

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 22nd December 2021

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Venue: VMR #6 – 0292 970 558

PRESENT:

Cr Rocky Stephen – Chair - Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Jimmy Gela – Committee Member - Erub (Darnley)
Cr Conwell Tabuai – Committee Member - Saibai
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services
Ms May Mosby, Secretariat Officer

APOLOGIES:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Rocky Stephen, Chair of the Committee welcomed and thanked everyone for making themselves available and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Papa God
- Traditional Owners on the land we meet and chair this meeting in Cairns
- Traditional Owners at Erub and Saibai and across Zenadth Kes
- All Elders past, present and emerging

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Rocky Stephen opened the meeting in prayer at 9:05am

3. Apologies

- Cr Conwell Tabuai – running late

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No Declaration made.

Cr Rocky Stephen encouraged committee members to declare at any time during the meeting.

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services advised that the term Material Personal Interest (MPI) Declaration is no longer used and that the correct term now used for Conflict of Interests are Prescribed and Declarable.

5. Noting of Ratified Minutes – Economic Growth Committee

- 26th August 2021 – VC – Ratified at October 2021 Ordinary Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Committee notes the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th August 2021 as true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Actions Items

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services provided Committee with an update on the three Action Items:

- Enterprise Development Strategy
- Indigenous Procurement Policy
- General Business – Professional Development Funds for Councillors to attend Mackay on 13th – 15th November 2021

9:22am – Cr Conwell Tabuai joined the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

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.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Elphinstone Close – CB – Verbal

9. Indigenous Procurement Policy – CB

10. COMMITTEE MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IN OPEN BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Committee move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

Elphinstone Close

ACTION: Economic Growth Committee be provided a copy of the draft business case once completed for review and feedback.

Indigenous Procurement Policy

ACTION: Executive Director, Financial Services to finalise the Indigenous Procurement Policy and bring back to committee for review and endorsement before going to SARG.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the committee notes the update provided in relation to the Indigenous Procurement Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Enterprise Development Strategy

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services provided an update on behalf of Ms Kylie Sturges, Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery regarding the progress of the Enterprise Development Strategy.

It is proposed by the Chair that the consultations will be overseen by Cr Conwell Tabuai and Cr Jimmy Gela and Cr Rocky Stephen. Cr Conwell Tabuai will oversee the western areas, Cr Jimmy Gela will oversee the eastern areas and Cr Rocky Stephen the central areas.

Cr Rocky Stephen advised that he will be free most of February.

ACTION: Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to investigate the budget to see if Councillor travel is feasible and to finalise proposed dates for committee to consider.

ACTION: Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery to arrange community consultations once proposed dates are endorsed.

Cr Jimmy Gela advised that he will check dates of his availability and will get back to Secretariat and Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services of his availability.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That the Economic Growth and Development Committee note the information contained in this report.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Engagement Strategy

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services provided a report and advised that on further review the Engagement Framework fell under the portfolio of Cultural, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee. This Framework will go to the Cultural, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee to provide feedback and then come back to this committee for review before going to SARG and Ordinary Meeting.

ACTION: Secretariat to add the Engagement Strategy to the Agenda of the next Cultural, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Economic Growth & Development Committee notes the recommendation to update the Council Engagement Framework.

MOTION CARRIED

13. Divestment Policy

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services advised the Committee that Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Counsel provided the report back in February 2021 and would ask Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Counsel to dial in to provide an update.

10:46am - Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Counsel dialled in and joined the meeting and provided the Committee with an update.

Cr Rocky Stephen suggested that committee calls for a special meeting to discuss the policy and look into each individual case how we would run with it and how we would maintain it.

Item to lay on the table to see how we can progress with it.

ACTION: That the Executive Director, Financial Services to arrange a special meeting to talk further about the Divestment Policy to then bring to the May Workshop.

Cr Rocky Stephen thanked Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Counsel for the update.

11:08am – Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Counsel left the meeting.

14. Ugar and Dauan Sea and Air Access Business Plan – Verbal

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services gave a verbal update.

Ms Kylie Sturges, Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery is presently on leave and will email the Committee on the status of the business plan in the new year.

ACTION: Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery to provide update via email to committee members on the status of the Ugar and Dauan Sea and Air Access Business plan.

15. Enterprise Risk Management

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai Second: Cr Gela

That the Economic Growth Committee note the information contained in this brief and consider a full review of one identified risk per meeting in conjunction with the relevant management.

MOTION CARRIED

16. National Indigenous Economic Development Forum 2022 – Verbal

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services advised the Committee on the above Forum. The Forum will be held in Cairns on the 29th - 31st March, 2022.

All three members will attend utilising their professional development funds. Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services will notify Travel Officer to make the bookings. Committee Members will fly down on 28th March, 2022 and return on 1st April 2022.

ACTION ITEM: Senior Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer to confirm committee members registrations to forum and to follow up with Travel Officer to get obtain quotes for travel.

17. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Nil

18. Next meeting date:

- **Thursday, 27th January 2022 at 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services advised the Committee that she returns back to work on 24th January 2022 and therefore the Indigenous Procurement Policy will be a late report, however all other reports would be made available.


19. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Cr Rocky Stephen thanked everyone for their attendance, participation and contribution throughout the year. He also acknowledged the Executive Leadership Team and Administration Team and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Cr Jimmy Gela and Cr Conwell Tabuai also expressed their gratitude and Christmas greetings to everyone.

Cr Rocky Stephen closed the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 11:40am



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Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18th January 2022



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18th January 2022