

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 26
February 2008 at 10.30 pm.**

Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod M J Cloke M G Davey P D Horton M A Irving B R Jeffares M P Joyce D L Lean B J Marsh R F H Maxwell N W Walker	(Chairman)
In attendance	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield A D McLay G K Bedford A W Young G Severinsen P Ledingham	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Financial Services Manager) (Policy Manager) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	D A Smith	(Acting Committee Administrator)

One member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council
Wednesday 12 December 2007

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 12 December 2007 at 2.00 pm

08/029

Horton/Irving

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee
Tuesday 12 February 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 12 February 2008 at 10.30 am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.
3. takes as read and receives the resolutions (under delegated authority) of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 12 February 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/030

Lean/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 14 February 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki

Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 10.30am.

2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/031

Cloke/Irving

Matters arising

Development of a National Policy Statement on Fresh Water Management

It was noted that the development of a National Policy Statement on Fresh Water Management was proceeding. A draft would be notified in May or June this year on which submissions would be invited. It was also noted that this National Policy Statement has the potential to have a major impact on the future of New Zealand's economic and environmental direction.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday 18 February 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 18 February 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/032

MacLeod/Maxwell

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. 2008/2009 Annual Plan (Draft) – Statement of Proposal

- 5.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*, the summary of the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan* and the *2008/2009 estimates*.
- 5.2 Mr Chamberlain noted that this was the second annual plan prepared in the current Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) cycle and was essentially in line with what the Council had outlined in the LTCCP being 'business as usual' within the confines of the law.

- 5.3 Mr Chamberlain noted however that there was some variation from the LTCCP, particularly in the land transport and passenger transport areas noting that the total cost of those services had increased by \$1 million from 2007/2008. It was noted that a significant portion of this increase related to a change in the way in which subsidies and fare revenue were accounted for with the Council now paying a gross subsidy to the operator and retaining the fare revenue.
- 5.4 It was noted that targeted rates for New Plymouth/North Taranaki for bus services were planned to increase and a new targeted rate over South Taranaki for the new bus services in that district was required.
- 5.5 Mr Chamberlain noted that a budget to take the recently received Draft Biodiversity Strategy forward had been established.
- 5.6 It was also noted that Port Taranaki Limited had recently indicated an improved dividend projection and the increase in general rates was set at 2.4%
- 5.7 The *2008/2009 Annual Plan* would now be notified to the general public with the submission period ending on 28 April 2008. Appropriate publicity to the general public and ratepayers would be undertaken.
- 5.8 Chairman Mr D E MacLeod congratulated the Chief Executive and officers on the presentation of a 'no surprises' *2008/2009 Annual Plan*.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan—Statement of Proposal* and the 2008/2009 estimates.
2. notes the balanced budget deficit and confirms the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit.
3. adopts the 2008/2009 estimates and the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan—Statement of Proposal*.
4. publicly notifies and invites submissions on the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan—Statement of Proposal* pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the Local Government Act 2002.
5. notes the timetable for the completion and adoption of the *2008/2009 Annual Plan*.

08/033

Marsh/Walker

6. Remuneration Framework – 2008/2009 Indicative Pool

- 6.1 Members noted and discussed the memorandum advising that the Remuneration Authority had designed and published a remuneration framework for elected members.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum
2. agrees that the recommended remuneration framework continue to be salary only and that no meeting allowances be paid
3. recommends to the Remuneration Authority remuneration of Deputy Chairperson \$35,987, 2 Committee Chairpersons \$35,987 each and 7 Members \$25,778 each
4. recommends to the Remuneration Authority that no change be made to the Council's expense reimbursement policy for elected members
5. confirms the Council's policy for the remuneration of appointees to Council Committees as follows:
 - Where the appointee is being paid a full-time salary by the organisation that they represent and where part of the appointee's duties is to represent that organisation, then a meeting allowance and mileage should not be paid,
 - In all other cases (non-government organisations, district councils, iwis etc) the appointee should be paid a meeting allowance of \$170 per day and mileage reimbursement.

08/034

Horton/Maxwell

7. Councillor Induction and Training Programme

- 7.1 The memorandum to outline the proposed induction and training programme for Councillors was received and discussed. It was noted that this training was important and the programme could be added to over the next three years.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum

08/035

Irving/Joyce

8. Briefing on Dow AgroSciences

- 8.1 Mr G Bedford, Director—Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum providing a brief overview of the Council's involvement with Dow AgroSciences, including predecessor companies. Members requested that a copy of the site's history of significant events be forwarded to Mr Rusty Kane who discussed several matters at the Council's Ordinary Meeting in December 2007 on behalf of CEPRA (Chemically Exposed Paritutu Residents Association).

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum summarising matters associated with the past and present activities of the Centennial Drive site currently occupied by Dow AgroSciences.

08/036

Cloke/Lean

9. Continuance of the Taranaki CDEM Group

- 9.1 Mr G Bedford, Director—Environment Quality spoke to the memorandum recommending the Council pass a resolution providing for the continuance of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on advice provided by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management concerning steps to be undertaken to ensure the lawful continuance of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
2. resolves that the Taranaki Regional Council establish a Joint Committee with each of the Councils of Taranaki under clause 30(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, to be known as the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, with the terms of reference as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding previously agreed.

08/037

Jeffares/Lean

10. External appointments to Council Committees 2007-2010

- 10.1 Members considered the memorandum setting out the outstanding nominations received for the external appointments to the Policy and Planning Committee and Regional Land Transport Committee. It was noted that no nomination had yet been received from Te Puni Kokiri for the Policy and Planning Committee and Regional Land Transport Committee.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints Councillor Maurice Betts from the New Plymouth District Council to the Policy and Planning Committee
2. appoints Councillor Heather Dodunski from the New Plymouth District Council to the Regional Land Transport Committee

3. appoints Councillor Gordon Lawson from the South Taranaki District Council to the Regional Land Transport Committee
4. appoints Mr Brian Eriksen from the Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre Trust to the Regional Land Transport Committee
5. appoints Mr Ian May from the Taranaki District Health Board to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

08/038

Cloke/Marsh

11. Meeting Dates – March/April 2008

- 11.1 Members received and noted the memorandum providing information on the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2008.

12. General Business

There were no items of general business.

13. Public Excluded

Members resolved not to take the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council into public excluded as there were no matters arising under the items for discussion.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.55 am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **8 April 2008**