

**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 5 June 2018
at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce		
		D H McIntyre		
		B K Raine		
		C S Williamson		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
Representative Members	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Mr	P Muir	(Taranaki Federated Farmers)	
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	K Holswich	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	B Jansma	(Environmental Scientist)
		Ms	G Marcroft	(Policy Analyst)
		Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)
	Mrs	V MacKay	(Science Manager)	
Mr	C L McLellan	(Consents Manager)		
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		
Apologies	The apology from Councillor C L Littlewood was received and sustained.			
Notification of Late Items	There were no late items of business.			

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 24 April 2018

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential 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 24 April 2018 at 10.35am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 15 May 2018.

MacLeod/Hooker

Matters Arising

The impacts of recent extreme rainfall in the Gisborne region and the discharge of forestry slash to rivers was raised and a discussion held over the likelihood of this being an issue for Taranaki and how this could be managed under the NES – Production Forestry. Concerns had been previously expressed by Cr Boyde about similar incidents in Stratford District.

2. Update on submissions to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the submissions received to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki and the process from here.
- 2.2 The Committee noted and discussed the number of Hearing Commissioners that the Council has who are accredited under the *Making Good Decisions Programme* (currently three). As Members retire or no longer keep their accredited status current, the Council may wish to consider sending other Members through the programme to plan for the future and/or appoint external commissioners with the required skills.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Update on submissions to the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
2. notes and endorses the Council's submission on the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
3. notes 61 submissions have been received on the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*
4. notes that officers have commenced the analysis and summary of submissions.

Williamson/Raine

3. ***Our Land 2018: National environment report from ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ***

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the main findings and observations from the report *Our Land 2018: Data to 2017* recently released by the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Our Land 2018: National environment report from the Ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ*
2. notes the release by the Ministry for the Environment/Stats NZ of the report referenced in the memorandum.

Williamson/Muir

4. **New Zealand Fish Passage Guidelines**

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum introducing the *New Zealand Fish Passage Guidelines* prepared by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) in partnership with the New Zealand Fish Passage Advisory Group and to recommend the Guidelines be taken into account by the Council when promoting fish passage in Taranaki.
- 4.2 Mr B Jansma, Environmental Scientist, provided a presentation *Barriers to Fish Passage* to the Committee in support of the item to provide a local context on fish passage work undertaken in the region.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *New Zealand Fish Passage Guidelines*
2. notes that the guidelines will provide a useful tool for this Council in further promoting good fish passage management in Taranaki.

Joyce/Raine

5. **Deep South National Science Challenge: Climate Adaptation Ambassadors' Workshop**

- 5.1 The memorandum introducing a research project being undertaken as part of the Deep South National Science Challenge to steer research on climate change adaptation through to policy and action via a network of climate adaptation ambassadors was received and discussed.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Deep South National Science Challenge: Climate Adaptation Ambassadors' Workshop*
2. notes that the workshop was the first of several to be held during 2018 which will lead to a second phase of research in 2019
3. notes that Mr Gray Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, has been appointed the Council's contact point on climate change issues.

Williamson/Boyde

6. Second quarterly monitoring report on urban development indicators for New Plymouth District

- 6.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the second *Quarterly Monitoring Report on Urban Development Indicators for the New Plymouth District* that gives effect to one of the required elements of *the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Second quarterly monitoring report on urban development indicators for New Plymouth district*
2. notes that the Quarterly Monitoring Report has been prepared by the New Plymouth District Council and gives effect to district and regional council requirements under the NPS-UDC
3. notes that both councils have written to the Minister for the Environment to request an extension of the timeframe for completion of the Future Development Strategy.

Jordan/Lean

7. Water Quantity Accounting System for Taranaki

- 7.1 The memorandum introducing the Council's water quantity accounting system, as required for resource management and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, was received and discussed.
- 7.2 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, provided a presentation *Water Quantity Accounting System for Taranaki* to the Committee in support of the item.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Water Quantity Accounting System for Taranaki*

2. notes the Council has meet the water quantity requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
3. notes that the accounting system will be part of a broader discussion on water allocation policy that will involve workshops with water stakeholders, including water users, iwi, and Fish and Game Council to further discuss water allocation in the region.

Raine/Williamson

Closing Karakia Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the open meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
N W Walker

Date **17 July 2018**