



Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting

Minutes

Date: 19 & 22 January 2024

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Venue: Level 3, 111 Grafton Street,
Cairns

Day 1 – Friday, 19 January 2024

PRESENT:

Mayor / Chairperson

Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage Committee
Governance & Leadership Committee
Climate Change Adaptation & Environment
Committee
Economic Growth Committee

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM - **Deputy Mayor**
Cr Hilda Mosby – *joined the meeting by
dial-in at 9.30am*
Cr Rocky Stephen

APOLOGIES:

Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee

Cr Keith Fell

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Acting Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Executive Support Coordinator
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green – *joined meeting at 11.55am*
Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Gary Stevenson PSM
Mr Adeah Kabai
Ms Hollie Faithfull – *joined meeting at 11.55am*
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Trudy Lui
Darryl Brooks

GUEST SPEAKER:

Democracy Matters

Ms Sandy Killick – *joined meeting by dial-in at 10.30am*

1. Welcome | Quorum Confirmation | Opening Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.15am, noting that a quorum of members was established.

The Mayor welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff and made acknowledgements to traditional owners throughout Zenadth Kes.

The Mayor also made a special acknowledgement to Council's Engineering staff who were on call over the shutdown period in order to maintain operations right across the TSIRC footprint for our communities. The Mayor asked the Acting Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr Adeah Kabay) to convey these sentiments to his staff.

The Mayor also thanked and acknowledged the Deputy Mayor for his leadership of Council towards the end of 2023 during the Mayor's convalescence.

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM delivered the opening prayer.

The Chief Executive Officer added a special acknowledgement of thanks to the Acting Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) for the preparation of papers for this special SARG Meeting for agreeing to fill the role of Executive Director Corporate Services in the short-term prior to the appointment of Ms Andres and for his invaluable contributions to the role during that time.

2. Apologies

The following apology was noted:

Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee

Cr Keith Fell

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council accepts the apology of the Chairperson of the Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee, Cr Keith Fell, for Day 1 of the January 2024 SARG Committee Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Committee business to be considered at the meeting.

Cr Rocky Stephen advised that he had a COI and Material Personal Interest in relation to AI 13 (Enterprise Divestment and Licence Fee Waivers) as he and his Brother (Pau Stephen) own Brother Bear Cafe and Catering Service and their business submitted a formal expression of interest to TSIRC for the Ugar Community Hall Kitchen.

4. Ratified Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 2023)

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Seconded: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee notes the Ratified Minutes of the SARG Meeting held on 6 June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor expressed concern that no SARG Committee meetings were held in the period July-December 2023. The Mayor agreed that this was unacceptable and that all Committee members will need to prioritise their attendance at future meetings. The Mayor added that he has sent an email request to SARG members requesting feedback on what has worked/not worked with the Council's Committees and how any improvements can be suggested for the incoming Council to consider.

5. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the verbal updates provided by the Chief Executive Officer and other Executives.

The Mayor noted that a number of outstanding action items have been overtaken by other events and requested that the Chief Executive Officer provide him with a copy of all action items arising from future SARG Committee meetings, as well as Trustee Council and Ordinary Council meetings within the standard 10 day deadline used for posting of draft Minutes.

Action/s:

Chief Executive Officer to provide Mayor with a copy of all action items arising from future SARG Committee meetings, as well as Trustee Council and Ordinary Council meetings within the standard 10 day deadline used for posting of draft Minutes.

