

**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.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	M P Joyce		
		C L Littlewood	(via <i>Zoom</i> audio/visual)	
		B K Raine		
		C S Williamson	(Committee Meeting Chairperson)	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative</b>	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative) (via <i>Zoom</i> audio/visual)	
<b>Members</b>	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Mr	P Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)	
	Councillor	C Coxhead	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		M Addison	(Investigating Officer)	
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
		Mrs	V MacKay	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mr	K Holswich	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

One Member of the media.

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor D H McIntyre, Councillor D N MacLeod, Councillor N W Walker, Councillor Richard Jordan (New Plymouth District Council), Councillor P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) and Councillor G Boyde (Stratford District Council) were received and sustained.

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

## **Election of Chairperson**

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, opened the Policy and Planning Committee meeting. Due to the absence of the Committee Chairperson and Committee Deputy Chairperson, in accordance with section 13.2 of the *Taranaki Regional Council Model Standing Orders*, the Committee was required to elect a Member (who is present) to act as Chairperson for the meeting.

Councillor C S Williamson was elected Committee Chairperson for the duration of the meeting.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes - 5 June 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 5 June 2018 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 26 June 2018.

Raine/Lean

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki: Summary of decisions requested**

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting the Committee with the summary of decisions sought for the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and the process from here.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the summary of submissions to the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
2. notes that 61 submissions have been received on the Proposed Plan
3. agrees that the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki - Summary of Decisions Requested* document be publicly notified
4. agrees that the Council invite further submissions in support or opposition to submissions made on the Proposed Plan.

Raine/Muir

### **3. Review of minimum flows and water allocation in Taranaki – consultant report**

- 3.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report produced by Mr Ian Jowett entitled *Review of Minimum flows and water allocation in Taranaki* prepared to support community discussion and consideration of minimum flow and allocation limits for Taranaki rivers within the regional *Freshwater and Land Management Plan*.
- 3.2 Mr Phipps provided a presentation *Review of Minimum Flows and Water Allocation in Taranaki (Jowett Consulting Limited)* to the Committee in support of the item that will help inform the Council's *Regional Freshwater and Land Management Plan*.
- 3.3 Mr M Ritai, Iwi Representative, noted that the Jowett Report did not directly reference Mātauranga Māori or any assessment of cultural values. While it was noted that iwi will be provided the opportunity to have a workshop session with Dr Jowett to share expertise as part of the process to engage and consult with iwi/hapu, Mr Ritai noted that a discussion on Mātauranga Māori should have occurred first.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the report *Review of minimum flows and water allocation in Taranaki*
2. notes that the report will inform technical discussions and the wider consultation of water allocation policy options to be incorporated in a proposed *Freshwater and Land Management Plan*
3. notes the Council intends to circulate the report and a factsheet and convene a series of workshops with key water stakeholders, including major water users, iwi, Department of Conservation and Fish and Game Council to further discuss and potentially resolve issues with water allocation policy in the region.

Ritai/Raine

### **4. Regional freshwater ecological quality: 2016-2017 results from state of the environment monitoring**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the latest annual results of the Council's state of environment monitoring programme for fresh water ecological health (macroinvertebrate monitoring).
- 4.2 Mr Bedford provided a presentation *Ecological measures of stream health and freshwater quality 1995-2017* to the Committee in support of the item to outline the state of and both long-term and recent trends in freshwater quality as assessed by ecological measures (macroinvertebrate index) in the Council's programme determining the state of the region's surface fresh water environment.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of and trends in regional in-stream macroinvertebrate community health data for Taranaki, for 2016-2017 and over the period 1995-2017
2. notes the findings of the SEM programme
3. adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Williamson/Joyce

## **5. SEM Periphyton Monitoring Programme Report for 2016-2018**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting the Committee with the latest report on the ecological health and state of streams and rivers in the Taranaki region as measured by assessing periphyton during the 2016-2018 years.
- 5.2 Mr Bedford provided a presentation *Ecological measures of stream health and freshwater quality 1995-2017* to the Committee in support of the item to outline the state of and both long-term and recent trends in freshwater quality as assessed by ecological measures (Periphyton measures) in the Council's programme determining the state of the region's surface fresh water environment.

## **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the results of the Council's SEM programme monitoring periphyton, and the accompanying report *Freshwater Periphyton Monitoring Programme (Periphyton monitoring in relation to amenity values) State of Environment Monitoring Report 2016-2018 Technical Report 2018-7*
2. adopts the specific report recommendations contained therein.

Williamson/Joyce

Councillor C L Littlewood and Mr K Holswich (Iwi Representative) left the Policy and Planning Committee meeting at 12.15pm.

## **6. National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry in Taranaki**

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the monitoring and enforcement work to be undertaken of forestry activities by the Council in relation to the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF).

- 6.2 Mr M Addison, Investigating Officer Forestry, provided a presentation *NES-PF Taranaki Regional Council* to the Committee in support of the item to outline the Council's on-line notification of permitted activities and inspection regime for consented and permitted activities.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes the Council has employed a staff member to monitor the forestry industry and will recover the reasonable cost of this from the sector using the user pays provisions of the Long Term Plan
3. notes the Council will monitor and where necessary enforce the provisions of the National Environmental Standard for Production Forestry and the Resource Management Act using its Enforcement Policy(2017)
4. notes, given the differences in catchment characteristics, forestry cover, harvesting methods and regulation, the issues with slash management experienced in Gisborne are unlikely to occur in Taranaki.

Raine/Joyce

## **7. Submission on Zero Carbon Bill**

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a draft submission on the Zero Carbon Bill. Submissions close on 19 July 2018.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Submission on Zero Carbon Bill*
2. adopts the submission.

Williamson/Lean

## **8. Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Iwi relationship agreements) MFE guidance and update on relationship discussions**

- 8.1 Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communications Officer, spoke to the memorandum introducing a recent report by the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) and Pou Taiao- Iwi leaders group on the development of Mana Whakahono a Rohe (iwi relationship agreements) under the Resource Management Act (RMA) and to update the Committee about work undertaken to date on developing such agreements.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Iwi relationships) Guide
2. notes the Guide and the MFE workshop provided some useful material to assist the Council and Iwi in the development of a successful relationship agreement
3. notes the Council along with the other councils, within the region and beyond, have begun informal discussions with Te Kaahui o Rauru representatives and also with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust representatives on developing a Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreement
4. notes the discussions with the two iwi have been reasonably positive and constructive in terms of identifying issues that can be addressed and seeking possible solutions for these issues
5. notes the Taranaki iwi chairs forum is also engaging with the Mayoral Forum on possible pan council/iwi approaches.

Ritai/Hooker

## **9. Key Native Ecosystems programme mid-year update 2018**

- 9.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee an update on the identification of thirteen new Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) sites.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Chris Jury Forest & Wetlands; Pirinoa; Hall's Bush; Lowe East Block; Lowe North Block; Sextus Family Reserve; Swanepoel KNE; Donald QEII; The Totaras; Todd Energy - Tikorangi Road East Farm; Peter and Margaret Atkinson; David and Raewyn Lusk and Paritutu / Centennial Park.
2. notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Raine/Muir

**Closing Karakia** Mr M Ritai (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 S Williamson, declared the open meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.55pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**

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**N W Walker**

**Date**

**28 August 2018**