

**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 6 June 2017
at 10.30 am.**



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	
		C L Littlewood	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		C S Williamson	<i>from 11.00am</i>
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Attending	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
		Mr	R Phipps
Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)	
Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)	
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	

Apologies The apologies from Councillor R Jordan (New Plymouth District Council) and Mrs B Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) were received and sustained. Councillor C S Williamson's apology for lateness was received.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 2 May 2017

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. 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 2 May 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 8 May 2017.

Littlewood/Raine

Matters Arising

Submission on Clean Water consultation document

The Committee were advised that a summary of the Council's submission on the *Clean Water consultation document* was sent by the Council Chairman to Taranaki Members of Parliament. No responses have been received to date.

2. Implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity

- 2.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the final gazetted *National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity* and outlined the Taranaki Regional Council's requirements relating to its implementation.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity*
2. notes that New Plymouth is likely to be identified as a high growth urban area
3. notes that the Taranaki Regional Council will be working with New Plymouth District Council to set minimum targets relating to New Plymouth's urban development capacity to be included in the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki* and in the development of appropriate monitoring and reporting systems.

McIntyre/MacLeod

3. Report by Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor: *New Zealand's fresh waters: values, state, trends and human impacts*

- 3.1 Mrs V McKay, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the release of a report (the Report) on *New Zealand's Fresh waters: values, state, trends and human impacts*, prepared by Sir Peter Gluckman, the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor. A presentation was made to the Committee on the Report's key points and observations and learnings from Mrs McKay's attendance at the recent Local Government Zealand Freshwater Symposium 2017.
- 3.2 The close alignment between Sir Peter's views on resource management and those of the Council were discussed and strongly acknowledged.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum noting the release of a paper by the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor on the issues surrounding fresh water in New Zealand
2. receives the report *New Zealand's fresh waters : values, state, trends and human impacts*
3. notes the strong alignment between much of what the Council is undertaking or promoting for environmental management of fresh water, and the stance taken by Sir Peter within the report to address environmental issues.

Joyce/MacLeod

4. SEM Freshwater Physico-chemical monitoring programme 2015-2016 report

- 4.1 The memorandum presenting an update to the Committee on the latest results of the Council's state of the environment monitoring (SEM) programme for freshwater quality (physicochemical measurements) was noted and discussed. A presentation was provided to the Committee on the Council's monitoring of the SEM freshwater physicochemical sites in the 2015-2016 year, including an analysis of trends in the data since 1995.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of and trends in regional physicochemical water quality data for Taranaki, for 2015-2016 and over the periods 1995-2016 and 2009-2016, respectively, together with information on trends for the period and compliance with the NOF and regional guidelines
2. receives the report *Freshwater Physicochemical Programme State of the Environment Monitoring Annual Report 2015-2016 Technical Report 2016-27*
3. notes the findings of the trend analyses of data from the SEM physicochemical programme
4. notes the findings of the analysis of water quality state data from the SEM physicochemical programme
5. adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Littlewood/McIntyre

5. Our Fresh Water 2017 – national environmental report from Ministry of the Environment/StatsNZ

- 5.1 Mr R Phipps, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the main findings and observations of the report *Our fresh water 2017: Data to 2016* recently released by the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ together with commentary by Council officers and selected commentary from experts/authorities on water quality and management in New Zealand.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Our Fresh Water 2017- national environmental report from Ministry for the Environment/StatsNZ*
2. notes the release by the Ministry for the Environment/StatsNZ of the report referenced in the memorandum.

Raine/Williamson

6. Submission on managing third party risk exposure from onshore petroleum wells

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission made to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on their discussion document *Managing third party risk exposure from onshore petroleum wells*. The submission was sent by the due date of 28 April 2017.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Submission on managing third party risk exposure from onshore petroleum wells*
2. adopts the submission.

Boyde/Williamson

7. Coastal and Marine Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: Taranaki applications

- 7.1 Mr C G Severinsen, Policy and Strategy Manager, spoke to the memorandum summarising the provisions of the *Coastal and Marine Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011* that recognises Maori customary rights in the marine and coastal area, identifying the applications for Maori customary rights that have been made in Taranaki, and, advises the Council, after legal advice, has joined proceedings to keep a watching brief in relation to the applications.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Coastal and Marine Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: Taranaki applications*
2. notes the Council has joined the High Court proceedings
3. notes that further information will be provided to Members on the applications as it comes to hand.

Littlewood/McIntyre

8. Extension to the dung beetle introduction programme to Taranaki dairy farms

8.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum providing information on an extension to a dung beetle release programme for Taranaki.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Extension of the dung beetle programme to Taranaki dairy farms*
2. notes it is considered too early to consider an investment in an extension programme until there is evidence of beetle establishment and growth from past releases
3. notes if there is further Council investment it will be minimal with farmers contributing most of the cost.

Nixon/Raine

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

Confirmed

Chairperson

_____ **N W Walker**

Date

25 July 2017