



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY – WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2011

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on 15th February 2011 at 2.05pm – 4.50pm and Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 9.10am – 4.20pm at *the TAGAI TAFE Campus, Thursday Island.*

**Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)
Ordinary Meeting
Held at the TAGAI TAFE Campus, Thursday Island
Tuesday 15th February – Wednesday 16th February 2011**

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2011

- Present:**
- Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
 - Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
 - Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island
 - Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
 - Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
 - Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 – Badu Island
 - Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls
 - Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond
 - Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
 - Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
 - Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
 - Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke
 - Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
 - Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island
 - Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
 - Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 - Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate & Finance
 - Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer
 - Ms Jess James, PR & Media Officer
 - Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.
- In attendance:**
- Mrs Regina Turner, Student Services Manager, TAGAI TAFE
 - Mr. Mark Hutton, Head of Campus, TAGAI TAFE
- Apologies:**
- Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island
 - Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin
 - Mr. Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services
 - Mr. David Abednego, Executive Officer
- Deputations:**
- Nil
- 2.05pm:**
- Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Day.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Fred Gela

- Welcome Councillors, Executives & Staff to the 1st Council Meeting for 2011.
- Welcomed Mrs Regina Turner, Student Services Manager for Tagai TAFE Campus, and Mr. Mark Hutton, Head of Tagai TAFE Campus.

Mrs Regina Turner

- House Keeping

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE APOLOGIES NOTED

Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island *(due to medical reasons)*

Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin *(Accompanying son to Boarding School – recent notification by Centrelink Abstudy due to Floods & Cyclone Yasi)*

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Guivarra that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Enosa and Cr. Bosun for their absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

DEPUTATION - Nil

PRESENTATION

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING FOR TORRES STRAIT - TAGAI TAFE CAMPUS

Mrs Regina Turner thanked Councillors for choosing the Tagai TAFE Campus as the venue for the Council Meeting.

The purpose of the presentation is to provide a brief overview on new arrangements for the future direction of Vocational Education and Training in the Torres Strait.

Future Directions for Vocational Education & Training for Torres Strait features two parts:

1. School Vocational Education; and
 2. Adult Learning
- *Vocational Educational Training (VET)*
 - VET is:
 - Australian Quality Training Framework
 - Nationally Accredited
 - Competency Based
 - "On-the-job" and/or "off-site" competencies

- Every student last year received VET training - 100% received Vocational Training.
- Of the Year 12 Cohort of 65 students, 44 students were involved in VET training and 44 achieved a VET Qual of some form
- Total of 70 Certs offered – these covered qualifications in 8 VET areas:
 - Construction
 - Horticulture
 - Hospitality
 - Information Technology
 - Engineering
 - Business Administration
 - Childcare Services
 - Visual Arts
- 33/33 Certs in:
 - Construction
 - Engineering
 - Horticulture
- Work Experience and Industry Placements:
 - Semester 2 achieved 100% Tech & Hospital
 - Students placed either locally or in Cairns – 76 students.
 - 2010 – saw 62 student industry placements in Cairns

Ms Turner presented to Council *"Skilling Yumi" in the Torres Strait*.

➤ *Background*

- Education and Training Reform 2002
 - Everyone must stay at school until they finish Year 10 or turn 16
 - Young people must then take part in education and training for a further two years or until they have:
 - Gained a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE); or
 - Gained a Certificate III vocational qualification; or
 - Turned 17
 - Young people can leave education and training to enter the workforce – as long as they are working at least 25 hours a week.

➤ *Objectives*

- To ensure the development and implementation of "Skilling Yumi in the Torres Strait Strategic Place" for delivery of VET in Torres Strait
- To improve, innovate and create a regional VET delivery in the Torres Strait (both adult & School VET) and NPA regions, that is responsive in a flexible and timely manner to changing local circumstances and needs;
- To build a sustainable structure for Tagai TAFE to deliver innovative, flexible and client driven VET training on outer islands (using shared resources of Primary Schools, Elluminate and/or other learning technologies).
- To increase the low uptake of RPL in the Torres Strait and NPA regions;

➤ *Projected Outcomes*

- Ensuring whole of TAFE approach in Torres Strait rather than a faculty by faculty model of delivery to meet regional aspirations and needs;

- Ensuring that the draft delivery plan and the Language Literacy & Numeracy strategy developed for Torres Strait is implemented;
- Develop a process to increase the uptake of RPL in the Torres Strait & NPA regions;
- Establishment of an Adult E-Learning centre with the capacity to delivery training to outer island adults (eg TAFE, Health, JCU);
- Up-skilling, coaching and mentoring of local Torres Strait Islanders and NPA region personnel who are TAA trained to address succession planning;
- *Community Engagement*
 - Activities to meet VET needs and interest in the Torres Strait
 - Establishing engagement and consultation processes
 - Celebrating successful completion of VET studies
 - Aligning with plans in the Torres Strait.
- *Sectoral Advisory Groups*
 - Industry based
 - Representatives from a cross-section of community, government and industry
 - Linked to existing training areas
 - Role:
 - Training needs within specific industry areas
 - Appropriate training delivery methods for specific industry areas
 - Identifying emerging trends within industry areas
 - Contributing to planning cycle for a Torres Strait Training Plan
- *Training Plan*
 - Strategically aligned with industry in Torres Strait
 - Developed within framework of Queensland Skills Plan Indigenous Employment and Training Strategy, Indigenous Arts Strategy
 - Process of Development through Sectoral Advisory Groups and Community Leadership Group.
- *Key Areas of Delivery*
 - Apprenticeships & Traineeships
 - Secondary School
 - Government/Industry
 - Community

Comments

- 3rd year Plan – strategic \$s needed for training.
- Feed issues through Advisory Group – target areas that needed as a priority for training here in the Torres Strait.
 - Identify what the training is and how much it would cost.
 - Not mainly through childcare area but right across the board
- Tagai TAFE would like to see own people who have the qualifications to train others as well.
- TAFE is built up of faculties, Tagai Tafe is a campus.
- Delivery of CDEP
 - People need to be upskilled so that in some area they are qualified enough to attain particular positions within our region and our organization.
 - There are dollars in training – need to look at securing those dollars in the roll out of the process of closing the gap.
 - Need to entail into our Service Provides for CDEP.
 - That way programs can run through Tagai TAFE and the dollars that comes in is actually spent.