- *In the absence of Cr Keith Fell (Chair of the Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee) for Day 1 of the meeting, the SARG Committee elected to verbally discuss the remaining nominated agenda items and take formal decisions on these items on Day 2 of the meeting when Cr Fell is present.*
- *Ms Sandy Killick (Democracy Matters) dialled into the meeting at 10.30am. The Committee elected to move directly to Agenda Item 10 (Advancing the Masig Statement) to accommodate Ms Killick's limited availability.*
- *Ms Killick discussed her report to date with the Committee and recommended:*
 - (i) *that Council 'experiment its way forward' with advancing the Masig Statement as all of the reports, evidence and knowledge behind Council and now it is about taking action between now and the Year 2037, citing Council's Housing Pilot as a brilliant example of the 'Look, Listen, Adapt' approach and it is a matter of finding more of those pilot initiatives in order to show government and partners that they have nothing to fear about self-determination, regional governance and sovereign rights when dealing with the Torres Strait region.*
 - (ii) *Ms Killick further recommended that Council adopt the proposed Action Plan (2024-2028) and flesh it out in the most appropriate way to ensure effective handover for the incoming Council after each local government election.*
- *Ms Killick dialled out of the meeting at 11.40am.*
- *The Committee resumed its verbal discussions around the agenda items.*

Action/s:

Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a letter to the Australian Ambassador for First Nations People (Mr Justin Mohamed) seeking support to champion TSIRC's aspirations in relation to matters such as Regional Governance, Treaty, Native Title (DOGIT), the Masig Statement and other key strategic initiatives.

- *The Committee paused deliberations to take lunch from 12.15pm to 1.15pm.*
- *The Committee resumed deliberations on the remaining agenda items and the Mayor formally closed Day 1 at 4.00pm.*

CONFIRMED

Day 2 – Monday, 22 January 2024

PRESENT:

Mayor / Chairperson

Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage Committee
Governance & Leadership Committee
Climate Change Adaptation & Environment Committee
Economic Growth Committee
Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM - **Deputy Mayor**
Cr Hilda Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Keith Fell

APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Support Coordinator
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Mr Gary Stevenson PSM
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Trudy Lui
Darryl Brooks

INVITED GUEST:

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Kabay Tamu

[Confirmed @ February 2024 SARG Meeting & Ratified @ March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting]

- *For Day 2 of the meeting, the SARG Committee elected to follow the agenda from Item 6 onwards as appropriate.*

- *Welcome | Quorum Confirmation | Opening Prayer*

Mayor Mosby opened the meeting at 9.25am, noting that all Committee members were present.

The Mayor welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff and made acknowledgements to traditional owners and families throughout Zenadth Kes and in Cairns, as well as the traditional custodians of the Cairns region where the SARG Committee is meeting.

The Mayor summarized the term of this Council as a lesson on how Council has managed to stand together as one and how the Council collaborated in solidarity. The Year 2024 now allows the Council to reflect on 2023 and the lessons learned and the Mayor looks forward to working productively with Councillors and staff up to the local government elections.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM, delivered the opening prayer.

The Mayor paid special acknowledgement to the Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) for his contributions during the past couple of months in his role as the former Acting Executive Director Corporate Services. The Mayor also formally welcomed the newly appointed Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres).

The Mayor also extended his best wishes to the Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) and his family and wished them a full and speedy recovery from the impacts of the recent cyclone on their home. The Mayor also reaffirmed the Council's deepest appreciation of the commitment of the Engineering Services team who were on call over the shutdown period in order to maintain operations right across the TSIRC footprint.

- *Apologies (Day 2)*

Nil.

- *Conflict of Interest (COI) – Declarable/Prescribed*

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Committee business to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES: Community Radio

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The SARG Committee endorses the recommendation of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee and 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 the Council as soon as practicable after the 2024 local government election for consideration of a recommendation to Council in April/May 2024.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CORPORATE SERVICES: Economic Development Strategy (*verbal discussion*)

The Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) spoke to this report, advising the Committee that a revised scope will need to be developed by Lucid Economics and then considered by the Economic Growth Committee prior to presentation to Council, as the original scope for this project needed to change. This development can proceed unincumbered by the Caretaker Period arrangements as funding for this project has been secured and is in place until 30 June 2024. The Strategy involves careful community consultation throughout its development.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The SARG Committee notes the update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CORPORATE SERVICES: Elphinstone Matters (*verbal discussion*)

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to this item advising the Committee that Elphinstone needs some critical strategic planning to be undertaken to properly identify the pathway to get the best use out of the facility for it to be a potential revenue source.

