



Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Committee

Minutes

Date: 11 January 2024

Time: 10.00am to 12.00nn

Venue: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

1. Welcome | Quorum Confirmation | Opening Prayer

The Committee Chairperson (Cr Ranetta Wosomo) opened the meeting at 10.05am, welcoming fellow Committee Member Cr Torenzo Elisala and staff.

Cr Torenzo Elisala delivered the opening prayer.

The following attendees were noted:

Chairperson & Committee Members

Chairperson
Member

Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Torenzo Elisala

TSIRC Officers

Executive Director Community Services
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Senior Legal Officer
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Gary Stevenson PSM
Ms Julia Mauro
Darryl Brooks

2. Noting of Apologies

The Committee noted an apology from the Mayor who was unable to attend due to a medical appointment.

3. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed

The Chairperson invited Committee Members to make any relevant conflict of interest declarations. No declarations were made.

4. Ratified Minutes of Meeting held on 15 March 2023**RESOLUTION:**

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Seconded: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee noted the Ratified Minutes of its meeting held on 15 March 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Action Items from Previous Meetings (verbal update)

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) and the TSIRC Senior Legal Officer (Ms Julia Mauro) provided the Committee with verbal updates on the status of action items from the previous meeting. The Committee noted the updates.

6. Community Radio

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Committee recommends to Council that:

1. *The renewal of licenses update be noted,*
2. *The representations made to the Australian Communications and Media Authority be endorsed,*
3. *The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to facilitate an expression of interest process to identify a suitable service broadcaster and,*
4. *The Chief Executive Officer be requested to present expressions of interest to Council as soon as practicable after the 2024 local government election for consideration, with of a recommendation to Council to follow in April/May 2024.*

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Seconded: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

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The Committee also offered the following suggestions in relation to this process:

- The shortlisted/preferred EOI applicants be invited to present to Council prior to Council endorsement of a service broadcaster for the region; and
- A community consultation process be undertaken in relation to this project as the community radios are an important communication resource which is valued and utilised widely throughout the Torres Strait Islands.

7. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Committee to discuss items listed on the agenda under Closed Business and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

8. CORPORATE SERVICES: Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee refers the draft Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy to the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) to consider recommending to Council that Council decline statutory licensing royalties from the Copyright Agency on the basis of Council's policy that Council does not seek any financial reimbursement for the use of the Torres Strait Islander flag image.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) suggested to the Committee that following consideration of this matter by SARG and the Council, the Committee may like to consider recommending to Council that the Torres Strait Islander community be made aware of the history and copyright arrangements for the Torres Strait Islander Flag.

Action/s:

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to seek advice from SARG about the formal colour codes used for the Torres Strait Islander Flag, for inclusion in the policy.

11. General / Other Business (on notice)

The Chairperson invited Cr Elisala and other attendees to nominate matters for consideration.

Cr Torenzo Elisala sought information on Councillors' professional development funds and/or funds to support future Committees to better undertake their Terms of Reference responsibilities for the purposes of expediting progress on matters considered.

Action/s:

The Executive Director Corporate Services to consult with the Executive Director Financial Services and provide the Committee with feedback out of session with advice on any budget allocations available to assist Committees Members (i.e. training, meeting/conference attendances, etc.) in relation to Committee business.

Cr Ranetta Wosomo sought clarification on the regularity of Committee Meetings and suggested that the current arrangement for Committees to meet quarterly is inadequate to address matters placed before them. This sentiment was supported by Cr Torenzo Elisala.

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) advised the Committee that the regularity of future Committee Meetings will be a matter addressed by the new Council in 2024.

12. Closing Remarks & Prayer

In closing this last meeting of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee in this term of Council, the Chairperson thanked Committee Member Torenzo Elisala for his involvement, time, input and commitment over the lifetime of this current Committee.

The Chairperson also acknowledged and thanked the Senior Legal Officer (Ms Julia Mauro) for her guidance, advice and contributions to the work of the Committee during its term.

The Chairperson also made special mention of the Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) for his leadership of the Committee in its early stages and for his ongoing readiness to advise.

The Chairperson also thanked the Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) for his advice and guidance during the short period that he has been with Council and particularly in the leadup to this last meeting of the Committee.

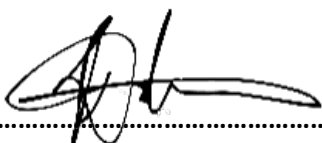
Cr Torenzo Elisala took the opportunity to congratulate Cr Ranetta Wosomo on chairing her first/last meeting of the Committee for this term and added that he looked forward to continuing the work of the Committee should he and Cr Wosomo be elected to the next term of Council. Cr Elisala also thanked the administrative staff and thanked both Dawson Sailor and Julia Mauro in particular for their work during the term of the Committee.

The Chairperson delivered the closing prayer and the meeting was formally closed at 11.40am.

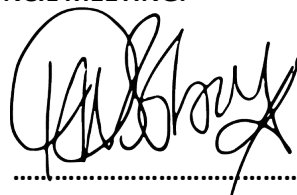
Cr Ranetta Wosmo
Chairperson
Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 23 January 2024



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 23 January 2024