



Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting

Minutes

Date: 29 February 2024

Time: 10.00am to 11.15am

Venue: **TEAMS MEETING**
Meeting ID: 434 846 764 375
Passcode: WyU2X3

PRESENT:

Mayor / Chairperson

Climate Change Adaptation & Environment Committee

Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage Committee

Economic Growth Committee

Governance & Leadership Committee

Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Hilda Mosby

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM - **Deputy Mayor**

Cr Keith Fell

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Executive Support Coordinator

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Ms Susanne Andres

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Sharon Russell

Ms Trudy Lui

Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Mr Dawson Sailor

Mr David Baldwin

1. Welcome | Quorum Confirmation | Opening Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.10am, noting that a quorum of members was established.

The Mayor welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff to the final SARG Committee meeting for this term of Council. The Mayor thanked Committee Chairs for their support, leadership and commitment to their respective portfolios and for their work through SARG.

The Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- The Traditional Custodians throughout Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- The Traditional Custodians of the Cairns region which hosts Council's Cairns footprint on Country; and
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings throughout our lives, our families, our communities and upon our organisation.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community who may be observing Sorry Business at this time – whether in the homelands or on the Australian mainland – the thoughts and prayers of all Committee members.

The Mayor delivered the opening prayer.

2. Apologies

Nil.

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

Mayor Mosby invited participants to make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and to advise if any legal proceedings were current in relation to matters listed on the Committee agenda. No declarations were made.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 2024)

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Seconded: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

The Committee confirms the Draft Minutes (Day 1) of the SARG Meeting held on 19 January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Seconded: Cr Rocky Stephen

The Committee confirms the Draft Minutes (Day 2) of the SARG Meeting held on 22 January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) suggested to the Committee that the present listing of action items from previous SARG meetings will need to be suspended, pending a review around the subject matter, as many of the actions listed have either been superseded by events or require strategic implementation.

- *Cr Keith Fell advised the Mayor that he would need to leave the meeting for a short period before rejoining discussions. Cr Fell left the meeting at 10.20am and then rejoined the meeting at 10.25am.*

The Chief Executive Officer further advised that the complexity of some of the 'big ticket' items (i.e. economic growth actions, climate change actions and housing issues, DFAT and Treaty matters, the Masig Statement, etc.) which require strong and robust policy input for the purposes of conveying these matters informatively to relevant authorities strategically for action. Current action is being taken by TSIRC administration (Corporate Services) to recruit key personnel into the organisation to ensure that these actions are reframed accordingly.

This review of the action items list will then be presented to the incoming SARG Committee.

Cr Rocky Stephen supported this proposal by the Chief Executive Officer and the Committee accepted the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES: Committees Review

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend the incoming Council:

- a) take note of Council term 2020-2024 committee priorities and challenges;***
- b) note the SARG performance review for the 2020/24 Council term;***
- c) determine the structure and processes for its committees for the 2024-2028 Council term.***

The Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres) spoke to this item.

The Deputy Mayor commented that this Council's Standing Committees have generated a spirit of inclusiveness and participation and have highlighted and helped this Council to develop and operate around the principles that drive the committee processes in decision-making and collaboration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

The Committee recommends that Council recommends to the incoming Council:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action/s:

Executive Director Corporate Services to include as an attachment into the briefing paper "Committees Review" for the March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting the table prepared by the Mayor and SARG Members following the January 2024 SARG meeting.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES: Delegations (Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. Updates to existing delegations:

That, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) recommends that Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of powers under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023 (Qld) and these powers must be exercised subject to Ailan Kastom and any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the attached Instrument of Delegation.

The Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres) spoke to this item.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Second: Cr Keith Fell

1. Updates to existing delegations:

That, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) recommends that Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of powers under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023 (Qld)* and these powers must be exercised subject to Ailan Kastom and any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the attached Instrument of Delegation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. General / Other Business (on notice)

Nil.

19. Next Meeting Date: N/A

The Committee noted that the incoming Council will determine future meeting dates.

20. Closing Remarks & Prayer

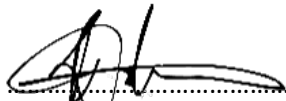
The Mayor stated that he has been humbled and proud to have had the opportunity during this SARG Committee to be surrounded and guided by such great leaders. There have been many lessons learned.

The Mayor also thanked the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Directors for their contributions to the work of SARG and the other Standing Committees and expressed the appreciation of this Committee and its members on the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer in supporting and encouraging greater connection between the elected and administrative arms of TSIRC and hoped that this would continue as best practice into the upcoming term of Council.

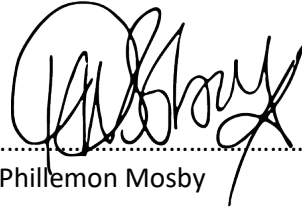
[Ratified @ March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting]

The Deputy Mayor added his appreciation and thanks for the work of the Committee and its members during this term of Council, despite the constraints and challenges faced. We are now in a better position to move forward with the long overdue work required for our people. The Deputy Mayor reminded members that our work must always be 'for the people'.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10.50am and Cr Keith Fell delivered the closing prayer.



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



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 5 March 2024

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