



# MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 2022

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 11:40am – 5:00pm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Video Conference

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**PRESENT**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan  
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuia  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (Hammond)  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Yam)  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)  
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)  
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

**STAFF:**

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)  
Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services (EDCS)  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services (AEDBCS)  
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)  
Ms Nicola Daniels, Acting Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)  
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS)  
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (SEA)  
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Assistant to the Mayor (EA)  
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

**APOLOGIES**

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

1. **1:21pm – 1:28pm**                      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff for Council's first Ordinary Meeting for 2022 and provided an update on the recent COVID19 cases on Division 1, Boigu and Division 2, Dauan today. Mayor Mosby reported one (1) case on Boigu and two (2) cases on Dauan.

1:21pm – Cr Keith Fell left the meeting.

1:25pm – Cr Kabay Tamu joined the meeting.

1:29pm – Cr Dimas Toby left the meeting to dial in from home.

1:29pm – Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services joined the meeting.

1:30pm – Cr Laurie Nona joined the meeting.

2. **1.28pm – 12:00pm**                      **Apologies**

Nil apologies

3. **1:28pm – 1.30pm**                      **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable**

No declarations were made by Councillors. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors and staff to make a declaration at any time during the meeting.

4. **1.30pm – 1:33pm**                      **Confirmation of Previous Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

5. **1:33pm – 1:34pm**                      **Confirmation of Previous SARG Committee Minutes**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

1:35pm – Cr Keith Fell re-joined the meeting.

6. **1:34pm –1:38pm**                      **Confirmation of Previous Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Minutes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Cr Aven Noah spoke on behalf of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee and advised that the visit entry portal is still a work in progress of development and apologised for the confusion. Cr Aven Noah also informed the meeting that the TSIRC Branding has now changed to Corporate Identity and the island language is “Wun Mak”.

**ACTION:** Secretariat to liaise with the Governance and Leadership Committee Chair to provide an update on the TSI Flag to the next Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Laurie Nona*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

7. **1:38pm –1:39pm**                      **Confirmation of Previous Economic Growth Committee Minutes**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Cr Rocky Stephen thanked the Economic Growth Committee Members and staff for the progress of the Indigenous Procurement Policy.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Economic Growth Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

8. **1:39pm – 1:58pm**                      **Outstanding Council Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

1:40pm – Cr Dimas Toby re-joined the meeting

Mr David Baldwin, acting Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update on the outstanding items listed on the register from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

9. **1:58pm – 2:00pm**                      **Standing Agenda Items:**

- Executive Director, Communities and Building Services - Housing Authority (verbal)
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Mr Dawson Sailor, acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services spoke to this report and provided a verbal update.

10. **2:00pm – 2:09pm**                      **CORPORATE – Funding Acquisition Report**

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services spoke to this report and provided a brief update.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**That Council resolves to note this report and its content.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

2:00pm - Cr Torenzo Elisala left the meeting due to medical reason.

11. **2:09pm – 2:17pm**                      **CORPORATE – Policy Matter – Council Corporate Identity Guidelines**

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services spoke to this report and advised of the change of the branding name to Corporate Identity to ensure it is culturally accurate and to Government Publishing Standards. The paper was presented to the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee for input prior to coming to Council.

Cr Aven Noah commended Cr Torenzo Elisala and Cr Laurie Nona for their inputs in ensuring we have the consistency in the documentation of ilan custom. Changed from branding to our language name of “Wun mak”. Cr Aven Noah also acknowledged Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services in taking this to another level of corporate identity.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**That Council endorse “Wan Mak” – Council’s Corporate Identity guideline, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the Corporate Identity as they arise.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

12. **2:17pm – 2:32pm**                      **CORPORATE – Operational Plan 2021-22 Q2 Update**

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services spoke to this report on the Operational Structure and how each Department are progressing.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Laurie Nona*

**Council resolves to note the Operational Plan 2021-22 Quarter 2 Update.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

13. **2:32pm – 2:32pm**                      **COUNCIL MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby*

**That in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed business to discuss matters of the following nature:**

**(c) local government budget.**

**(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government**

for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

- BUILDING - BSU Monthly Update
- FINANCE – Financial Dashboard Report – December 2021

14. **3:09pm – 3:09pm**                      **COUNCIL MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IN OPEN BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

**That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**Resolutions following closed business**

**3:09pm – 3:10pm**                      **BUILDING – BSU Monthly Update**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**Council resolves to note the information on this report.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**3:10pm – 3:12pm**                      **FINANCE – Financial Dashboard Report – December 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Keith Fell*

**That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 31 December 2021, as required under Section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

15. **3:12pm – 3:13pm**                      **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby acknowledged and thanked Councillors and Staff for their time and contributions at the first Council Ordinary Meeting for 2022 and asked Cr Francis Pearson to close the meeting in prayer.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 3:13PM**

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**APOLOGIES**

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 - Badu

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
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16. **9:17am – 9:17am**                      **Welcome and opening prayer**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge and Understanding
- Traditional Owners on the land we meet on and across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes
- All Elders past, present and emerging
- Leadership of Councillors and Executive Staff

Mayor Mosby invited Cr John Levi to open the meeting in prayer.