- Need to look at doing up an audit on how many trainees is on the ground, how many apprentices needs to finish their time and how many resources that needs RPL status in our communities - that way we have a job security in looking at closing the gap in some of those areas.
- Need to entail the dollars to come back into our region.
- Mayor
 - Best approach would be in terms of coordinating all those dollars that the number of organizations running and trying to achieve the same outcome.
 - At the moment do not have any control of the CDEP Contract.
 - What work experience agreements Council have in place with CEA (Service Provider) of ensuring that the individual is being skilled up under the Community Training plan that is going to be developed, is decided by CEA themselves.
 - There is capacity and scope to look at from the funding point of view where it's actually released to CEA – that dialogue needs to happen - we can genuinely look into the funding that's release from TSRA to CEA.
 - At this stage Regional Council needs to identify what areas we can provide real jobs at the end of 12 months and those areas are to have work experience agreement in place.
 - There is a lot of merit in the 3 yrs strategic training – all we need is all the players to feed into whatever training dollars investment comes into the region – basically need to coordinate it into one area.
 - There is an incentive scheme in there too as well – just need to figure out how do you entice individual organizations to change their behaviour because at the end of the day they're a business.

Mayor thanked Ms Turner and Mr. Hutton for their presentation:

- Wanted an engagement process as well with the full Council and Tagai TAFE
- Definitely look forward to having further discussions in relation to how we can access training through TAFE here as well – know there's a lot of ideas/thinking because a lot of eyes started to light up when given a few examples
- Look forward to working closely with Tagai TAFE

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

- *Child Safety – Safe Houses*
 - No engagement at this stage with Mr. Brown
 - Its something that needs to be followed up.
- *Australia Day Awards*
 - PR & Media Officer apologised to Cr. Fell as he was one of the judge on panel that was not involved in the judging of the awards, due to circumstances beyond her control in contacting Cr. Fell at the time of the judging.
 - It was noted that in light of the comments from Councillors on the Australia Day Awards the following be taken into consideration when planning and focusing on the Australia Day Awards for next year:
 - Awards to include elders, youth, workforce (men and women) who have been backbones of the community in providing essential services
 - Nominations of awards to go to Community & Economic Development Standing Committee for further discussions.

- Look at some categories where each island should have a recipient such as Achievement Award so the whole process grows in momentum and we get to recognise those people in our community
- Do a standard nomination award for the region as a whole just like any other Local Government, rather than every island give nominations.
- Look at considering Mabo Day Awards – as it is far more significant day for our region than Australia Day - it is a fitting day to recognize our people.
- Mayor advised that this is certainly an issue we have to look closely at and focus on:
 - Commence planning for the Australian Day Award earlier
 - Discuss the various categories that Council would like to support
 - Will take into consideration more thought on which day it is going to be or look at acknowledging our people on Mabo Day.
- **Amendments**
 - Amend correct times of when meeting started and when Cr. Pearson and Cr. Kris joined the meeting.
 - Amend typo error under Mayor's comments on Abestos Management, delete "out there".
- **Fire Safety Equipment**
 - Deputy CEO provided update on this issue as per Cr. Guivarra's query:
 - Safety & Training Manager Mr Des Tillack has been doing a fair bit of work on the fire safety audits.
 - At this stage the process is that Council actually have to apply to the Department for that funding and get a separate Agreement to be signed off.
 - Working on that process for both Fire Safety and the Asbestos Management so that we get separate funding Agreements in place.
- **Revenue Raising**
 - It was noted that a full report on this issue will be provided at the Budget Meeting in Cairns for discussions.
- **Badu Island Resource Centre**
 - Cr. Guivarra queried on what was the discussions and resolution pertaining to regarding the Badu Island Resource Centre.
 - Chief Legal Officer advised it was to do with a Development Application re site of the development is where the PBC Headquarters is right now.
 - Chief Executive Officer will refer to Executive Manager Engineering Services to clarify with Cr. Guivarra on exactly what it was all about as it does not specify but it would have been in respect to a development application for that particular building.
- **Vehicle for Dauan**
 - Cr. Elisala wanted to clarify on the issue of the Kubin vehicle that was proposed for Hammond but will now be delivered to Dauan as a priority (as per discussions with Cr. Bosun).
 - Deputy CEO advised that the Procurement Manager Mr. Kevin Wheeler is working with the Divisional Manager for Kubin to have the vehicle delivered to Dauan on the next barge if it hasn't left already.
 - Deputy CEO advised that Executive Manager Engineering has been looking at a vehicle for Hammond and to see whether we can send a vehicle over from one of the other communities as well.
- **Apprentices**

- Mayor Gela raised the issue that the Apprenticeship Board claims we owe them a fee of more than \$100,000 and that we need to pay that bill before we could sign on anymore apprentices.
- Council have requested documentation from the Apprenticeship Board to substantiate their claim that we owe them that fee, but they cannot provide us with any paper work.
- So legally we shouldn't be paying them a cent but that is the Debate that is going on now.
- In the meantime whilst engaging with Communities about the National Partnership, our Local Government owned Corporation wants to grow with more apprentices on board as a few people have already expressed their interest but we cannot sign them up because of the same fact.
- Need to look at this as a priority.
- ✦ Ranger Program
 - It was noted that this report was "Lay on Table" at the last meeting because at that stage clarification could not be provided due to the fact that the "Shatte Report" was commercially in confident at that time.
 - It was noted that the late report of the Ranger Program to be tabled today at the meeting has been pulled off the Agenda to allow dialogue to happen between Mayor Gela, Cr. Kris and Senior Administration from both TSRA and TSIRC to discuss issues pertaining to that report, and to come up with some sort of solution or position so it could be brought back to the table for discussions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Fell that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 29 November 2010 be adopted as true and accurate.

Motion Carried

It was resolved that the Council break for Afternoon Tea at 3.30pm.

