

**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 21 November
2017 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)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
		Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
Mr	K Holwsich	(Iwi Representative)		
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

Two Members of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor G Boyde (Stratford District Council), Councillor R Jordan (New Plymouth District Council) and Mrs B Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) were received and sustained.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 17 October 2017

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms 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 17 October 2017 at 10.40am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 31 October 2017.

Raine/Littlewood

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Confirmation of Hearing Committee Minutes - 17 October 2017

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Hearing Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 12.10pm
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 31 October 2017.

Lean/Littlewood

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update on the review of the Coastal Plan and scheduling iwi sites of significance

- 3.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on the review of the *Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and progress relating to the scheduling and protection of sites of significance to Māori.
- 3.2 It was noted to the Committee that good progress was being made. One of the issues being addressed through this process is the issue of 'silent files'. There are a small number of cultural sites of significance that iwi or hapu do not wish to have identified in the public domain. As part of this project, Council is reviewing and setting up, in discussions with interested iwi, its GIS systems to allow such sites to be referenced

(but not mapped) in the Plan as a 'silent file' with their location identified on a database outside of plans and with restrictions on Plan user access. Also some Te Atiawa hapu do not wish to have their sites of significance identified in the Plan having questioned the engagement process. In discussions with Te Atiawa it may be that hapu might revisit this position, once a meeting and discussion with the Director –Resource Management, on how the data will be used to determine 'affected party' status position for consent applications has occurred, and they see the complete Plan.

- 3.3 It was noted and discussed that if sites of cultural significance are not identified in the Plan, then it potentially puts at risk these sites, particularly for permitted activities. It was further noted that officers will work with iwi to address wider issues of engagement and how to best protect sites through the consenting process.
- 3.3 Mr Spurdle advised that the Plan will now be publically notified in accordance with the Resource Management Act. It is anticipated a *Proposed Coastal Plan* will be presented to the Committee for consideration in the first quarter of 2018.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum entitled *Update on the review of the Coastal Plan and scheduling iwi sites of significance*
2. notes that Council officers and Iwi authorities have been working together and largely finalised the scheduling of sites of significance to Māori to be included in a Proposed Coastal Plan (where there is agreement to do so)
3. notes that there will be further opportunity for Iwi and hapu to finalise sites of significance through the first schedule review process for the Proposed Coastal Plan
4. notes that the scheduling of sites of significance has implications for the protection of sites of significance, including affected party status through consenting processes
5. notes a proposed plan will be presented to the Committee for consideration early in quarter one next year.

Williamson/Joyce

4. Ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ: Atmosphere and Climate Domain Report 2017

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the main findings and observations of the report *Our atmosphere and climate 2017: Data to 2016* recently released by the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ.
- 4.2 The Committee discussed and agreed that the Council continue to promote and encourage measures to mitigate the effects of climate change for the benefit of the region taking into account the current restrictions imposed on local authorities under the *Resource Management Act*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ: Atmosphere and Climate Domain Report 2017*
2. notes the release by the Ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ of the report referenced in the memorandum
3. encourages, where possible and practicable, measures to reduce greenhouse gases, and measures for climate change mitigation and adaptation for the benefit of the region.

Walker/Hooker

5. Office of the Auditor-General: Audit of regional council progress in managing impacts on freshwater quality

- 5.1 The memorandum updating the Committee on an audit currently being undertaken by the Office of the Auditor-General of regional council progress in managing impacts on freshwater quality was received and discussed. This is a follow-up audit of four councils audited in 2011.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Office of the Auditor-General: Audit of regional council progress in managing impacts on freshwater quality*
2. receives the Council's self-assessment completed as part of the Office of the Auditor-General's audit
3. notes that further stages of the audit process will involve interviews with key Council staff and potentially, independent technical expertise to assess aspects of science
4. notes that completion of the audit is timed for later in 2018.

Joyce/Littlewood

6. Update on environmental policies of the new coalition Government

- 6.1 Mr C G Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing Members with an update on the environmental policies of the new coalition Government.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Update on environmental policies of the new coalition Government*
2. notes that more detail on the policies and priorities will emerge over the coming weeks and months.

Raine/Williamson

7. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, it is resolved that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Policy and Planning Committee on Tuesday 21 November 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 8 – Predator Free Taranaki

THAT the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities or negotiations.

McIntyre/Lean

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
N W Walker

Date **30 January 2018**