

**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 January
2018 at 10.40am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		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)	
	Councillor	C Coxhead	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
Attending	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		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 Hafiz	(Environmental Scientist)
		Mr	C L McLellan	(Consents Manager)
	Mr	B E Pope	(Compliance Manager)	
	Mrs	J Ritchie	(Policy Analyst)	
	Ms	S Norgate	(Student)	
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)	
	Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
	Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)	
Mr	K Holwsich	(Iwi Representative)		
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		

Two Members of the public.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce 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 - 21 November 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 21 November 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 12 December 2017.

Williamson/McIntyre

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Adoption of the Regional Pest Management Plan and Biosecurity Strategy

- 2.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum seeking agreement from the Committee to adopt the *Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* and the *Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy 2017-2037*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the *Adoption of the Regional Pest Management Plan and Biosecurity Strategy*
2. notes that the Council prepared its Decision Report, publicly notified the report, and provided a copy to each submitter and to the public in November 2017
3. notes that no applications on the Plan were lodged in the Environment Court by the deadline which ended on 24 November 2017
4. agrees that the Common Seal be affixed to the Plan and that Council make and adopt the Plan and Biosecurity Strategy.

Littlewood/MacLeod

3. National climate change reports

- 3.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing three reports released by Climate Change Minister James Shaw in December 2017.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum *National climate change reports*.

Williamson/Raine

4. Taonga Freshwater Fish Populations in Aotearoa, New Zealand

- 4.1 Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communciations Officer, spoke to the memorandum introducing a National Institute of Water and Atmosphere (NIWA) report, commissioned by the Te Wai Maori Trust, on taonga freshwater populations in Aotearoa, New Zealand. A presentation *Understanding Taonga Freshwater Fisi Populations in Aotearoa, New Zealand*, was provided in support of the agenda item.
- 4.2 It was noted to the Committee that the NIWA report shows the number of fishery records for Taranaki is high and noteworthy reflecting the Council, and the efforts of others, in this important area that will help underpin policy. The Council's state of the environmental monitoring programme has a fish distribution component that includes some of the taonga species. Results of the monitoring are publically reported and provided the basis for collaboration with iwi authorities and other regulators and further development of relationships.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on Taonga Freshwater Fish Populations in Aorearoa, New Zealand
2. notes the report will be useful for the review of the Regional Freshwater and Land Plan
3. notes the report will assist the Council in developing a monitoring plan for Mātauranga Māori as required by the National Policy for Freshwater Management 2014
4. notes some of the taonga species are part of a state of the environment fish distribution monitoring programme, that will be reported to the community, and form the basis of collaboration with iwi in the region
5. notes the fishery records for Taranaki are high reflecting the Council and others' efforts that will underpin policy development.

Littlewood/Jordan

5. Stage 2 Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry

- 5.1 The memorandum outlining the main findings from Stage 2 of the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry, and updating the Committee on the implications of the Inquiry findings for the Council, was received and discussed.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Stage 2 Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry*
2. notes that work is underway to review systems and processes in regard to the findings of the Inquiry and our own review.

McIntyre/Littlewood

6. Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki

- 6.1 Mrs N West, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum presenting the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and the accompanying *Section 32 Evaluation Report - Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* seeking Members' agreement to publically notify the Proposed Coastal Plan. A presentation on the content of the Proposed Plan and a demonstration of the interactive map portal developed to allow online inspection of the maps associated with the Proposed Plan was provided in support of the agenda item.
- 6.2 It was noted and discussed the possibility of aligning the Council's emerging e-planning processes with other Taranaki local authorities, in particular the New Plymouth District Council, with a view to aligning district and regional plans access in the future. Council staff have been in discussions with district council officers regarding this, but the idea requires further investigation.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum, the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and the *Section 32 Evaluation Report Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
2. notes the feedback received from targeted consultation on the *Draft Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and the subsequent additional work and investigations undertaken
3. confirms that it is satisfied that the policies, rules and methods set out in the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* are the most appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the Plan
4. agrees to publically notify the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the RMA, on or around 24 February 2018
5. notes that the rules within the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* will have immediate legal effect upon public notification pursuant to Part 86B(3) of the RMA.

Lean/Walker

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 30 January 2018 for the following reason/s:

Item 8 – Confirmation of Confidential Minutes

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.

Item 9 – Ministry for the Environment Report

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 protect information, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information continue to be supplied.

MacLeod/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

13 March 2018