It was noted that Cr. P. Mosby left the Meeting during afternoon tea as he was not feeling too well.

It was noted that the Debtors Write-Off Report will not be presented at this meeting as it was presented to Corporate & Finance Standing Committee Meeting.

LATE REPORTS

REMUNERATION

After lengthy discussions it was noted that:

- if a Councillor cancels at the last minute, Council has the ability to recover the overpayment of allowances and airfares using the Expense Reimbursement.
- the policy is written in a way that the whole 100% of the allowance is paid in 26 equal instalments and if a Councillor miss a meeting in that month, they lose one of the instalment in the next month. i.e:
 - Councillors will received 1/26 equal fortnightly payment for the 100% of the Allowance (eg 1/26 of \$46836) per fortnight but if you fail to

- attend the meeting or the schedule of meetings for the month for each of those meetings \$702 will be withheld from the next month.
- With the budget meetings and standing committee meetings coming up in March, if you miss those meetings then \$1404 will be withheld the next month.
- In clarifying Cr. Guivarra's query, the CEO advised that the meeting today and tomorrow is classed as one Ordinary Meeting.
- Mayor advised Councillors:
 - need to give ample time to cancel, to inform staff that they will not be attending the Council Meeting, so that way the planes are diverted directly to pick up Councillors who are attending.
 - Need to consider and think about the cultural significant events that takes place and other things like a death in the community, because as a Councillor its not only immediate family, the Councillors have to be there as well - it takes precedent over anything.
 - Are placed in an awkward position in relation to supporting or going against an apology.
 - to alleviate and address that level of uncertainty, Council need to put some principles in looking at what is right from wrong, consider and determine what is legitimate and what is illegitimate in relation to an apology from Councillors.
- Mayor put 1 of 3 options on the floor to gain traction on it:
 1. Allowances is paid as normal fortnightly, however if a Councillor miss a meeting and their apologies is not accepted then a deduction will occur in your next payment of allowance.
- It was noted that once a Councillor tenders his/her apology it will be tabled and discussed at Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council authorise that the payment of allowance be paid as fortnightly as usual, however, if a Councillor miss a meeting and no apology is recorded or accepted when tabled for discussions then an amount will be subtracted from the Councillor's next allowance.

Motion Carried

It was noted that Cr. Guivarra did not vote because the other two options was not put to the floor to vote as the motion was carried for the 1st option. It was noted that the other two options were:

- *Councillors are paid the normal allowance each fortnight even though the apology is accepted or not, and an amount is not subtracted but is just recorded.*
- *Councillors received Allowance as per the discussion paper presented by the CEO, i.e Councillor receives 1/26 fortnightly payment for the 100% of the Allowance but if you fail to attend a meeting or the schedule of meetings for the month, a formula is used to withhold an amount from the next allowance.*

ANNUAL REPORT

It was noted that:

- Cr. Mackie left the room at 4.35pm and returned 4.40pm.
- Cr. Pearson left the room at 4.40pm, returned 4.50pm.

Executive Manager Corporate & Finance:

- Since the Badu Meeting in November 2009, the Audit Office has not changed their views, opinions or words despite all the additional/extra work we have put into the Financial Statement.
- The Financial Statements has been redone twice and we have also tried to entirely rebuild Asset Registers associated with some of the previous Island Councils to get us over the hurdle and get a better forwarded opinion – unfortunately we weren't able to convince the Queensland Audit Office.
- It is a requirement of Local Government Act that we have to adopt an Annual Report and Council now have the stamped Audit Financial Statements from the Queensland Audit Office and that is included in the Annual Report.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Pearson that Council adopts the Annual Report for 2008-2009 as presented.

Motion Carried

Cr. Guivarra briefed Councillors an update on the KRL and the Outer Island Rugby League.

- Holding a meeting with KRL to discuss a lot of issues pertaining to Rugby League
- Earlier a decision was made by Outer Island Rugby League to join the KRL but that hasn't been respected.
- Outer Island Ruby League decided they would now withdraw from KRL and form their own League.
- Will look at putting a proposal up to Councillors - not looking at a lot of money but certainly have plans that will really highlight talents of our women and men in our community and the changes it could make to our communities
- Looking at trying to establish competitions in the near Western, Top Western, Eastern.
- The Central Division is something that has not been discussed because there is no facility for the games – but will discuss and look into this one.
- The games will be played during the pay week to help out and make things a little easier
- Starting off earlier this year to give our athletes a maximum opportunity to represent at a further level particularly on the Foley Shield.
- Committee consist of : Dauan - Mr. Colin Maka (President), Badu - Ms Rita Kebisu (Secretary), Mr Laza (Treasurer) and Cr. Guivarra as Public Officer.
- Noted an article will be in the Torres News next week advising what the Outer Island Rugby League wants to do
- Looking forward to contacting Councillors for moral and financial support over the coming years.

MEETING CLOSED FOR THE DAY

4.50pm Meeting closed for the Day in prayer by Cr. Bero.

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

- Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
- Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
- Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island
- Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
- Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuag Island
- Cr. Wayne Gulvarra, Division 5 – Badu Island
- Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls
- Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond
- Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
- Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
- Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
- Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke
- Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
- Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island
- Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate & Finance
- Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager Community Services
- Mr. Noel Peters, Manager Human Resources
- Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer
- Ms Jess James, PR & Media Officer
- Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

Observers: Nil

9.10am Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. P. Mosby

PRESENTATION

CDEP - TSIRC/CEA

Mayor welcomed CEA representatives, Ms Suzannah Kuzio, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Darlene Fell, CDEP Officer

Ms Kuzio thanked Mayor and Councillors for the opportunity to address the Council on issues regarding CDEP and also to respond to some of the issues that will be tabled by the Deputy CEO today.

It was noted at this time:

- Cr. Bedford left the meeting at 9.20am returned 9.25am
- Cr. Fell left the meeting at 9.25am returned 9.30am.

Ms Kuzio briefed members on the Work Experience Agreements and Wages

Wages

- All of the wages is still outstanding to Council from CEA.
- Tying very quickly to get those finalised before the next financial year – need to reimburse the wages as soon as possible.

