

**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 13 March  
2018 at 10.30am.**



<b>Members</b>	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M P Joyce C L Littlewood D H McIntyre B K Raine C S Williamson		
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
<b>Representative Members</b>	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)	
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)	
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council)	
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)	
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)	
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)	
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		S Ellis	(Environmental Services Manager)	
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
		Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		Mrs	J Ritchie	(Policy Analyst)
		Mrs	V McKay	(Science Manager)
		Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
		Mrs	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	K Holwsich	(Iwi Representative)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)		
Mr	D McClutchie	(Tiaki Te Mauri o Parininihi Trust)		
Mr	C O'Carroll	(Tiaki Te Mauri o Parininihi Trust)		
Ms	M Benson	(Tiaki Te Mauri o Parininihi Trust)		
Ms	A McKay	(Tiaki Te Mauri o Parininihi Trust)		

One Member of the Media.

<b>Apologies</b>	The apologies from Councillor D L Lean and Mr P Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) were received and sustained.
<b>Notification of Late Items</b>	There were no late items of business.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes - 30 January 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 30 January 2018 at 10.40am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 February 2018.

Williamson/McIntyre

### Matters Arising

#### Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki

It was noted that three submissions have been received on the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki*. Submissions close 27 April 2018.

## 2. Key Native Ecosystems programme update 2018

- 2.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information an update on the identification of twelve new Key Native Ecosystem sites. Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, provided a presentation *Biodiversity Programme* in support of the agenda item.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for Campbell's Bush; Mangamingi Bush Reserve; The Two Sisters; Whakamara; Fisher Family Bush; Rukumoana Reserve; QEII Covenants 5/06/011 & 5/06/031; Huiroa Reserve; Vujcich Kamahi Swamp Maire Forest; Willing's Woodlot; Jupp Covenant (Bean Dog's Bush) and Harlow Fern
2. notes that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystems.

Littlewood/MacLeod

### **3. Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust – Annual Update**

Mr John Hooker, Iwi Representative, gave a Mihi whakatau to welcome the guests from Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust to the meeting.

- 3.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing the annual report prepared by the Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust on its operational activities through to August 2017.
- 3.2 Mr Davis McClutchie, Trustee Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust Chairperson, provided a verbal presentation to the Committee summarising the Trust's pest control work, operational activities, kiwi and rare plant monitoring/protection, and promotional and educational events, including the Kokako release in May and July 2017.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and the report entitled *Tiaki te Mauri o Parininihi Trust – Progress report for the Taranaki Regional Council – August 2017*.

Hooker/Bailey

### **4. Annual report on the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management: 2016/2017**

- 4.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the implementation programme for the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014* (NPS-FM) for the 2016/2017 financial year.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *Report on the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management: 2016/2017*
2. notes the progress on the implementation of the NPS-FM for the 2016/2017 financial year.
3. notes this agenda item fulfils the public reporting provisions of the progressive implementation plan.

Littlewood/Jordan

### **5. Report on draft swimmability targets**

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report setting out draft regional targets for swimmable rivers and lakes in Taranaki.

- 5.2 It was noted that one of the National Policy Statement (NPS) Freshwater Management criteria for swimmability would require large reductions in E coli concentrations during high flows. Ministry for the Environment regional sector modelling of projected reductions had not adequately taken this into account, and had also in the opinion of officers, over-estimated the benefits for water quality of dairy effluent diversion to land. The Council had previously raised these and other concerns with the Ministry. While a re-drafted modelling report had only noted but not responded to these concerns, a more recent Ministry email advised that all modelled improvements for Taranaki had been wrongly presented in the report. A Ministry letter just received confirmed that these and other errors were being corrected. The Ministry would be engaging with the Council over the question of high flows and high counts, that the final report would include a paragraph recording the Council's concerns, and that the Ministry were committed to reviewing seasonality within the NPS criteria. The letter had not challenged the Council's concerns.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Report on draft swimmability targets*
2. notes that draft regional targets will be made available to the public by 31 March 2018 as required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
3. notes the community will not be able to meet the Government's targets
4. notes feedback from the public will be sought on the targets
5. sends a copy of the report to the Ministry for the Environment
6. notes that the targets could change before the Council is required to adopt final targets by 31 December 2018.

Joyce/Raine

## **6. Draft report on incorporating mātauranga Māori into monitoring of freshwater in Taranaki**

- 6.1 Mr S Tamarapa, Iwi Communications Officer, spoke to the memorandum introducing a draft report into how the Council might incorporate mātauranga Māori into the monitoring of freshwater in Taranaki. The report is considered draft because it contains important cultural matters the Council wishes to consult Taranaki iwi authorities on. A presentation, *Incorporating Mātauranga Māori into the Monitoring of Freshwater in Taranaki* was provided in support of the agenda item.
- 6.2 Concern was noted to the Committee by Ms E Bailey concerning the process in developing the draft report. Engagement with Iwi and Hapu on how they would see the development of this matter, especially at the initial stage, was considered fundamentally important. The report was designed to inform the Council and Committee on the requirements of the National Policy Statement and what mātauranga Māori is and did not presume an outcome.

- 6.3 Council staff agreed to reconsider the way forward, noting the comments and concerns expressed. It was agreed to keep the draft report as an internal report and commence consultation with iwi/hapu. Accordingly the recommendations were amended.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Draft internal report on incorporating mātauranga Māori into monitoring of freshwater in Taranaki*
2. agrees to initiate consultation with iwi on developing a freshwater monitoring plan incorporating mātauranga Māori.

Hooker/Littlewood

## **7. Department of Conservation review of the effect of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement**

- 7.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum briefing the Committee on the key outcomes of the Department of Conservation's review of the effect of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 on regional policy statements, plans, and resource consents, and other decision making.

### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and notes the key outcomes of the review of the effect of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

Nixon/Boyde

## **8. Quarterly monitoring report on urban development indicators for New Plymouth District**

- 8.1 Mr C L Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the first *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 *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 Council will be working and liaising closely with New Plymouth District Council regarding our mutual responsibilities under the NPS-UDC to monitor and plan for housing and business capacity in the New Plymouth urban area.

Raine/Williamson

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.40pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_  
**N W Walker**

**Date** **24 April 2018**