The Mayor requested that a brief be prepared for the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting providing Council with an update on Elphinstone.

Action/s:

- 1. Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a brief for the upcoming Economic Growth Committee Meeting which includes the original business case for Elphinstone.**
- 2. Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare a brief for the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting providing Council with an update on the Elphinstone asset.**

9. CORPORATE SERVICES: Transport Options – Ugar and Dauan Business Case

The Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) spoke to this report, advising that the Economic Growth Committee has requested that the scope of the business case be revised. The revised scope was endorsed at the December 2023 meeting of the Economic Growth Committee and has since been provided to three companies for quotes to be submitted by 31 January 2024.

It is expected that the quotes will be considered at the Economic Growth Committee meeting in February 2024. The Economic Growth Committee will then recommend a proposal to Council for endorsement which will include a full community consultation process. Funding for the project has been secured up until 30 June 2024.

Cr Rocky Stephen acknowledged the valuable input provided by the Economic Growth Committee Members (Cr Jimmy Gela and Cr Conwell Tabuai) as well as Cr Torenzo Elisala which has guided this process to this point. Cr Stephen also thanked the former Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) for driving the project to this stage in such a short period of time.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Second: Cr Keith Fell

The SARG Committee notes the update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CORPORATE SERVICES: Advancing the Masig Statement

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That Committee recommends to Council that:

- 1. The report entitled "Advancing the Masig Statement - a 100 year journey to Ailan governance" be adopted and that the Council expresses its appreciation to its author Ms Sandy Killick of Democracy Matters;**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to strengthen the report by describing the process of drafting, agreeing and endorsing the Masig Statement which would allow regional stakeholders to identify with the document;**
- 3. The Masig Statement Action Plan be adopted;**
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to allocate action responsibilities to relevant officers for further development of the actions, outcomes and timing;**
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to incorporate the report findings into relevant strategic Council documents including the next version of Council's Corporate Plan;**
- 6. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare and submit to Council, a three-year Advocacy Strategy with a clear focus on the Commonwealth Government's next election to secure support/commitment to meaningfully advance the attainment of Masig Statement objectives no later than the end of May 2024;**

7. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare and submit to Council, a three-year Community Engagement Strategy (including activation of the regional Taskforce) to engender community awareness and enduring commitment to meaningfully influence relevant Commonwealth and State Government policy and financial settings no later than the end of May 2024;
8. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to change Council's website to include a dedicated page called "The journey to Ailan sovereignty by 2037" no later than end of May 2024, with the web page to include promotion of the Action Plan, the Advocacy Strategy and the Community Engagement Strategy and that the case study 'Delivering climate suitable, healthy and affordable housing the Ailan way' be published as an example of a 'look, listen, adapt approach' and that other case studies using the Ailan Way be added over time;
9. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to include adequate provision in the draft 2024/25 operational budget to facilitate the implementation of relevant stages of the Action Plan and the implementation of the Advocacy Plan and the Community Engagement Plan; and
10. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to report to Council post-election on the merit of establishing a role for one of Council's Standing Committees to monitor progress on advancing the Masig Statement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

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

16. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

12. CORPORATE SERVICES: Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee recommends that Council:

1. 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; and
2. Endorse the draft Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy for the purposes of undertaking a community consultation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Rocky Stephen advised the Committee that he had a COI and Material Personal Interest in relation to AI 13 (Enterprise Divestment) as he and his Brother (Pau Stephen) own Brother Bear Cafe and Catering Service and their business submitted a formal expression of interest to TSIRC for the Ugar Community Hall Kitchen.*
- *The Committee agreed that Cr Stephen remain in the meeting during deliberation of Agenda Item 13, but will be required to excuse himself prior to endorsement of a resolution.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee agrees that Cr Rocky Stephen should remain present during deliberation of Agenda Item 13 (Enterprise Divestment), but shall vacate the meeting prior to endorsement of a resolution by the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Rocky Stephen remained present during deliberations, then departed the meeting at 10.25pm prior to endorsement of the resolution.*

