

Summary of Ordinary meeting, April 2020

This document covers significant matters considered and decisions made at the Taranaki Regional Council's Ordinary Council meeting held on 7 April 2020 via A/V digital links. It also includes in full the minutes recorded by the meeting administrator, apart from those relating to confidential items.

You should read this document in conjunction with the [meeting agenda](#), which incorporates or includes links to all the detailed reports and other explanatory material relating to the items considered by Councillors.

Significant matters

Impact of pandemic: The organisation has moved successfully into lockdown mode with the bulk of staff engaged in meaningful work from home, the Council was told. Monitoring and responding to environmental incidents were among defined essential services and were continuing. The Council is in good shape financially and for now can cope with the limitations imposed by the pandemic alert level. Longer term, more clarity is needed before decisions can be made on major projects and activities.

Towards Predator-Free Taranaki: While the Council's own field work has largely halted because of the lockdown, there is still a huge amount of activity by private landowners committed to Towards Predator-Free Taranaki, who are logging their progress on the Trap.NZ website. The Council is also hoping for an early resumption of predator control in Egmont National Park, an important part of the project.

Consent monitoring reports: The Council received 26 tailored compliance monitoring reports dealing with 58 consent holders. Of these, 39 were found to have a high level of environmental performance, 12 were good, six required improvement and one was poor.

Incidents, monitoring and enforcement: The Council was given details of 96 environmental incidents and 38 consent non-compliances recorded by officers from 17 January to 26 February. Many resulted in only minor environmental effects or were technical in nature. Of the 96 incidents, 23 were found to be in breach of the RMA, with appropriate enforcement procedures initiated. Another 23 occurred prior to the current period, and were included to update Councillors on latest developments. Of the 38 non-compliances, 23 arose from the annual dairy inspection round.

Resource consents: Thirty resource consents, including renewals, were issued by staff under delegation in February, the Council was told. The total for the eight months from July to February was 218, compared with 211 at the same stage the previous financial year. The Council also approved the granting of a consent to Stratford District Council relating to discharge from its wastewater treatment plant into the Pātea River. Issues raised by submitters had been settled in discussions, the Council heard, and there is no need for a hearing. The Stratford District Council is introducing a newly developed system that relies on augmented biological activity by diatomic algae to remove nutrients from wastewater. This is in use in Australia but has never been used before in this country. SDC is also reviewing its trade waste bylaw to tighten control of incoming wastewater.

Submissions to Government: Councillors endorsed submissions made to the Government on a variety of matters, including a discussion paper renewable energy and energy efficiency, and proposed national environmental standards for air quality and for outdoor storage of tyres. The submissions are broadly in favour of proposed initiatives but focused on implications for the region and the Council, such as whether tyre storage would be better regulated at the district rather than regional level, and whether tighter limits on stockpiling might be a problem outside metropolitan areas. On renewable energy and energy efficiency, the Council's submission noted a lack of clear problem definition or high-level objective.

Financial and operational performance: The Council received monthly financial reports for January and February 2020 and a Quarterly Operational Report for the three months to 31 December 2019. The reports showed the Council has generally been running to plan and on budget.



Date 7 April 2020, 10.30am
 Venue: Meeting held via audio-visual conferencing (Zoom)
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Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	(Deputy Chairperson)
		M J Cloke	
		M G Davey	
		D L Lean	<i>arrived 10.40am</i>
		C L Littlewood	
		M J McDonald	
		D H McIntyre	
		E D Van Der Leden	
		N W Walker	
C S Williamson			
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		S R Hall	(Director - Operations)
		M J Nield	(Director - Corporate Services)
		G K Bedford	(Director - Environment Quality) <i>Part meeting</i>
		A D McLay	(Director - Resource Management)
		R Phipps	(Science Manager Hydrology/ Biology)
		B Pope	(Compliance Manager)
		C McLellan	Consents Manager) <i>Part meeting</i>
		P Ledingham	(Communications Advisor)
		T K Davey	(Communications Advisor) <i>Part Meeting</i>
Ms	J Mack	(Administrator Manager)	
Miss	L Davidson	(Committee Administrator)	

Apologies An apology from Councillor D L Lean for lateness was received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items Annual Plan and rates to be discussed under general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 25 February 2020

Resolves

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms 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 Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 10.30am.