Work Experience Agreements

- Is an agreement between an employer and CDEP Participants and it states the rules for that relationship.
 - How many hours a week that a person is going to be employed.
 - What position that person is going to be employed in
 - How much they are going to be paid.
 - What award they are paid under
 - CEA agreed that participants will work 38hrs (apparently under the Legislation its 37.5hrs, but TSRA has agreed to 38hrs)
- With the Agreement in place, Council is entitled to claim the CDEP Component of the wage (Council is given virtually 14 to 16 hrs of work that's subsidize through CDEP)
- The Work Experience Agreement can last up to 52 weeks.
- The Agreement also stipulates if Council intends to employ the person when they complete their Work Experience Agreements that they can continue for 52 weeks if not it's a 6 months agreement.
- Basically the Work Experience Agreements are in place so that the employer has an opportunity to get the employee up to the standard that's required to do the work without subsidy.
- At the end of the 12 months Work Experience Agreement, there is also a six (6) months wage subsidy that's almost equivalent to the CDEP.
- Council will be advised towards the end of the Agreement how they can apply for that subsidy so that they can get another six (6) months on top of the 12 months in subsidize employment.
- So after the 12 months when they complete their Works Experience Agreement they transition into employment, there's another six (6) months of indigenous wage subsidy.
- Positions so far:
 - 165 Work Experience Agreements completed.
 - 22 to be finalised
 - apparently some people entered into Agreements and employment as of 30th September but they never transition for some reasons - need to get all those backdated
 - so quite a lot of work involved when reinstating people.
- Ms Kuzio thanked Manager CDEP who has put in a big effort and Deputy CEO for her support as well.
- Now that the Work Experience Agreements (WEA) are in place CEA can look at commencing payment of invoices.
 - CEA will use the template of an invoice similar to the Badu Island Foundation which is a perfect example of the way they get reimbursed.
 - Need to invoice for every single Island and for every single pay period.
 - have the money sitting there waiting and want to get rid of it, doesn't come to CEA but if we don't spend it, it goes back to the Government.
 - CEA don't want that to happen, wants to make sure it goes to cover all the wages from the 1st October 2010.
 - CEA has set a deadline to finalize everything by the end of February 2011, to get that money rolling back into Council.
 - Have the invoices but need to have them audited properly because we cannot bill an invoice without the proper documentation that goes with it.
- All participants need to be registered with the Job Services Australia (JSA)
- ITEC and Job Find are both Job Services Australia – they work on behalf of the Government to help people to register at Centrelink and then place them.
- So all people on CDEP are either with Job Find or ITEC in the Torres Strait.

- CEA have been looking at people also interested in working with the mines – 2 people were interested and are now working with Rio Tinto.
- CEA has looked at Rio Tinto, Gladstone, WA.
- Also looking at other areas such as Pearl Farming – had 3 men trained in that field and cannot get them employed in the Torres Strait, which means they will have to be employed away from their communities.

Service Level Agreements

Deputy CEO, Ms Dania Ahwang briefed members on the Service Level Agreements which is designed more around the access of CEA to the facilities, plant equipment and vehicles that Council owns.

- Working currently with Chief Legal Office to draft a Service Level Agreement as there is a lot of legal contents within that Agreement.
- The Service Level Agreement (SLA) will look at:
 - what facilities Council would be able to make available for the CDEP Cluster Coordinator, the Supervisor, Project Officer to actually work in each of the communities.
 - facilities include office space (full serviced) – Council would apply charges on rent which would include electricity and other up keeps of those facilities.
 - Access to vehicle plant and equipment that would be needed for the project and applying a charge out rate for that equipment – the charge out rate covers everything (all Inclusive) rego, insurance and fuel to a level.
 - Look at defining what is appropriate use or authorized use of vehicles and that would capture if any, misuse of vehicles – there would be a clause within the agreement where we could go back and start talking to CEA about covering the cost of that misuse or unfair wear and tear.
- most of those conditions covered within the Agreement will make it easier to administer that Agreement and also look at covering a lot of the issues that might come up at a later date.
- if we got the rules in place from the start then everybody understands what their responsibilities are and we don't have to keep going back and looking at the situation on what to do.
- It is envisaged that the draft will be finalised in two weeks – Deputy CEO and CLO will meet with CEA tomorrow to go through Council's draft Service Legal Agreement and CEA's draft Service Level Agreement and combine the conditions so a document can be done up and work towards getting that document signed and in place.
- Cr. Lui advised - need to look at budget for the wages of employees on WEA because after the 12 months we haven't got the money to pay their wages, we can't take them off and put another participant on in the same position either under the WEA conditions.
- Mayor Gela
 - there were a lot of hectic discussions around substantive positions where you may have four (4) people employed to do a particular task when in actual fact you only need to employ 2 people - need to look at how to balance this.
 - Need to involve both TSIRC and CEA in relation to creating that level of awareness on our part around the substantive position area because there is still some confusion down on ground – need to ensure that we meet the objectives set out in the Reform and at the same time look at social impacts in the community.

- The Service Level Agreement (SLA) is very important as it irons out confusion or the level of risk.
 - Need Senior Officers to come in and engage with the full workforce to have that phase of awareness once SLA is ironed out.
 - Community engagement plans that has been in the raw form has been collated from communities from joint consultation process that has occur that streamline and influence development of those different communities projects that has to occur.
 - Move towards supporting the Reform
 - Community plan is there that influence the development of projects the program outputs then you look at it now in terms of whether or not as a local Government you will maintain parks and gardens because parks and gardens have been identified in our corporate plan anyway – that forms a part of it.
 - There may be scope for discussion one would think that Parks and Gardens could be a business for an individual in the community. That area can be contracted out. And that's visionary stuff now that needs to be discussed how they actually go about dealing with the jobs that used to occur. There was a strong view in the community that was only the CDEP job, it was always thrown at CDEP and not the council's workforce.
 - Council workforce would get involved in it to a certain extent but in the past it was pure CDEP so that in itself needs to be discussed.
- Clarification of role of CEA Cluster Rep Coordinator
 - To give supervisors and staff on the ground another added support system – as the base is on TI there has been a lot of feedback from communities that CEA just recruit staff on the ground without any support to cover issues that comes up on the ground.
 - To audit and provide feedback to CEA (auditing & Compliance), up skilling and supporting supervisors on the islands but also making sure they are in line with the Community Plan to work in collaboration with Council.
 - CEA will look at how they can structure another support mechanism for the Cluster Rep Coordinators and another added communication to look at project on the ground ie negotiate with Traditional Owners etc.
 - Cluster Rep Coordinators are recruited with a higher level skill to the Supervisors and can do a lot more strategic work in regards to training, employment mapping etc.
 - They have the capacity to visit all the other communities and provide monthly reports on issues happening on the ground.
- It was noted that CEA has also recruited at their head office a Training and Development Officer, Employment & Economic Development Office and a Finance and Compliance Officer – another planning level of how Co-ordinators will fill them in but also having the direct contact with Supervisors on the ground.