13. CORPORATE SERVICES: Enterprise Divestment

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee recommends that this matter be deferred for consideration until after the 2024 Local Government elections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Rocky Stephen returned to the meeting at 10.27am following endorsement of the above resolution.*

Action/s:

Executive Director Corporate Services (in consultation with the Economic Growth Committee) to prepare a brief for the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to Council's Enterprise Divestment Policy.

14. CORPORATE SERVICES: Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee recommends that Council:

1. Affirms Council's overall objectives as follows:

- to facilitate and support the establishment of a commercially sustainable business model for microgrids comprising Behind the Meter (BTM) renewable energy (solar) and controlled demand infrastructure and grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units across all Torres Strait Island communities;
- to make a substantial improvement to community air pollution standards by contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and
- to provide a platform for employment and the professional development of Torres Strait Islanders in the renewable energy and electricity sector;

2. Acknowledges the perceived conflict of interest of the Chief Executive Officer and that his involvement in the Mirabou Energy - Renewable Energy Project will be managed by continued consultation with members of the Executive Leadership Team and with the oversight of the Mayor;

3. Affirms Council's support in principle for the Mirabou Energy - Renewable Energy Project subject to the following to be pursued in strategic partnership with Mirabou Energy Pty Ltd and Mirabou Energy Remote Power Systems Pty Ltd in a timely manner:

- due diligence investigations into key implications and risks;
- statutory approvals being obtained as required;
- statutory compliance being achieved;
- appropriately planned and staged community engagement; and
- satisfactory negotiation of the Master Agreement in good faith;

4. Instructs the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team to undertake the following with progressive reporting to Council:

- conduct due diligence investigations into key implications and risks;
- make appropriate enquiries and take necessary steps to obtain relevant statutory approvals;
- ensure Council's statutory compliance is achieved at all times;
- prepare and implement plans for staged community engagement, particularly for Pilot communities;
- negotiate the terms of a Master Agreement with due regard for Council's financial and reputational risks and its sustainable involvement in the project (short-term and long-term); and
- report back to Council with draft Master Agreement for Council's approval.

5. Acknowledges Mirabou Energy's proposal for Council to apply a procurement exemption under section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for delivery of the Master Agreement, but declines to do so until such time that it is satisfied that matters identified in recommendation 4 are progressed sufficiently.
6. Acknowledges Mirabou Energy's late proposal for the following specific minor projects to be undertaken at Council's cost as practical interim progress towards the overall project objectives while due diligence and negotiation on the Master Agreement takes place:
 - Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis;
7. Acknowledges that the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team intends to negotiate terms with Mirabou Energy Pty Ltd and Mirabou Energy Remote Power Systems Pty Ltd to deliver the following projects within operational budget capacity, in accordance with Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy requirements and in particular ensuring that they offer value for money:
 - Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis;
8. Resolves that because of the specialised nature of the following services, it would be impractical within the required timeframe to invite quotes:
 - Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Kabay Tamu commended the progress on this matter as it was one of the aspirations of Council in this space to transition into renewable energy and setting examples of how even smaller regions can step up and do their part in alleviating the impacts of climate change.*
- *Cr Keith Fell sought advice about any concerns about how the perceived conflict of interest of the Chief Executive Officer and that his involvement in the Mirabou Energy - Renewable Energy Project is to be managed.*
- *The Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services (Mr Gary Stevenson PSM) responded by saying that it was important for the community to note that the issue of the CEO's perceived conflict of interest is noted in the decision of the Committee, in order for the community to see that any conflicts are being managed by Council (refer specifically to paragraph 2 of the recommendation). Council's responsibility is to ensure that any perceived conflict of interest is disclosed and mechanisms are in place for it to be managed.*
- *Cr Rocky Stephen requested that the Economic Growth Committee and the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee are kept informed of progress on this matter.*