McIntyre/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Confirmation of Emergency Ordinary Minutes – 25 March 2020

Resolves

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Emergency Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 March 2020 at 1pm.

Walker/McDonald

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 4 February 2020

Resolves

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes 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 4 February 2020 at 9.30am.
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Williamson/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Confirmation of Policy and Planning Committee Minutes - 4 February 2020

Resolves

- a) 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 4 February 2020 at 10.30am.
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

Littlewood/Walker

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Confirmation of Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 17 February 2020

Resolves

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 17 February 2020 at 10.00am.
- b) notes the recommendations there in were adopted on Tuesday 25 February.

MacLeod/Walker

Matters arising

- 5.1 An update was provided on Public Passenger Transport through Covid-19 Level four lockdown.

6. Joint Committee Minutes

Resolves

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20 February 2020
- b) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.

Walker/MacLeod

7. Meeting Dates for April and May 2020

- 7.1 The meeting dates for April and May 2020 were received.
- 7.2 It was noted that due to the Covid-19 lockdown, committee meetings are provisional at this stage. The ordinary meeting for Tuesday 19 May 2020 will go ahead.

8. Consents Monitoring Annual Reports

- 8.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager Hydrology/Biology, spoke to the memorandum to advise Members of the 26 tailored compliance monitoring reports that have been prepared since the last committee meeting and answered questions arising.
- 8.2 Councillor D H McIntyre declared an interest in Ravensdown, Fonterra and Trust Power reports.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the 19-12 McKechnie Aluminium Solutions Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- b) receives the 19-17 Lower Waiwhakaiho Catchment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- c) receives the 19-29 Lepper D H Trust Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- d) receives the 19-31 Fonterra Whareroa Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- e) receives the 19-39 Todd Energy McKee Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- f) receives the 19-41 STDC Combined Kaponga, Manaia, Patea and Waverley WWTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- g) receives the 19-51 Fonterra Kapuni Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- h) receives the 19-55 Greymouth Petroleum Northern Sites Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- i) receives the 19-64 Nova Energy McKee Power Plant Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- j) receives the 19-65 Trustpower Mangorei HEP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- k) receives the 19-66 Trustpower Motukawa HEP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- l) receives the 19-71 Lower Waiwhakaiho Air Discharges Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;

- m) receives the 19-73 CD Boyd Drilling Waste and Stockpiling Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- n) receives the 19-77 Trustpower Ltd Patea HEP Scheme Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- o) receives the 19-78 Taranaki By-Products Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- p) receives the 19-79 STDC Eltham Central Landfill Baseline Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- q) receives the 19-81 Contact Energy Ltd Stratford Power Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- r) receives the 19-82 Vector Kapuni GTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- s) receives the 19-85 South Taranaki District Council HWWTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- t) receives the 19-87 Regional Cleanfill Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- u) receives the 19-88 Concrete Batching Plants Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- v) receives the 19-89 ANZCO Eltham Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- w) receives the 19-90 Silver Fern Farms Waitotara Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- x) receives the 19-91 Waverley Sawmills Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- y) receives the 19-92 Civil Quarries Ltd - Everett Road Quarry Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
- z) receives the 19-93 GSNZ SPV1 Ltd Ahuroa B Gas Storage Facility Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2018-2019 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;

Lean/Joyce

9. Incident, Compliance Monitoring, Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary - 17 January to 26 February 2020

- 9.1 Mr B Pope, Compliance Manager, spoke to the memorandum to consider and receive the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring, non-compliances and enforcement for the period 17 January 2020 to 26 February 2020 and answered questions arising.

- 9.2 Councillor C L Littlewood declared an interest in Port Taranaki and noted that she has started a new role with Venture Taranaki managing the 2050 Roadmap for Taranaki.
- 9.3 Councillor D N MacLeod also declared an interest in Port Taranaki.

