

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the  
Taranaki Regional Council, held  
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47  
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 21  
May 2019 at 10.30am**



**Present**

Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
	M J Cloke	
	M P Joyce	
	D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)
	C L Littlewood	(via Zoom)
	M J McDonald	
	D H McIntyre	
	B K Raine	
	N W Walker	(via Zoom)
	C S Williamson	

**Attending**

Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
	S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
	G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Services)
	R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
	P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	A Bunn	(IT Officer)
Ms	J Mack	(Committee Administrator)

Six members of the media - Radio NZ, TVNZ, Stuff, NZME, Stratford Press  
Public Gallery - 11 members

**Apologies** The apology from Councillor M G Davey was received and sustained.

**Notification of  
Late Items**

There were no late items of business.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - 9 April 2019**

**Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes, confidential minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Port Taranaki Limited boardroom, 2-8 Bayly Road, New Plymouth, on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 10.30am.

Lean/Cloke

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **2. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes - 30 April 2019**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) receives 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 30 April 2019 at 9.30am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Cloke/McDonald

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **3. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes - 30 April 2019**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) receives 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 30 April 2019 at 10.30am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Raine

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

Item 2 page 16 - Mr A D McLay (Director-Resource Management) commented that a Hearing Commissioner has been identified and contract preparation is underway.

## **4. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 13 May 2019**

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) receives the minutes and confidential 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 13 May 2019 at 9.05am.

b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Lean/Williamson

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting to hear submissions to the 2019/2020 Annual Plan - 13 & 14 May 2019**

#### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting to hear submissions to the 2019/2020 Annual Plan, of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 10.00am

b) adopts the recommendations therein.

MacLeod/Cloke

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **6. Adoption of the 2019/2020 Annual Plan**

6.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to adopt the Council's 2019/2020 Annual Plan. Chairman MacLeod gave a brief background to the process leading up today, and thanked management staff for their effort and hard work required over this process.

#### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives and acknowledges, with thanks, the submissions forwarded in response to the Consultation Document on the 2019/2020 Annual Plan

b) confirms a nil general rates change for 2019/2020

c) reconfirms the vision for Yarrow Stadium as:

*The best regional stadium in New Zealand that regularly hosts national and international sports and entertainment events.*

*A stadium for both major events and community events and the premier outdoor field for team sports codes.*

*A stadium that is loved by sports fans and the local community.*

*A stadium that is a quality experience for event promoters, participants and spectators, which is achieved through superior event facilities, presentation and management and through the early adoption and smart use of technology.*

- d) in respect to Yarrow Stadium, that having considered the options, funding implications, the Council's legislative obligations and the decision-making requirements of the *Local Government Act 2002*, adopts an amended Option 2 for inclusion in the *2019/2020 Annual Plan* at a total budget not to exceed \$50m and for the Option to include the repair/reinstatement of the two stands, the delivery of the essential updates but excluding the high priority updates except for the replacement of the turf on Field 1, until such time as further investigations have been undertaken with the intention of revisiting the high priority items as part of the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* (noting, the scope of the repair/reinstatement, the essential updates and the high priority updates is in the attached Officer's Report)
- e) amends the rating proposals included in the *Funding Impact Statement* to match the reduced total budget of \$50m
- f) notes that external funding sources for Option 2 will be pursued
- g) agrees that additional alternative external sources of funding continue to be explored and that if, by 31 December 2020, such funding has been sourced to enable the completion of Option 4, at no additional cost to the Council, then the Council will further consider the implementation of Option 4
- h) notes that the Taranaki Stadium Trust will continue to investigate issues around liability, insurance and financial redress
- i) confirms that the Yarrow Stadium facilities should be as accessible and affordable as possible to the widest range of users and that the level of use and range of users should look to increase over time and requests the Taranaki Stadium Trust advise the stadium operator (New Plymouth District Council) of those expectations
- j) agrees to review the *Revenue and Financing Policy* for Yarrow Stadium as part of the preparation of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan* in conjunction with further work on the high priority portions of Option 2, consideration of external funding for Option 4 and confirmation of the costs of delivery of Option 2
- k) confirm the rating incidence for industrial and commercial ratepayers in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies as a combination of a \$150 fixed targeted rate and a targeted land value rate
- l) confirms the rating incidence for ratepayers in the Patea Ward of the South Taranaki district as unchanged but with a review to be undertaken as part of the *2021/2031 Long-Term Plan*
- m) notes that the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee will provide regular reporting on the implementation of the adopted Option including reports on works and progress against the approved budget.
- n) in respect to membership of the Local Government Funding Agency, that having considered the options, funding implications, the Council's legislative obligations and the decision-making requirements of the *Local Government Act 2002*, agrees to join the Local Government Funding Agency

- o) declines the request to provide additional one-off funding of \$25,000 to the South Taranaki District Museum Trust for an on-line documentary channel for Taranaki but refers the South Taranaki District Museum Trust in conjunction with the South Taranaki District Council to the NZ Communities Trust
- p) supports the recommendations from the attached Officer's Report in relation to the requests for changes to the *2019/2020 Annual Plan* from Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust
- q) notes the balanced budget deficit for 2019/2020 and confirms the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit
- r) notes that the use of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits balances out over the ten-year life of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan* and that, over the full ten years, the Council's budgets balance
- s) notes that the formatting of the *2019/2020 Annual Plan* is still to be completed and that there are a number of minor editorial changes to be made
- t) adopts the *2019/2020 Annual Plan*

Cloke/Lean

The vote was unanimously carried.

## **7. Councillor Remuneration for 2019/2020**

- 7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum regarding communication from the Remuneration Authority on elected remuneration for 2019/2020.

### **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the Remuneration Authority's communication on elected member remuneration for 2019/2020

McIntyre/Raine

## **8. 2019 Local Government New Zealand Conference**

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum seeking attendees to the 2019 Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held in Wellington, 7-9 July 2019.
- 8.2 Chairman MacLeod sought expressions of interest from Councillors who wished to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference. Councillors Joyce, McDonald and McIntyre expressed interest.

## **Resolved**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) appoints the Chairperson, Councillor D N MacLeod, together with the Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Wellington, 7 - 9 July 2019
- b) seeks expressions of interest from Councillors who may wish to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Wellington, 7 - 9 July 2019
- c) delegates to the Chairperson the authority to finalise the attendees at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Wellington, 7 - 9 July 2019
- d) appoints the Chairperson, Mr D N MacLeod as Presiding Delegate to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand to be held on Sunday 7 July 2019 in Wellington
- e) noting that the Taranaki Regional Council is entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand by up to three delegates, appoints up to two delegates to the Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand from amongst Councillors that will be attending the 2019 Local Government New Zealand Conference.

Cloke/Williamson

## **9. Meeting Dates June 2019**

9.1 The next round of Council and joint committee meetings were received and noted.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.20am.

## **Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **2 July 2019**