15. CORPORATE SERVICES: Beneficial Enterprise Proposal

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

The Committee recommends that Council:

1. Supports in principle the establishment of a beneficial enterprise to deliver services under the Commonwealth Government's Community Development Program,
2. Acknowledges the proposed joint venture by Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd,
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd with a relatively focussed scope,
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the following in a timely manner;
 - Conducting due diligence investigations into legal, financial, regulatory, and operational aspects,
 - Preparing joint venture business plans including (but not limited to) budgets, policies, procedures and strategic and operational plans,
 - Negotiating joint venture agreements including (but not limited to) constitution, shareholders' agreement, deed of confidentiality, dividend policy and service plans,
 - Making appropriate enquiries and take necessary steps to obtain relevant statutory approvals,
 - Ensuring Council's statutory compliance is achieved at all times,
 - Preparing community engagement plans, and
 - Preparing an Advocacy and Engagement Plan to engage with Commonwealth Government about Community Development Program reform opportunities.
5. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council at the earliest opportunity as developments require Council determination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. Day 1 - Closing Remarks & Prayer

N/A

19. Treaty Management Issues

Cr Keith Fell raised an issue on behalf of Cr Conwell Tabuai in relation to an emerging issue about stealing and other matters which are getting worse on Saibai. The offences are being committed by traditional inhabitant visitors from Papua New Guinea and the offenders are being protected by Saibai Island families related to the offenders (hiding offenders in their homes so they cannot be apprehended under 'traditional trespass laws').

There is concern that relevant Australian Treaty agencies (such as DFAT, Border Force, the AFP and others) are aware of these matters, but are unable or are unwilling to use enforcement.

The Deputy Mayor confirmed that he has also met with Australian authorities on-ground at Saibai to raise a number of similar concerns which elders in the Saibai community are asking to be resolved. Traditional inhabitant visitors from Papua New Guinea are setting up shacks, tents, huts, etc. on Saibai to pursue commercial activities with buyers who are coming in from Indonesia.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that the 'free movement' aspects of the Treaty are now being totally abused by the next generations. The 'free movement' aspects of the Treaty were originally devised by the elders at the time and were based on trust and respect by all parties concerned. The Deputy Mayor added that 'free movement' should really be reworded as 'traditional movement' as the term 'free movement' is misleading and misinterpreted as being free to move whenever and wherever you want.

The Deputy Mayor also advised that much more work still needs to be done with Australian authorities and Torres Strait Island communities to clarify interpretations around other aspects in relation to border matters (i.e. border closed/border suspension) with simple everyday language used.

The Deputy Mayor also advised that the Treaty arrangements are being abused by rogue elements from Papua New Guinea, including instances where Australians are subject to 'threats' from Papua New Guinea people around illegal fishing (shaking machettes in a threatening manner when collecting beche-de-mer). Cr Keith Fell also added that banned nationals from Papua New Guinea (Section 16) are still entering Australia.

Action/s:

Chief Executive Officer to prepare communication with DFAT's Treaty Liaison Office to formalise TSIRC concerns in relation to Treaty issues, specifically the current situation on Saibai Island and other matters.

20. Safe & Healthy Housing Committee – (Verbal Update)

Not discussed

21. General / Other Business (on notice)

Nil.

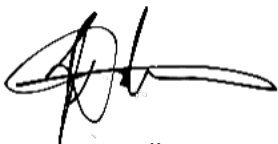
22. Next Meeting Date: 6 February 2024

The Committee noted the next meeting date of 6 February 2024.

23. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Mayor closed the meeting at 12.45pm, thanking the Deputy Mayor for his leadership in standing in for the Mayor during the past few months. Cr Rocky Stephen delivered the closing prayer.

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor/Chairperson
Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 5 March 2024



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
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