



Climate Change Adaptation & Environment Committee Meeting

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Date: 14 September 2023

Time: 10.00am to 12.00nn

Venue: (VC) VMR 8 – 0299 165 402
#Guest PIN 6905

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1. Welcome (Chair)

Prior to commencement of proceedings, the Committee Chairperson, Cr Hilda Mosby, advised attendees that she was unable to speak for too long due to throat soreness and advised that Cr Seriako Dorante had kindly agreed to Chair the meeting.

The Acting Chairperson welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Dorante delivered the opening prayer.

3. Apologies/Attendance

Cr Kabay Tamu was an apology for this meeting.

The following attendances were noted:

Chairperson & Committee Members

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Cr Hilda Mosby

Acting Chairperson

Cr Seriako Dorante

Member

Mayor Phillemon Mosby

TSIRC Officers

Executive Director – Engineering Services

Mr David Baldwin

TSIRC Secretariat

Darryl Brooks

The Acting Chairperson and Chairperson Hilda Mosby both thanked the Mayor for his attendance.

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) – Declarable/Prescribed

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

5. Confirmation of Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 27 April 2023

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Seconded: Cr Seriako Dorante

The Committee confirmed the Draft Minutes of the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee Meeting held on 27 April 2023.

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6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to this item and advised the Committee that there were no outstanding actions from the previous meeting held on 27 April 2023.

7. Sustainability Project and Initiative Update Report

The Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to this report highlighting key points throughout.

In relation to Item 6 in the report (**Seawalls**), the Executive Director Engineering Services also advised the Committee that a final inspection has been done on Boigu now that the 18 months defects liability period has ended. A few minor defects were identified and a contractor will be addressing these matters over the next few months.

In relation to the recent Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence matters, the 3rd Steering Committee Roundtable was held in Cairns on 8 September 2023. One of the outcomes from that meeting was in-principle agreement to funding **Climate Warriors** (DCCEEW enters an arrangement with the TSRA to fund the Centre and Warrior program to be delivered by councils and PBCs on ground). Already identified that TSRA would have 4.5FTE positions based on Thursday Island to coordinate Climate Warrior engagement.

The Committee noted the report.

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8. General / Other Business (on notice)

- *The Committee agreed to a request from the Executive Director Engineering Services to table a late report for consideration by the Committee.*

8.1 CHAS Naming and Public Exhibition

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Seriako Dorante

Seconded: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee resolves to support a formal 28-day public review/consultation period for the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) and to make the document publicly available following the consultation period, subject to full Council endorsement.

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- *The Committee considered a number of options for naming the report, including:*

- *Zenadth Kes Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy; or*
- *Zenadth Kes Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (Torres Strait Island Regional Council)*

8.2 Climate Change Priorities for TSIRC

Mayor Phillemon Mosby made a general request to the Executive Director Engineering Services to identify two key/priority/risk concerns that the Committee and Council may need to be aware of.

The Executive Director Engineering Services responded by saying that, in relation to the Committee's Terms of Reference, his main concerns relate to:

- (a) Waste Management / Land Fills
- (b) Rising Sea Levels for low-lying Islands / Water Security

The Mayor also noted that strategic planning to combat these issues was needed. The Executive Director Engineering Services noted that initiatives such as the CHAS report are instrumental in documenting and highlighting these issues. The Committee agreed that the CHAS report should be a 'living document' that can be adjusted as issues rise.

9. Next Meeting Date: TBC

The Committee requested the Secretariat to select an alternative date out of session for the next meeting of the Committee, possibly 30 November 2023.

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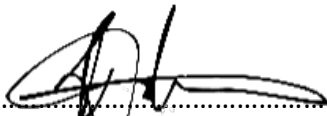
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10. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Acting Chairperson thanked all attendees for their participation - particularly Mayor Mosby - and also thanked Chairperson Mosby for the opportunity to Chair the meeting, before formally closing the meeting at 11.40am.

Mayor Phillemon Mosby delivered the closing prayer.



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023

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