- Clarification - TSIRC Divisional Manager Cluster Rep
 - As TSIRC is to meet with CEA on issues happening in the Divisions, the Divisional Managers requested if they all could come in to sit in on those discussions.
 - But because of limited funds to bring in the 15 Divisional Manager TSIRC decided to follow the model CEA developed and take a cluster rep from each island (Eastern, Central, Near Western & Top Western).
 - The reps would gather the issues on ground for each of the communities to bring them in for discussions at that meeting and from those discussions they would then take that information back out and it would be their responsibility to feed that information back to each Divisional Manager in their Cluster Group Area.

- In conclusion CEA CEO advised:
 - CDEP is there to enhance what Councils do not to do Council work.
 - CEA:
 - CEA are limited but we try to be flexible.
 - will continue to support Council completing projects under CDEP and once those projects are completed they would be happy to start new projects for Council.
 - Until the CEA Community Capacity Plans are approved by TSRA and FAHCSIA
 - CEA has some recommendations going to the Minister includes:
 - expanding CDEP and the feedback today from Council is going to be valuable added to broaden what CDEP can do.
 - Look at JSA and their roles because
 - JSA are only funded to go to communities once a month
 - JSA was never intended for remote areas.

It was noted that:

- Cr. Lui left the room at 10.20 returned at 10.25am
- Cr. Kris left the room at 10.33am returned at 10.35am

It was resolved that the Council break for Morning Tea at 10.40am.

CLOSED BUSINESS

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Banu that in accordance with Regulation 71 of the Local Government Operation Regulation it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss section the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees, starting or defending legal proceedings involving it, other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government further the public in attendance are asked to leave.

Motion Carried.

CLOSED BUSINESS

1. MER ISLAND FREEZER

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. P. Mosby that Council resolve to support option 1 of this report, namely the extended negotiation time with Mer Ged Kem Le (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation RNTBC of a further two (2) months.

Motion Carried.

2. REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Day that the Council adopts Aurecon as the preferred supplier for Consultancy Services associated with the MIP4B Regional Waste Management Feasibility Study.

Motion Carried

3. COMMUNITY FORUM

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Mackie that Council writes to the Minister for Local Government Ms Desley Boyle requesting that a full review be undertaken on the Community Forum process prior to the upcoming term of Local Government March 2012 to March 2016 she enacts her authority given by the Local Government Act 2009 section 87 Community Forum and not to decide to establish a Community Forum for the electorate area of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Motion Carried.

Against: Cr. Kris

Executive Manager Human Resources joined the meeting at 1150am.

Cr. Guivarra left the meeting room at 12.15pm, returned 12.23pm

4. PORUMA ISLAND PROPRIETY LIMITED

- *Cr. P. Mosby declared his conflict of interest as a board member of the Poruma Island Pty Ltd.*
- *Cr. P. Mosby was advised to leave the meeting room during this session.*

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Fell that due to the level of risk and associated uncertainty of the operations of the Poruma Island Pty Ltd, the Council agrees with the advice of the Poruma Island Pty Ltd appointed Administrators and that the Company be 'wound up'. Further that Council provides a future options paper.

Motion Carried.

*Cr. Fell left the room 12.25pm returned 12.30m
Cr. Mackie left the room 12.45pm returned 12.50pm
Cr. Pearson left the room 12.45pm returned 12.55pm*

GENERAL BUSINESS IN CLOSED BUSINESS

Councillors discussed at length the following issues:

- CEA Supervisors/cluster coordinators roles and responsibilities
- Councillors involvement in communities in clarifying issues on ground/Councillors advice need to carry weight
- Roles and responsibilities of Council employees and their code of conduct
- Divisional Managers performances
- Show cause letters – CEO to note and action.
- Community Police Officers protocols
- Incident Reports

*Cr. Lui left the room at 1.20pm, returned 1.28pm
Cr. Bedford left the room at 1.30pm returned 1.35pm.
Cr. Banu left the room at 1.45pm, returned 1.50pm*

It was resolved that Council break for 10 minutes (no lunch) at 2.00pm – 2.10pm.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORT

- *Community Police Officers*
 - Statistics shown through Community Police report presented today in the Information Report.
 - Council has been lobbying with the Department to fund our shortfall.
 - CEO commended Executive Manager for Corporate & Finance and his team for a fantastic job of putting together a solid case/ submission that was presented at the Ministerial Roundtable.
 - Council requested from Government the need of an additional \$40M a year to operate.
 - CEO advised last conversation with the Department he was told that \$24M of the \$40M is to do with depreciation so its to do with our assets and our Asset Management Plans.
 - The Department clearly stated that is a separate conversation we will have with them as it did not form any part of the submission put forward to Government to fund us
 - Next part is that QPS is putting through a separate bid for \$2.4M and if successful, will give that \$2.4M to the Department of Local Government & Planning to give to TSIRC Council to operate the Community Police.
 - The other bid that's going forth to Treasury is the \$9M as discussed previously for the 320 positions that Council holds.
 - So the guarantee of Community Police come July 1 is contingent on that \$2.4M coming in from Local Government & Planning.
- *Local Laws*
 - Consultations on every island except for two but that will be happening very soon.
 - All submissions requested and feedback should be back by the end of 28th February so we are in line for the subordinate Local laws to be adopted at the April meeting.
 - Cr. Kris expressed his concerns:
 1. disappointed that only a small section was picked up on "Banishing Act". St. Pauls Community felt that it is the most important local law that needs to be pushed through and implemented (how do we assess persons who are incarcerated to come back into communities) because at the end of the day the Community will suffer, we need to really state those particular sections and would like to see that section be highlighted as a separate section to all those other subordinate laws as it gets caught under the Registration Section 7.
 2. The other issue that needs to be pushed through subordinate local law is the need for Department agencies and organisation obtaining approval prior to visiting communities because there are times when they still travel to communities during a funeral or sad business in the Community.
 - CEO advised there is ability in the subordinate Local law that we can have a schedule stating the eligibility or ineligibility of people that comes into communities.