Recommended

- a) receives this memorandum
- b) receives the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring, non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 17 January 2020 to 26 February 2020, notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Williamson

10. Resource Consents Issued Under Delegated Authority and Applications in Progress

- 10.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum updating Members’ of consents granted, consents under application and consent processing actions, since the last meeting. The information was summarised in the attachments. The reports provided more information on consultation undertaken with iwi and the community.

Recommended

- a) receives the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Davey/Littlewood

11. Report on notified discharge permit application – Stratford District Council Treated Wastewater Discharge

- 11.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum recommending the approval of a resource consent for Stratford District Council to discharge treated wastewater from the Stratford Wastewater Treatment Plant into the Pātea River and answered questions arising.
- 11.2 It was clarified that the Stratford District Council has allowed for future growth of the township with the new treatment system.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum
- b) notes the extensive and collaborative prehearing process that has occurred to successfully resolve submissions on the application
- c) approves the consent application as recommended in the attached report.

McIntyre/Davey

12. Submission on the Discussion Document: Accelerating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

- 12.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, presented the memorandum to introduce the submission on the discussion document *Accelerating renewable energy and energy efficiency* and to recommend its endorsement.
- 12.2 It was noted that Officers had sent this submission to the Policy and Planning Committee requesting feedback before it was submitted.

Recommended

- a) receives the memorandum *Submission on the Discussion Document: Accelerating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency*
- b) notes the submission was made prior to endorsement by Council
- c) endorses the submission.
- Littlewood/McIntyre

13. Update on Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place – Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project

- 13.1 Mr S Hall, Director – Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information the quarterly update on the progress of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place – Towards Predator-Free* Project and answered questions arising.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place – Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* Project
- b) notes the progress and milestones achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place – Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project
- Walker/Williamson

14. Submissions on National Environmental Standards for Outdoor Storage of Tyres and Air Quality

- 14.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' two submissions sent to the Ministry for the Environment:
- Submission on the *Proposed National Environmental Standards for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres* (NES-OST)
 - Submission on the *Proposed Amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality: particulate matter and mercury emissions* (NES-AQ)
- 14.2 It was noted that Officers had sent these two submissions to the Policy and Planning Committee requesting feedback before they were submitted.

Recommended

- a) receives the memorandum entitled *Submissions on National Environmental Standards for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres and Air Quality*
- b) endorses the following submissions sent to the Ministry for the Environment by their due dates:
 - Submission on the *Proposed National Environmental Standards for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres* (NES-OST)
 - Submission on the *Proposed Amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality: particulate matter and mercury emissions* (NES-AQ)

McIntyre/Davey

15. Financial and Operational Report

- 15.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive information on the operational and financial performance of Council and answered questions arising.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum and the January and February 2020 financial reports
- b) notes the Regional Integrated Ticketing System update
- c) notes the digital media report
- d) notes the health and safety reports for January 2020 and February 2020

Cloke/Williamson

16. Quarterly Operational Report

- 16.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum for Members' to consider and receive the Quarterly Operational Report (QOR) for the quarter ended 31 December 2019 and answered questions arising.
- 16.2 Following advice from Ministry of Social Development, an application to the wage subsidy scheme for some staff as they are unable to work from home is being progressed.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and adopts the Quarterly Operational Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2019

Lean/McDonald

17. Port Taranaki Ltd: Half Year Report to 31 December 2019

- 17.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Port Taranaki's report on the operations and activities of the company for the six months ended 31 December 2019.
- 17.2 Councillors D N MacLeod and C L Littlewood declared an interest in Port Taranaki Ltd.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives Port Taranaki Limited's report for the six months ended 31 December 2019 including the unaudited financial report
- b) notes the 2019/2020 Port Taranaki Ltd dividends of \$3,500,000 in September 2019 and \$4,500,000 in February 2020.

Joyce/Williamson

18. Regional Software Holdings Ltd: Six Month Report to Shareholders to 31 December 2019

- 18.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the report to receive and consider Regional Software Holdings Ltd's interim report on the operations and activities of the company for six months ending 31 December 2019.
- 18.2 Mr M J Nield declared an interest in RHSL as the chairman and board member.

