

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held in the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 18 March 2008 commencing at 10.00 am.

Present		B R Jeffares	(Taranaki Regional Council)(Chairperson)
		P D Tennent	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Matheson	(New Plymouth District Council)
		J D Edwards	(Stratford District Council)
		N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
		R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
		G Lawson	(South Taranaki District Council)

In attendance	Messrs	G K Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		M Langford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		D L Lean	(Regional Civil Defence Controller)
	Mrs	D A Smith	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	D Paulsen	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	K Evans	(Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management)
	Councillor	A Judd	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Messrs	A Hawkes	(Eltham Community Board)
		D Hislop	(Kaitake Community Board)

One member of the media

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

Briefing Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a briefing on civil defence emergency management as well as the legal responsibilities placed on elected members under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 was provided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting -
4 December 2007

Resolved

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held in the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 4 December 2007 at 10.30 am; and
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Jeffares/Tennent

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group

Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meetings:

Tuesday 6 November 2007; and
Wednesday 27 February 2008 (Unconfirmed)

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2007; and
2. notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held on Wednesday 27 February 2008.

Tennent/Dunlop

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update on Text Message Warning System ('OPTN')

- 3.1 Mr M Langford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating members on the introduction of a text message warning system in Taranaki. It was noted that there were now 2,800 subscribers to the service and that the service would be again advertised during Disaster Awareness Week in early October.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum on the update of the implementation of a text alerting system for CDEM purposes in Taranaki.

Jeffares/Tennent

4. Lifelines Advisory Group Activity Report

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council updated Members on the activities of the Lifelines Advisory Group. Members indicated their appreciation at the acceptance by John Sutton (NPDC) to be Lifelines Co-ordinator and John Jones (SDC) to be alternate co-ordinator.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the report on the Lifelines Advisory Group.

Tennent/Edwards

5. Appointment of chair and deputy chair for Co-ordinating Executive Group

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the appointment of a chairperson and deputy chairperson for the Co-ordinating Executive Group.
- 5.2 It was noted that Mr David Lean had been elected as Chairperson and Mr Gary Bedford had been elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Co-ordinating Executive Group to serve until the next triennial local body elections. To provide for the gap in time between the elections and the subsequent meeting of the CEG, it was noted that a new chair and deputy chair should be elected at the meeting of the CEG prior to the next triennial local body elections.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. notes the appointment of David Lean as Co-ordinating Executive Group chairperson and Gary Bedford as deputy chairperson for a term expiring at the next local body triennial elections.

Tennent/Edwards

6. Briefing by TrustPower on the Patea Dam

- 6.1 Members of the Group received and discussed the memorandum on a briefing by TrustPower to the CEG on the management and current contingency planning for the Patea Dam, and the forthcoming resource consent renewal process.
- 6.2 It was noted that it was timely to work with TrustPower during the resource consent renewal process to assist the Company to upgrade their contingency planning before an

event occurred. A submission had been prepared on behalf of the CEG on TrustPower's resource consent applications relating to the Patea Dam outlining relevant concerns.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum.

Jeffares/Matheson

7. Review of Patea evacuation (freezing works fire)

- 7.1 Members discussed the involvement of the Group in the evacuation of Patea on 6 February 2008 following a fire at the Patea Freezing Works and the findings of a de-brief of CEG Members and officers from other agencies who were involved.
- 7.2 Mr R Dunlop, Mayor of South Taranaki District indicated that he believed the overall response had been right but felt that the biggest problem for the residents of Patea had been fear with regard to the asbestos and believed the Taranaki District Health Board should have tested the samples more quickly to allay those fears.
- 7.3 Mr G Bedford, who was congratulated for his part in the public meeting at Patea, suggested that the Medical Officer of Health Dr Richard Hoskins should be asked to attend the next meeting of the Group to report on the findings of the Health Board's internal debrief.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum;
2. notes that a de-brief of agencies involved in the evacuation of Patea on 6 February 2008 has been held;
3. requests Taranaki District Health Board's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Richard Hoskins to attend the next meeting of the Group to report on the findings of the Health Board's internal debrief.

Edwards/Jeffares

8. Updated Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for Taranaki for 2005 - 2010

- 8.1 Mr G Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum introducing the updated Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for 2005-2010 noting that it was a five year plan structured and integrated with the Ministry's Public Education Plan.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives this memorandum;
2. adopts the updated *Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for 2005-2010*.

Tennent/Jeffares

9. Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management Report

- 9.1 Mr K Evans, Emergency Management Advisor for the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management gave a report which included Exercise Ruauumoko held in Auckland recently, the Ministry's new 24/7 call arrangement and the Central Region MCDEM Forum to be held on 20 March 2008 in Gisborne.

Recommended

THAT the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

1. receives the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management report.

10. General Business

Possible flooding following the breaking of the current drought. It was advised that the Waitotara River could now handle much heavier flows following recent river control works.

There being no further business, Chairperson Mr B R Jeffares (Taranaki Regional Council), declared the meeting of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group closed at 12.05 pm.

Confirmed:

Chairperson:

B R Jeffares

Date:

10 June 2008