- Chief Legal Officer advised subordinate local laws do not go through State interest check, that's the benefit of Council having model Local Laws passed last year as long as we're only using those powers within the Model Local Laws then there's nothing the State can do to stop us from providing a little more in depth information about who should come in, who's exempt from getting licences under subordinate local laws. Council has a lot of scope for model local laws that doesn't need to go through State.
- *Unregistered Vehicles* – Chief Legal Officer advised:
 - Community Police do not have the powers when it comes to prosecuting owners with unregistered vehicles
 - Unregistered vehicles comes under the responsibility of QPS, Community Police can only identify these unregistered vehicles and report both to:
 1. QPS who will then take action when they visit the islands; and
 2. Council by way of an occurrence sheet – this will enable Council to monitor if employees have no licence and they driving a council vehicle, action can be taken against them for breaches under the Council Vehicle Policy.
 - Nothing Council can do to stop unregistered vehicles coming into communities unless Council adopt another local law – need to find power to do that as there is none under Model Local Laws in place, and this would need to go through the State Interest Check.
 - It was noted:
 - that there is heavy dialogue happening with having QPS full time on the Islands and that we maintain that as our main objective to have full time QPS qualified Officers on the Islands.
 - It is not a long term fix, Council is getting money for short term fix so that we can empower Community Police and provide a level of service that we have to under the relevant Acts
 - Community Policing is fundamentally flawed, we need to get QPS either on every island or on a cluster basis.

LATE REPORTS

REQUIREMENT FOR GARBAGE COMPACTORS

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council authorize CEO to write to TSRA to request funding for approximately \$1.05M to purchase 7 Garbage Compactors in the next Financial Year to replace vehicles that are due to be withdrawn from that service.

Motion Carried.

Cr. Fell requested that Executive Manager Communities to visit Mabuiag and inspect the condition of their Garbage Truck.

ERUB ERWER META

- Cr. Bedford tabled a letter from Erub Erwer Meta (Art Centre) regarding banking issues especially on high fees transactions through bank and IBIS. As Erub is one of the 1st Community to become cashless under this new policy:
 - Erub Erwer Meta is requesting assistance from Council in trying to get the relevant institutions to lower associated fees to do with banking transactions in the community.
 - There has been no response to date from Manager – National Australia Bank (NAB), IBIS, and Jason O'Brien to Erub Erwer Meta on this issue.
 - Cr. Bedford thought he'd bring this issue to the full Council as Communities are going through this cashless system it is something that needs to be considered to make sure that communities and organisations are aware of the impacts
- CEO advised:
 - IBIS have since reduced their banking fees.
 - Have been speaking with NAB and their involvement since Council is rolling out cash, and NAB has indicated that they have a roving bank from time to time.
 - Not sure whether the Art Centre has approached the hotel, the canteen of the Island to see if they will undertake these transactions for them.
- Mayor suggested do a letter so that a response is imminent to Erub Erwer Meta with all the different options like canteen, school etc.
- Cr. Bedford advised is happy at giving the feedback to the Group on the different options, but was just thinking of other communities that don't have a canteen or don't have an organisation they may be able to do transaction with.
- It was noted that:
 - Cr. Bedford to write a response to Erub Erwer Meta directly highlighting all the solutions as discussed.
 - Cr. Bedford to keep Mayor informed if it is still an issue especially if all the solutions visited fall through eg canteen and school etc - then that's something that the Mayor should be able to table at the up coming IBIS Board meeting scheduled for 3rd & 4th March 2011, to look at what IBIS could actually do there and similar situations for other communities especially for the non-profit organisations.

BADU ISLAND EFTPOS FACILITIES

- Cr. Guivarra expressed his concerns that Badu also have issues with the EFTPOS facilities not working properly with Regional Council:
 - It is negatively impacting other outlets where they are basically manipulating their ATM access machines to affect the cash flow in communities.
 - Peoples lives are being run by machines not being accessible and are playing partnership roles in the other businesses – going from the Pub (under BIF) to a couple of other private enterprises that operate on the Islands.
 - The cash outlets are closed down on certain days where you can't access it.
 - If there was an EFTPOS problem at the Bowser people were told to go and get cash from the nearest store (emptying that store ATM) and then go to the Bowser to purchase fuel.

- If other outlets realise that the EFTPOS at the Bowser isn't working they close shops too because the money goes towards buying fuel and is not circulating throughout the community.
- This is happening because Council no longer provides services through ATMs and it is really affecting the community.
- Deputy CEO:
 - Was advised that there was a storm last year in September or October which knocked out all those lines at Bowser, Post Office and also some lines at the council office which needed fixing – possibly why some of the shops has been actually controlling the ATMs and Cash.
 - advised recently that Telstra was out on Badu on Friday 11th February to fix those problems.
 - One of the back up plans if the EFTPOS does down at the Council Office is looking at a manual swipe card system:
 - These manual machines have been rolled out – where you put the card into the metal case and swipe it then do the transaction.
 - Just need a phone line to actually ring up and get authorization for that transaction.
 - It was noted and confirmed by Executive Manager Corporate & Finance that all manual metal EFTPOS machines have been rolled out to the communities.

GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ ***Housing Issue***

1. ***CBRC***

- It was noted that housing upgrade budgets prior to the birth of the CBRC has all been earmarked and allocated.
- All the finances that was funded through past Councils that was rolled over and to TSIRC, the upgrade programs that was actually identified in your community eg extension or re-roof etc, all those upgrade monies have been earmarked:
 - Some has since carried through,
 - the work has been completed in some areas,
 - some work is still being completed and finalized.
- So all that budget that was allocated from State for that particular area is basically earmarked.
- There is no more - will have to wait until CBRC is released and that is only for new housing.

2. ***Asbestos Buildings***

- It was noted that with regards to vacant asbestos buildings, there is a demolition program being development for those houses.
- With regards to private asbestos buildings one needs to obtain authority.
- If a case is going to be put up, the Department headed by John Moffat & Colleagues acknowledges the issue:
 - understands where Council is coming from
 - sees the cost efficiencies that Council would have by compiling it all in one especially when you looking at targeting the rental and private at the same time
- However it will all depend on whether the funds are available too.

It was noted that Cr. Banu left the room a 2.50pm returning 2.53pm

- ★ **"Show Cause" Letters**
 - It was noted that all "show cause" letters received by an employee are kept by the HR Manager.
 - Only the CEO and Executive Managers send out a "show case" letter.
 - Copies are kept by the HR Manager under confidential file, like a personal file along with the letter of response from the individual.
 - If a letter of warning has been sent to the individual saying "this is your last chance, don't let it happen again", and that happens, the other alternative is termination of that employee.
 - So normally the employee gets:
 - a letter of warning that it does not happen again; or
 - a letter of thanks advising we accept your argument or response and there will be no further action taken.

- ★ **Community Grants**
 - At Standing Committee Councillors requested an update on Community Grants and how much each individual community has.

- ★ **Rental System**
 - Cr. Lui queried on the break-up of rental income received after a year of requesting it from the Housing Manager which included water (in expenditure), sewerage, insurance etc, and wanted to know how that works if one need to determine what are the priorities to spend the rental money maybe with a bit of renovations and not only wages, but when looking at rental money there is not much money left after the break-up.
 - Mayor advised CEO to look:
 - at Budget meeting in Cairns in March in making it a worthwhile exercise to have a day or part of a day with Councillors to go through Annexure 1 in terms of the upgrade budget that's been allocated to the Community:
 1. what work has been completed;
 2. what work is still continuing;
 - Apart from that look at rental income as we all know that the repairs and maintenance for each house rental property is reported through the call centre which is a separate bucket of money for funding,
 - Upgrade plans and capital is a separate bucket to repairs and maintenance.
 - The rental income that's collected in communities is budgeted towards the salary of Housing Officers, insurance and so forth.
 - There may be scope if we haven't dived into discussions yet in looking at how much is collected in terms of revenue to look at how we could capitalize by using parts of that income for particular upgrades that has been identified as a priority but couldn't quite get into or maybe look at funding constraints that the Department of housing basically experienced and had.
 - CEO advised:
 - When you drafted budgets for each individual divisions you would have noticed that every single division had a deficit budget, that takes into account any money that Council's got that includes any rental receipting which comes as being used to operate the community, it's not identified separately for housing, that's not the way the budget is being shaped.

- However, if Council wants to shape the budget this year then that's how we can shape it for the forthcoming year and that's going to be decision of Council when we go through all those processes.
- I think on Warraber we are still trying to pay off an 8 bedroom house that was built prior to amalgamation.
- Mayor advised:
 - It was always known in the past that rental income is used for upgrades & maintenance for rental property and not necessarily put in a consolidated revenue bucket .
 - This is something new and that we should have picked up at the budget meeting and is something that needs to be discussed.
- **Computer BroadBand**
 - It was noted that Telstra have got in their planning to have it completely rolled out by the 30th June 2011.
 - Biggest ticket items were upgrades to towers along the way
 - All the major upgrades that needed to happen have happened on TI, St. Pauls and lama.
 - A new tower is to be constructed on Kubin:
 - tower should be on its way to Kubin on this barge if it hasn't already landed at Kubin for it to be built.
 - Council passed a Development Application for the tower to be built at its November meeting, and a subsequent one at the Standing Committee Meeting which was passed also.
 - The Development Application will be finalised this week.
 - Telstra happy to start construction in the next couple of days/weeks.
 - Once the tower is up Telstra will begin to roll out the new hardware within each of the exchange across the Torres Strait.
 - Both offices on TI, Cairns Offices are connected.
 - Hammond should been connected in December last year but don't think it has been done.
 - Boigu is connected.

It was resolved that Council break for afternoon tea at 3.10pm.

➤ **Update on National Partnership Housing Program**

- It was noted:
 - Recent consultation on the community of Badu on 25th January 2011.
 - Basically all the community consultation has been done at this stage.
 - Program Officers are getting ready to go out to communities to meet and discuss the National Partnership Housing program:
 - how its going to roll out,
 - what sort of involvement that they will have with the communities.
 - the communities that they proposed for their first round of visits will be Kubin, St. Pauls, Mabuiag and Hammond, and because Badu's in the same are they may actually look at visiting them as well.

- A meeting will be held tomorrow between Native Title Office and TSIRC Reps to discuss the Infrastructure ILUA - discussions around valuations and other clauses within that document.
- Will also looking at getting the Program Office to come to the March meetings and present to Councillors an update of where they at, where they going to and when – pre-announcing when they will actually start going out to communities which they are looking at February and March.
- There is still a small number of communities that they've got to go out and ground truth to get a bit of idea of what vacant lots or available lots might be there for new constructions and Badu being one of those which they couldn't get out there until consultations were done
- Badu, lama and Ugar are the main ones that hadn't been ground truth at this stage,

