



**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MINUTES

## STRATEGIC ADVISORY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Venue: Video Conference

## **Attendees**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby – Chair  
Cr Getano Lui  
Cr Keith Fell  
Cr Hilda Mosby  
Cr Rocky Stephen  
Cr Aven Noah

David Baldwin – Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Hollie Faithfull – Chief Finance Officer  
Peter Krebs- Senior Legal Counsel  
Adeah Kabai – Acting Chief Engineer  
Dawson Sailor – Acting Chief Operating Officer  
Naila Nomoa – Acting Secretariat

# **MINUTES**

## **1. Welcome (Chair)**

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone, thanked them for their time and acknowledged Father God and paid respects to the traditional owners of the lands we meet on.

## **2. Opening Prayer**

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Fell to open the meeting in prayer and observed a minute silence for the loss of loved ones.

## **3. Apologies**

Adeah Kabai - Acting Head of Engineering currently in transit to Coconut Island.

## **4. Conflict of Interest (COI)/ Declarable / Prescribed**

No declaration made; Mayor encouraged members to declare at any time.

## **5. Confirmation of Minutes - SARG Meeting – 6th April 2021 – VC**

This item postponed to next SARG meeting.

## **6. Strategic Action Items Review**

Acting Chief Executive Officer provided update on the action items.

Mayor Mosby

- Name change TSIRC
- TSIMA interviewed Mr Patrick Whap
- Continue with our name change process

Cr Fell

- Mr Gabriel Ban will need to talk to Mr Patrick Whop

## **7. Chief Financial Officer**

### **1. Community Survey – Preliminary Results**

Head of Corporate Services spoke to report.

- Survey sent to each division
- 107 responses
- Delivery methods were no suitable
- No survey results from Stephen Island
- Youpla Tok is used as everyday communication
- Why people move or return to our region
- More regular session on assets classes

### **2. Deputation Priority Areas – Head of Corporate services**

- 3- 4 priority
- Feedback LGAQ Policy platform given by Mayor Mosby to incorporate into document
- Feedback
- Acting CEO did state and federal deputation
- Minister were receptive
- Tell us exactly what you want “Feedback”
- Mayor and Acting CEO met with member for Cook Ms Cynthia Lui
  - Clear message
  - Priority

### **3. Investigation Report – discuss with Manager of Legal services**

- Went to council and left lying on the table to go back to SARG
- No change to policy
- Subject for legal review
- Cr Lui - report to be lay on the table for policy to have a touch of ‘Ailan Kastom’ and delegate to the mayor.
- Manager of Legal services suggests reviewing and put to July meeting.
- Complaint made against Mayor Mosby will go to full council

### **MATTER LEFT LYING ON THE TABLE**

#### 4. Regional Waste Management Strategy

Acting Chief executive Officer spoke to report.

- Moving most materials on islands that can't be turned into compost
- Work closely with state, commonwealth, and Bio-security

Acting chief executive reads resolution to be presented in July.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Mosby Second; Cr Stephen*

**Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) resolves to:**

- **Note this report; and**
- **Endorse this report to be presented to full Council at the July 2021 Council Ordinary Meeting**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 8. Chief Executive Officer

##### 1. Fuel Update – verbal

- Funding \$400,000 each (Mabuiag, Boigu and Saibai)
- Fuel Improvement – Snapshot report
- Safe operating
- Acting Chief Executive Officer has taken over from Mario Sabatino.
- Saibai “do they pay on Eftpos
- Come up with strategy and different stages.
- Community charge with prices we cannot control
- Divest fuel out
- Acting Chief Engineering and Senior Legal Counsel to work together.
- Saibai was not happy with temporary fuel shed.
- Mabuiag on notice.

Mayor Mosby

- Handover freely
- Bring up to standard
- Flag with minister Crawford
- Member for Cook advised that write letter to her and Minister Shannon Fentamen.

**Action Item:** Acting Chief Executive Officer improve and enhance workplace hazard.

**Action Item:** Acting Chief Executive Officer to come up Action Plan and different stages to determine costing priorities and commitments.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved; Cr Aven Noah Seconds; Cr Hilda Mosby.*

**That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) notes the report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9. Chief Operating Officer**

1. Standing Agenda Item – Housing Authority Update

- No current update
- Ilario Sabatino has included \$50,000 for 2021/2021 budget.

Cr Noah

- Badu Island and Murray Island housing
- Future what may or can happen.

**Action Item:** Follow-up with Councillors for Badu Island and Murray Island.

**Action Item:** Murray Island Tenure, get back to Cr Noah divestment has an agreement.

2. **BSU Update**

Manager of building services spoke to report.

Cr Fell wanted update of plug-in on report.

- Business service accountant is currently working on actuals of how much is outstanding.
- Meeting with Regional Director on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 and will have an update in the next council meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved; Cr Aven Noah Second; Cr Keith Fell*

**That Strategic Advisory and Reference Group Committee endorse the referral of this report to the July ordinary meeting of Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 3. Local Law Enforcement Policy Report

Chief Operating Officer spoke to report.

- 3 minor changes attached to reports
- Enforcement of illegal dumping
- Refer unpaid fines too collection agency
- Continue dealing with spur for fines that a 6months over.
- Roll-out surveillance camera for illegal dumping of dugong and turtle waste.
- Refer debt to spur charges of \$80
- Reputational risk to council

#### **RESOLUTION:**

***Moved; Cr Fell Second; Cr Mosby***

**Council resolves to;**

- **Endorse the updated Enforcement policy, as presented**
- And**
- **Support the review of the Enforcement Procedure and support the proposed approach.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 10. CLOSED BUSINESS

#### **RESOLUTION:**

***Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Keith Fell***

**That in accordance with section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:**

**(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;**

**(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;**

1. CEO – Dauan Ponton – Verbal Update
2. CEO – TSIRC Proposed Local Disaster Management Group – Update
3. CEO – Sea Swift 1 – Verbal Update
4. CEO – Sea Swift 2 – Verbal Update
5. CEO - Elphinstone Close – Verbal Update

#### **RESOLUTION:**

*Moved; Cr Aven Noah Second; Cr Rocky Stephen*  
**That SARG move out of closed business.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**1. Dauan Ponton – Verbal Update**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah Second: Cr Hilda Mosby*

**Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) resolves to:**

- **Note this report**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**2. TSIRC Proposed Local Disaster Management Group – Update**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Getano Lui Second: Cr Aven Noah*

**That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) resolves to note this report and for it to be as a Closed Business Report to full Council at July 2021 OM.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**11. Next meeting date – proposed for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**

**12. Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked councillors, SARG Members, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and administration.

Mayor Mosby closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

**Meeting Closed 5:33pm**