigation/safety programme.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum;
2. notes the Port and Harbour Safety Management System Manual was developed by the Council and Port Taranaki Ltd;
3. notes the Port and Harbour Safety Management System Manual has been approved by Maritime New Zealand with three relatively minor areas for improvement recommended.

MacLeod/Muir

4. Latest report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on climate change targets and policies

- 4.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the latest report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment entitled "*Farms, forests and fossil fuels: The next great landscape transformation*" and to discuss its findings and recommendations.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Latest report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on climate change targets and policies*

Littlewood/Williamson

5. Irrigation NZ News magazine: Articles of interest

- 5.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing several articles from the latest Irrigation NZ News magazine that will be of interest to the Committee and provide some useful national context.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *Irrigation NZ News magazine: Articles of interest*

Raine/MacLeod

6. Riparian management programme update

- 6.1 Mr S J Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on progress with the Council's riparian management programme. Members noted good progress was being made but implementation needed to increase to meet the 2020 target for completion.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *Riparian management programme update*; and
2. notes the progress with the riparian programme and development of auditing process.

Muir/Littlewood

7. Farm environment plans and good management practices

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing the potential role of farm environmental plans in resource management. The plans address environmental management on farms. A powerpoint presentation from Mrs P Fourie and Mr B Cheer (Fonterra) was made to introduce Fonterra's farm environment programme.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum;
2. notes the Fonterra farm environment plans are an example of a sector led non regulatory resource management initiative;
3. notes the Ministry for the Environment are considering farm environmental plans as part of its freshwater management reform package to be released mid-2019; and
4. notes the Council has commenced a project to develop online advice for Taranaki farmers to promote the uptake of good farming management practices and aid the preparation of property-specific farm environment plans in the region.

Walker/Raine

8. State of the Environment Monitoring of Lake Rotorangi water quality and biological programme Annual Reports 2016-2018

- 8.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum to present a report prepared by staff, on the ecological and physico-chemical state of Lake Rotorangi as determined in the 2016-2018 programme monitoring the state of the lake, and trends in that quality since monitoring first began in 1984.
- 8.2 Monitoring planned at other lakes in the region was discussed.