It was noted that Cr. Bedford left the room at 3.30pm returning at 3.45pm

- Mayor requested that when Program Office presents to Council at March meeting to not only present what steps they are about to take, but what to expect in terms of what they will be packaging as well, something like places such as Woorabinda where they have started looking at developing and designing subdivisions too.
- The Program Office on a case by case basis have been putting it up to look at dollars to develop subdivisions in communities too.
- In response to Cr. Day query, Mayor advised next phase to Mer Island is the visit by Program Office itself (not with building crew), to engage with the Community, Councillor and PBC to look at coordination and involvement with engagement level with Council in packaging the approach.
- It was noted that once ILUA is developed, negotiated, agreed, signed off and its executed, houses can roll in, the commencement of upgrade program and materials start going into communities.
- Deputy CEO to check potential timeframe of tendering process for CBRC – Mayor concerned that in timing it perfectly for once Contract is let that it is not during monsoon time.
- Staff Housing
 - the \$10M injection to accommodating executives/staff on communities has not been successful.
 - at this present stage more of a priority for State would be looking at funding us appropriately in line at what has been identified in the Financial Sustainability Review outcome.
 - Council have not been pushing that barrel for the \$10M injection for staff accommodation.
 - Council have been pushing for heavily and hard is to look at being funded appropriately to:
 - Provide the right level of service,
 - Lift up the standard of service in our communities,
 - To fund our structures appropriately; and
 - To meet the short falls we've identified as one of the outcomes of the Financial Sustainability Review.
 - This more priority than accommodating staff in community.
 - Having essential services, the infrastructure being replaced in a timely manner to continue to providing sewerage, to continue to provide water, those bare essentials are more of a priority.

- **Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services (RIBS)**
 - No response from TSRA about RIBS.
 - At this stage operating on 10/11 approved budget which is very minimal running costs and very limited wage funding
 - The majority of RIBS Operators under Council are on the Workplace Experience Agreements – part CDEP funded and the rest is top up.

- **QAS first Responder**
 - Deputy CEO advised was in contact with Peter Cahill from Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS):
 - One QAS Vehicle is to be sent to Sabai.
 - One fully equipped QAS vehicle to Ugar in April.
 - Peter Cahill will meeting with Deputy CEO on TI to have discussion around the MOU.
 - Will keep Cr. Bero informed on the update on whether the date for the delivery of Ugar vehicle still stands.

- **Uniforms**
 - Still waiting on some order forms to be sent to NNT for the whole of Council uniforms.
 - HR Manager to send an email to all staff and Councillors regarding update of Uniforms.

- **Cyclone Yasi**
 - Discussions on Cyclone Yasi and whether it effected Torres Strait as well that we should be involved in the meeting convened by Premier.
 - It was noted that the meeting was only to look at a new legislation based on recovery effort such as that caused by Cyclone Yasi.

- **Ranger Program**
 - CR. Mackie was concerned on an issue identified at a recent workshop with Land & Sea Management last week, where Ranger workers find it hard on the ground to do their job in terms of PBC Chairs not being cooperative so they find themselves basically doing nothing - when Rangers go into Community but are told to go back.
 - Mayor advised:
 - the solutions and strategies that seconded Worker from TSRA Land & Sea Management has been doing is development of MOU's between TSRA, PBC, TSIRC so that work can progress.
 - PBC has been part and parcel of developing MOU – that's the process on how they will iron out a lot of those issues working through from Community to Community
 - Cr. Kris advised:
 - the grey area is where PBC's are sitting outside of the Community and making decisions which are stalling the progress and development of community.
 - They see it as their bona fide rights because they belong to the Island
 - This is a stumbling block for us because the LSM has now found it hard to get 2 MOU signed especially because of PBC's not being cooperative.

- Cr. Mackie:
 - Would be good to see an avenue where we could have all the players at once for a workshop or meeting to make it easy for our workers to progress on what we are trying to achieve.
 - Dealing with this issue individually will always be a teething problem.
- Mayor advised look at:
 - Dealing with it at Community level and pushing it through when PBC does hold an AGM, get the people in there to actually voice that concern.
 - MOU in terms of formulating a better arrangement.
- Cr. Banu reiterate Mayor's comments but also advised that not all PBC's are the same as there are 1 or 2 who try and dictate under their particular organisations but not everybody is the same.

2.50pm **COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED**

MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT

Moved Cr. Bero, Seconded Cr. Pearson that in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD), Management of Community Development of Grant in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings of the Indigenous Regional Council.

Motion Carried

SAIBAI LEASE TO QLD HEALTH

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Day

1. 'That the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease to the State of Queensland as represented by the Department of Health over land described as Lease C on SP 219921 comprising part of the Deed of Grant in Trust being Lot 3 on CP TS157, County of Torres, Parish of Giaka, title reference 21296134, for the refurbishment of residential accommodation for the Lessee's staff and the construction, operation and maintenance of a primary health care centre.'
2. 'That the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease to the State of Queensland as represented by the Department of Health over land described as Lease D on SP 219921 comprising part of the Deed of Grant in Trust being Lot 3 on CP TS157, County of Torres, Parish of Giaka, title reference 21296134, for the construction, operation and maintenance of residential accommodation for the Lessee's staff and for any other Government Services Use reasonably incidental to those purposes.'

3. 'That the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease to the State of Queensland as represented by the Department of Health over land described as Lease E on SP 219921 comprising part of the Deed of Grant in Trust being Lot 3 on CP TS157, County of Torres, Parish of Giaka, title reference 21296134, for the construction, operation and maintenance of a primary health care centre as specified in the attached plan and for any other Government Services Use reasonably incidental to those purposes.'

Motion Carried.

DAUAN IBIS LEASE

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Elisala, Seconded Cr. Bero that the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease to the Islanders Board of Industries and Services ABN 42 060 262 890 over part of the land identified in the enclosed sketch plan PR 100098-2 and comprising part of the Deed of Grant in Trust being lot 9 on CP TS169, County of Torres, Parish of Giaka, title reference 21296130, for construction and operation of a retail business or other business which the Lessee is entitled to carry on pursuant to section 60B of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984 (Qld).

Motion Carried.

Next Council Meeting

- Meeting proposed for Mer Island has been cancelled due to water restrictions.
- Next meeting now proposed for Iama Community in April.

MEETING CLOSED

4.20pm Meeting closed in prayer Cr. Mackie.


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Cr. Fred Gela
Mayor


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Mr. John Scarce
Chief Executive Officer