



# MINUTES Ordinary Meeting



**Date:** 5 August 2025

**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

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**Present:**

C S Williamson	Chairperson
N W Walker	Deputy Chairperson
S W Hughes	
B J Bigham	
A L Jamieson	
M J Cloke	
D H McIntyre	joined meeting at 10.32am
D M Cram	

**Attending:**

S Ruru	Chief Executive
M Nield	Director – Corporate Services
A Matthews	Director – Environmental Quality
A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
D Harrison	Director – Operations
F Kiddle	Strategy Lead
M Jones	Governance Administrator
N Chadwick	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive and Chair
C Woollen	Communications Advisor

Four media representatives present

17 members of the public in attendance

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and sustained from Councillor Littlewood and Councillor Davey Bigham/Hughes

## 1. Deputations: D Moeahu and P Moeahu

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the deputations from D Moeahu and P Moeahu.

Bigham/Hughes

## 2. Council Conduct Review Report

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Council Conduct Review report
- b) noted and accepted the findings contained in the Council Conduct Review report
- c) endorsed the decisions it made at its 18 February 2025 meeting to apologise to Mr Dinnie Moeahu (for the disrespectful treatment shown during his deputation), Iwi representatives, Iwi and hapu, the Taranaki community and councillors who were denied the opportunity to speak for the shortcomings identified in the review report
- d) recommended that the 2025-28 triennium Council:
  - i. includes in its elected member induction and professional development programmes training opportunities on the Treaty and its principles, mātauranga Māori and the tikanga of different iwi in Taranaki
  - ii. considers making greater use of additional ordinary, extraordinary and/or emergency committee and council meetings to allow for the formal consideration of items that require decisions to be made 'outside' of the scheduled meeting cycle
  - iii. agrees to a preferred operating model at the start of their term and then use that to inform a review of standing orders, the code of conduct and general meeting protocols
  - iv. seeks advice from officers on options for allowing for greater public input at Council and Committee meetings
  - v. considers structured training on agreed meeting procedures and standing orders be made available to all councillors and committee members
  - vi. strongly encourages all councillors and committee members to attend the full induction programme.
  - vii. seeks advice on the merits of implementing a professional review and development programme for Council and its committees.
  - viii. that it places an emphasis on legislative compliance and suggest that it task the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee work with overseeing work in this area.
- e) agreed that all Council and committee meetings should be held in venues in which it is possible to live stream and record meetings that are open to the public.
- f) recommended that the Chief Executive prepares a comprehensive briefing report for the 2025-2028 triennium Council on the current state of Iwi relationships and options for how Council might go about strengthening these having regard to the statutory obligations that Council has and its strategic priorities.
- g) asked the Chief Executive to provide regular briefings on the environment in which Council is operating, including proposed Government reforms and other issues that are of importance to the work of Council.

- h) agreed to maintain a forward work programme for Council and each of its main committees.
- i) instructed the Chief Executive to report to the new Council on the range of options for allowing for public input at Council and committee meetings and the relative merits of adopting a formal approach to the use of such tools.
- j) agreed that the Chief Executive and senior officers should be encouraged to consider asking for an adjournment in meetings where they believe it is needed to enable the development of more complete advice to Council on procedural or substantive matters relating to an item under consideration
- k) recognised the importance of following an appropriate decision-making process in making its decisions.
- l) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- m) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Hughes/Bigham

Councillor McIntyre was against  
All members of the public left the meeting  
Two media representatives left the meeting

### 3. Confirmation of Ordinary Council Minutes – 24 June 2025

#### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford 24 June 2025.

Cloke/Jamieson

### 4. Receipt of Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 22 July 2025

#### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 22 July 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Hughes/Cram

## 5. Receipt of Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 22 July 2025

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 22 July 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Bigham/Jamieson

## 6. Receipt of Executive Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 28 July 2025

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Executive Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten, Stratford on Monday 28 July 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Walker

## 7. Maniapoto Relationship Agreement Endorsement

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Maniapoto Relationship Agreement Endorsement*
- b) endorsed the Relationship Agreement contained in Attachment One
- c) approved the signing of the Relationship Agreement by a Council representative alongside signatories from Te Nehenehenui, Ruapehu District Council and Horizons Regional Council
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/McIntyre

## 8. Meeting Dates

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum Meeting Dates for 6 August 2025 – 16 September 2025
- b) noted the upcoming meeting dates.

Cloke/Willimson

## 9. Public Excluded

Item 14:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Ordinary Council Minutes – 24 June 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 15:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes 22 July 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 16:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Policy and Planning Committee Minutes 22 July 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 17:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Extraordinary Council Minutes – 22 July 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 18:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 28 July 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the 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 the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Williamson/Walker

There being no further business the Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting closed with a karakia at 11.23am.

Council Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**C S Williamson**