09:17am – Ms Danielle Turner from Preston Law joined the meeting.

17. **9:17am – 9:17am**                      **COUNCIL MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen*

**That in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed business to discuss matters of the following nature:**

- (a) The appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.**
- (c) local government budget.**
- (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government.**
- (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

- **MAYOR – CB – Appointment of Chief Executive Officer - Late**

18. **10:30am – 10:30am**                      **COUNCIL MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IIN OPEN BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela; Second: Cr Keith Fell*

**That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

19. **10:30am – 10:46am**                      **LEGAL – CB – Appointment of acting CEO – Late**

10:30am – Ms Danielle Turner left the meeting.

Mayor Mosby noted for minute taking purposes all staff were requested and left the meeting at 09:21am and re-joined the meeting at 10:30am. Ms Danielle Turner from Preston Law assisted in presenting this paper.



Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**That under Section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council appoints Hollie Faithfull Executive Director, Financial Services to perform the Chief Executive Officer's responsibilities from Monday 24th January 2022 until up to Monday 7th March 2022 or concluding at an earlier date should a new permanent Chief Executive Officer assume duties on a full-time basis.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

10:42am - Cr Conwell Tabuai joined the meeting.

20. **10:46am – 10:54am**                      **CORPORATE – Change of Meeting Location – Late**

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services spoke to this report.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

**Council resolves to relocate the February Ordinary Meeting of Council from a face-to-face meeting on Masig to a meeting conducted via videoconference.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

21. **10:54am – 11:20am**                      **Business Arising from Information Reports**

Cr Aven Noah acknowledged and thanked Staff for their contributions with the Information Reports.

Cr Aven Noah advised the building on Mer which was ear marked for COVID isolation house will now be used for staff accommodation.

Cr Keith Fell raised the issue of staff on ground using their own vehicle due to fuel issues in division.

Cr Getano Lui raised the possibility of upskilling of staff as per People & Wellbeing's report and Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services discussed the recent elections of Health and Safety Reps in the Divisions including a 5 day training course that was provided last year for 1 reps from each Division. The program received positive feedbacks.

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services requested through the Chair that Councillors accept the apology of Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 Badu due to sorry business.

- Cr Laurie Nona – Division 5 – Badu

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai, Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala*

**That Council accept the apology of Cr Laurie Nona for Day 2 of the January 2022 Ordinary Meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Mayor Mosby advised Councillors that he needed to leave the meeting and requested Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui take over as chair. Deputy Mayor accepted the role of Chair of the Ordinary Meeting.

11:13am – Mayor Mosby left the meeting.

Cr Seriako Dorante raised the question of a COVID response plan for his community as the CDMG meeting from 2021 has not been scheduled to date. He asked to be provided with a COVID plan so he could hold a COVID information session to bring his community up to date.

**ACTION:** Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to provide Cr Seriako Dorante a copy of the COVID19 response plan for Hammond Island.

22. **11:20am – 11:21am**                      **Next Council Meeting Date – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui confirmed the February meeting will be held via Video Conference as agreed in earlier resolution.

23. **11:21am – 12:00pm**                      **Strategic Matters**

Cr Aven Noah and Cr Kabay Tamu requested an update on the venue for the March Ordinary Meeting as preparations are currently underway. Mayor Mosby advised a decision will be made closer to the date due to COVID-19 in our region.

Cr Francis Pearson requested information from last meeting regarding quotes for kit homes so they could be used for isolation purposes.

**ACTION:** Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to follow up with the Head of Building Services for information and quotations on kit homes in our region and provide this information to Cr Francis Pearson.

Cr Conwell Tabuai requested an update on the fuel facility for Saibai Island

**ACTION:** Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services to have offline conversation with Cr Conwell Tabuai regarding the delay.

Cr Torenzo Elisala raised concerns about ash particles in the air following the recent volcanic eruption in Tonga going into water tanks. Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services advised he has not received any information in relation to this.

Cr Seriako Dorante and Cr Jimmy Gela have requested to be provided with a copy of TSIRC's Top 5 Community Priorities for their individual divisions.

**ACTION:** Executive Director Corporate Services to email TSIRC's Top 5 Community Priorities for Kirriri to Cr Seriako Dorante and for Erub to Cr Jimmy Gela.

Cr Dimas Toby requested a brief update on the progress of the Boigu Seawall.

**ACTION:** Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services to have an offline meeting with Cr Dimas Toby to provide an update on the progress of the Boigu Seawall.

Cr Aven Noah requested information on a previous raised action item on an outboard

Mechanic.

**ACTION:** Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services to have an offline conversation with Cr Aven Noah on the Outboard Mechanic request.

11:52am - Mayor Mosby re-joined the meeting and resumed the role of Chair.

Cr Getano Lui raised the possibility of the incoming Chief Executive Officer visiting all the communities to meet and greet with staff and provide clear direction and best method of communication to communities.

24. **12:00pm – 12:00pm**                      **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and Staff for their contributions and acknowledged and thanked Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer for his commitment and dedication during his appointment as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Keith Fell to close in prayer,

**MEETING CLOSED AT 12:00PM**

  
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Ms Hollie Faithfull  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

  
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Mayor Phillemon Mosby  
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