

**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 11 June 2019  
at 10.40am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		D H McIntyre		
		B K Raine		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	Councillors	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
		Messrs	J Hooker C Coxhead	(Iwi Representative) (South Taranaki District Council)
			G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
	<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
S J Hall			(Director-Operations)	
C L Spurdle			(Planning Manager)	
G Severinsen			(Manager Policy & Strategy)	
R Phipps			(Science Manager)	
S Tamarapa			(Iwi Communications Officer)	
R Ritchie			(Communications Manager)	
Ms			J Mack	(Committee Administrator)
Mrs			H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
Ms			G Marcroft	(Policy Analyst)
Mrs		F Hafiz	(Environmental Scientist)	
Mr		J Kitto	(Science Advisor)	
Mrs		F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)	
Mr		H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)	
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		
Mr	B Jansma	(Nga Ruahine)		

One member of the media (R Martin RadioNZ who recorded the meeting).

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillors D MacLeod (ex officio) and N W Walker, C Littlewood, Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) and Mr P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) were received and sustained.

Mr A McLay, acting as the Principal Administrative Officer, called for nominations to elect a Chair for the meeting given the absence of Councillor N Walker (Chair) and Councillor C Littlewood (Deputy Chair). Councillor M Joyce nominated Councillor C Williamson and Councillor D McIntyre seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Councillor C Williamson assumed the role of Chairperson for the meeting.

## Notification of

### Late Items

There were no late items of business.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes - 30 April 2019

### Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) 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 30 April 2019 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 21 May 2019.

McIntyre/Hooker

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. 2019 Central Government Budget Initiatives

- 2.1 Mr A McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum informing members of budget announcements relating to the Government's *Productive and Sustainable Land Use* package and highlighted matters of potential interest to the Council. It was acknowledged there was little detail provided and the Council would endeavour to gain the maximum advantage of the programmes for the region and minimise the cost impact of the package, given the Council had just completed its financial planning for 2019/20.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *2019 Central Government Budget Impacts*;
- b) notes there is little detail to determine the impacts of the package on Council programmes.

Raine/McIntyre

## 3. Submission on Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

- 3.1 Mr G Severinsen, Policy & Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a draft submission on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Bill.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Submission on Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill*;
- b) adopts the submission with any changes recommended by the Committee.

McIntyre/Boyde

(Bailey and Hooker voted against the motion)

## **4. National Planning Standards**

- 4.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum informing members of the new National Planning Standards and the proposed implementation approach, particularly using ePlanning.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *National Planning Standards*
- b) notes the National Environmental Standards will be applied as Council plans are reviewed.

Raine/Williamson

## **5. Section 42A report and track changes version of the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki**

- 5.1 Mr A McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum and introduced Ms G Marcroft (Policy Officer) who presented the Section 42A report and the track changes version of the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* (the Proposed Plan) in preparation for the hearing of submissions next month.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Section 42 A report and track changes version of the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*;
- b) agrees to release the *Track changes of the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki hearing version* and the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki Section 42 A report for the hearing* prior to a formal hearing of submissions;
- c) notes the hearing committee established by the Council will hear the submissions;
- d) notes the Council will receive the hearing committee decision for consideration and adoption before being formally released and potentially open to any appeals.

Hooker/Raine

## 6. SEM Freshwater physico-chemical monitoring programme 2017-2018 report

- 6.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the latest results of the Council's annual state of the environment monitoring programme for fresh water quality (physicochemical measures). A PowerPoint presentation of the report was also given. A number of questions from Ms E Bailey concerning the programme and its results were received and answered.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report on the state of and trends in regional physicochemical water quality data for Taranaki, for 2017-2018 and over the periods 1995-2018 and 2011-2018 respectively, together with information on compliance with the NOF and regional guidelines;
- b) receives the report *Freshwater Physicochemical Programme State of the Environment Monitoring Annual Report 2017-2018 Technical Report 2018-103*
- c) notes the findings of the trend analyses of data from the SEM physicochemical programme;
- d) notes the findings of the analysis of water quality state data from the SEM physicochemical programme;
- e) notes the findings of examination of the representativeness of the existing monitoring network; and
- f) adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Joyce/Muir

(Ms Bailey voted against the motion).

## 7. MfE and Stats NZ Report - 'Environment Aotearoa 2019'

- 7.1 Mr G Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing and briefly discussing the latest national synthesis report prepared by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and Stats New Zealand on the state of New Zealand's environment, entitled '*Environment Aotearoa 2019*'.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum '*MfE and Stats NZ report - Environment Aotearoa 2019*'.

Boyd/McIntyre

## 8. Key Native Ecosystems programme update

- 8.1 Mr S Hall, Director-Operations, presented for Member's information an update on the identification of seventeen new Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) sites and answered questions on the KNE programme.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Honeyfield's Bush, O'Sullivan Brothers, Lucien's Lot, McDonalds Glen, Te Kapua Park Bush, Hooper's Bush, Vertical Horizons, Tapuinikau Pa, Tataraimaka Pa, Eco Blue Nature Reserve, Coplestone's Bush, Banga's Bush, Jones Bush, Brough QEII, Log Jam, Abplanalp Kaupokonui Bush, Brookwood; and
- b) notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Joyce/Hooker

**Closing Karakia** Mr J Hooker (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 C Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.00pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_  
N W Walker

**Date** 23 July 2019