

**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 Thursday 13 March  
2008 at 10.30 am.**

<b>Present</b>	Councillors	N W Walker M J Cloke P D Horton M A Irving M P Joyce	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillor	A Hickey	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Councillor	J Rowe	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	G Hight	(Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
<b>In attendance</b>	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	
	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	R Miller	(Policy Analyst)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
		One member of the media.	

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor M G Davey, Councillor D L Lean and Councillor M Betts (New Plymouth District Council) were received and sustained.

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

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
- 14 February 2008**

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/046

Cloke/MacLeod

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Draft Taxon Management Plan for Western North Island Brown Kiwi**

- 2.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission on the draft Taxon Management Plan for Western North Island Brown Kiwi prepared by the Department of Conservation and to recommend its endorsement.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on the '*Taxon management plan for western North Island brown kiwi*'; and
2. endorses the attached submission made on the above document.

08/047

Hickey/Joyce

## **3. Carbon farming seminars and landowner opportunities**

- 3.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum informing Members on seminars recently run by the Council on the opportunities for hill country farmers to generate an income from marginal hill country through carbon farming.
- 3.2 In light of the Council's role in providing advice and information, Members requested further clarification and training on the government policies and schemes surrounding carbon farming to better understand Taranaki landowner questions and concerns. It was agreed that further information would be presented at the next Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the three well attended seminars organised by the Council to raise awareness and provide information to landowners about opportunities for carbon farming;
2. recognises the significant contribution Council can make to assist landowners take advantage of these opportunities through preparing free property plans using GIS mapping technology; and
3. notes that the financial incentives being offered to landowners to retire or plant marginal hill country will also assist the Council to promote sustainable land management in the hill country.

08/048

Irving/Horton

#### **4. Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki: Report on Submissions**

- 4.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum, and provided the Committee with a comprehensive powerpoint presentation, on the report on submissions to the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki and to recommend that the report be circulated to submitters as a basis for pre-hearing meetings. Mr Severinsen's presentation outlined key issues raised in the submissions and how the Council have addressed them.
- 4.2 Members noted that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki was the key policy document for resource management planning in the region and that a hearing was likely where any issues not addressed by the pre-hearing process would be considered.

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement: Report on submissions; and
2. agrees to distribute the report to submitters as a basis for pre-hearing meetings.

08/049

MacLeod/Irving

#### **5. General Business**

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairman Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.10pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **8 April 2008**