



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, 11th March 2022

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Video Conference

PRESENT:

Cr Hilda Mosby – Chair, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)

Cr Seriako Dorante – Committee Member, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

APOLOGY:

Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber

STAFF:

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services

May Mosby, Acting Secretariat

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)

Chair, Cr Hilda Mosby, welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged Traditional Owners on the land we meet today.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Hilda Mosby invited Cr Seriako Dorante to open the meeting in a word of prayer at 10:15am.

3. Apology

- Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Seriako Dorante; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee accepts the apology of Cr Kabay Tamu for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)

Cr Hilda Mosby advised the meeting that she holds the following positions:

- Board member for Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Portfolio Member for Environment with Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Indigenous Climate Change

Upon advice sought from Manager Legal Services, Cr Hilda Mosby did not declare a conflict of interest as there are no matters involving Torres Strait Regional Authority.

5. Noting of previous Ratified Minutes – 3rd November 2021

- 3rd November 2021 – VC – Ratified at November 2021 Ordinary Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Committee notes the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2021 as true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

6. Action Items List

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services provided an update on the three (3) outstanding action items.

7. Engineering - CHAS Update

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to this report.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's Resolution at the Council's March meeting to award the last three phases of CHAS (Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy) to the consultant, Alluvium Consulting to complete the last three phases.

Cr Hilda Mosby requested Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith, Waste & Sustainability Engineer to dial in to speak further to the report.

10:58am – Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith, Waste & Sustainability Engineer joined the meeting.

Cr Hilda Mosby asked if the Adaptation plan will be an individual plan for each division and not just one plan across the whole council. Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith advised that they will be specific to each island due to the geographic conditions and what infrastructure each island has. Cr Hilda Mosby thanked Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith for his explanation on behalf of the committee.

11:10am – Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith left the meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Committee notes the report and support the content to be referred to full Council at the March 2022 Council Ordinary Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

8. Engineering - Waste Management and Climate Change Adaptation Brief

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to report and advised that in future, this report will be an information report.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee notes this report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

9. Legal – Joint Statement on Climate Change in the Torres Strait – Late

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services spoke to this report regarding an email received from Lisa Viliamu Jameson of 350 Australia seeking Council's support for a joint statement on Climate Change.

11:31am - May Mosby left meeting.

11:34am – May Mosby joined the meeting.

Cr Hilda Mosby asked if Cr Kabay Tamu could dial in to the meeting to talk further on the topic.

11:43am - Cr Kabay Tamu dialled in to the meeting and spoke on the issues of climate change affecting the region and the importance of Council having a position on this matter moving forward.

11:47am – Cr Tamu dialled out of the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee recommends that Council endorses the Joint Statement on Climate Change in the Torres Strait.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

10. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Nil

11. Next meeting date

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

12. Closing Prayer

Chair, Cr Hilda Mosby thanked Cr Seriako Dorante and staff for their attendance and participation in the meeting and invited Cr Seriako Dorante to close the meeting in a word of prayer.

MEETING CLOSED - 11:53AM



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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 20th April 2022



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 20th April 2022