Recommended

- a) receives Regional Software Holdings Ltd's interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2019 including the unaudited financial report.

Cloke/Williamson

19. Regional Software Holdings Ltd: Draft Statement of Intent of 2020/2021 to 2022/2023

- 19.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider Regional Software Holdings Ltd's Statement of Intent (SOI) for the year ending 30 June 2021 and then to provide feedback to the Board of Directors.
- 19.2 Mr M J Nield declared an interest in RHSL as the chairman and board member.
- 19.2 RHSL are well underway with planning of the next generation of IRIS.
- 19.3 Councillor D N MacLeod expressed his gratitude to Mr M J Nield for the work he puts in the RSHL.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and considers Regional Software Holdings Ltd's Statement of Intent for the year ended 30 June 2021
- b) provides feedback to the Board of Directors of Regional Software Holdings Ltd.
Lean/MacLeod

20. Taranaki Stadium Trust Half Year Report to 31 December 2019

- 20.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the Taranaki Stadium Trust's half-year report for the six months ended 31 December 2019.
- 20.2 Mr M J Nield and Councillor E D Van Der Leden declared an interest in Taranaki Stadium Trust as Trustees.

Recommended

- a) receives the Taranaki Stadium Trust's half-year report for the six months ended 31 December 2019.
Williamson/Cloke

21. Taranaki Stadium Trust: Statement of Intent for the Year Ending 30 June 2021

- 21.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the Taranaki Stadium Trust's Statement of Intent (SOI) for the year ending 30 June 2021 and then to provide feedback to the Trustees.
- 21.2 Mr M J Nield and Councillor E D Van Der Leden declared an interest in Taranaki Stadium Trust as Trustees.
- 21.3 Councillor M J Cloke congratulated Mr M J Nield for the work he has put in to the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the way he has dealt with the many challenges over the past year. Councillor E D Van Der Leden also expressed thanks to Mr M J Nield for the guidance he has given her as a new trustee to the Taranaki Stadium Trust.

Recommended

- a) receives and considers the Taranaki Stadium Trust's Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2021
- b) provides feedback to the Trustees of the Taranaki Stadium Trust.
Joyce/MacLeod

22. Key Functions and Terms of Reference for Regional Transport Committee

- 22.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum advising of the functions of the Regional Transport Committee and the Regional Transport Advisory Group and providing a draft Terms of Reference for the groups.

Recommended

- a) notes the role of regional transport committees, as required by the *Land Transport Management act 2003*
- b) receives and endorses the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki, subject to any comments received
- c) receives and endorses the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Advisory Group for Taranaki, subject to any comments received
- d) notes the decision by Stratford District Council to again, join the Taranaki region in respect of transport matters, and that a Memorandum of Understanding has been completed to formalise this arrangement.

McDonald/Cloke

23. General business

23.1 Annual Plan

A discussion was held around the potential to have a lower rates increase than previously forecast. Executive Officers are working through their budgets, looking at realigning some projects or deferring them, to lower costs in order to potentially reduce the rates increase. It was noted that if costs are reduced then over the next couple of years, Council would need to be playing catch-up.

Executive Officers are working on an application to Crown Infrastructure Partners to include the Yarrow Stadium project as an infrastructure project that could be ready to go within the next six months to have some funding provided to assist with the refurbishment.

24. Public Excluded

- 24.1 In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2020 for the following reasons:

25. Public Excluded Ordinary Minutes – 25 February 2020

THAT the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting 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 unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.

26. Public Excluded Emergency Ordinary Minutes – 25 March 2020

THAT the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting 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 unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.

27. Public Excluded Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 17 February 2020

THAT the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting 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 unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.

28. Prosecution

THAT the public conduct of whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where such disclosure would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

29. Yarrow Stadium Project Steering Group Update

THAT the public is excluded to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Lean Walker

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Public Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 12.17pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson:

D N MacLeod

19 May 2020