



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

STRATEGIC ADVISORY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Friday 16th October 2020

Time: 9:17am – 12:00pm

Venue: Video conference – VMR# 8 – 02 9916 5402

**SARG Meeting
Video Conference**

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Present: Mayor Mosby (Cairns)
Cr Aven Noah (Mer)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr (Iama)
Cr Hilda Mosby (Masig)
Cr Keith Fell, SARG Member
Cr Francis Pearson (Poruma)
Cr Rocky Stephen (Ugar)
Cr Torenzo Elisala, SARG Proxy Member
Hollie Faithfull, Acting Chief Executive Officer (Cairns)
Ilario Sabatino, Chief Operating Officer (Hammond)
David Baldwin, Chief Engineer (Cairns)
Ms Nicola Daniels, Acting Chief Financial Officer (Cairns)
Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel (via phone)
Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement (Cairns)
Mette Nordling, Manager Governance and Compliance (Cairns)
Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (Thursday Island)

Apologies:

Nil. Mayor advised SARG Cr Mosby is running a little late.

Welcome (Chair):

Mayor Mosby acknowledged and paid respects to;

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional owners of the land on which we are dialling in from
- Acting CEO and staff

Opening Prayer:

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Fell to open the SARG meeting in prayer.

COI/ MPI Disclosures:

No declaration. Mayor encouraged SARG to make a declaration at any time.

Outstanding Strategic Action Items

- Action Items updated

Minutes – SARG Meeting – 2nd September 2020

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; *Second:* Cr Phillemon Mosby

That the minutes of the SARG meeting held on 2nd September 2020 is endorsed as an accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Strategic Updates:

a. Acting Chief Executive Officer: -

1. 2019/2020 Year End Audit Management Report

Acting Chief Executive Officer spoke to this report and briefed SARG summary.

Cr Lui commended and congratulation Acting Chief Executive Officer and her team on an unqualified report.

A report will be going to the full Council in October seeking a resolution.

2. LEGAL – Proposed Moa Quarry

9:59am – Cr Hilda Mosby – Division 12 joined the meeting.

Cr Getano Lui declared a COI as a relative.

Manager of Legal Services spoke to this report.

Mayor would like an invitation extended to Mualgal Holdings to present to the new Council.

ACTION: Manager Legal Service to extend an invitation to Mualgal Holdings to present at the November/December Ordinary meeting.

3. LEGAL – Church use of Council facilities

Manager of Legal Services spoke to this report.

The process needs to be formalised through a policy and have procedures in place to be part of the licence requirements. Cr Lui also flagged when drafting the policy to adhere to the sensitivity of the issue.

4. Closed Business – Risk

Chief Operating Officer spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Stephen

That in accordance with section 275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:

h) Business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of Council or someone else or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

MOTION CARRIED

- Closed Business – Risk

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah, Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That Council move out of Closed Business

MOTION CARRIED

b. Mayor Update:

1. Standing Committee's Update on Dates

Mayor Mosby advised SARG that the meeting dates for the Standing Committee meetings needs to be endorsed by the Council and advertised and uploaded to the website.

ACTION: Senior Executive Assistant will contact each Chair of the Standing Committees to work on the dates for their quarterly meetings. Then present dates to the Council for endorsement.

2. Regional Assembly – Project Manager Position

Mayor Mosby spoke to this item. To progress we will need to:

- Develop a Steering Committee
- Develop the Terms of Reference for the Committee
- Appoint a Project Manager to drive this project forward.

There is a budget of \$20k, we will need to approach TSRA for more funds and TSC and NPARC for their contribution towards the project as discussed in previous discussion.

Resolution to go to the Minister for approval. TSRA currently in Caretaker mode.

3. Strategic Plans and Policies

- Enterprise Divestment – update provided
- DOGIT Transfer Plan – A process currently in place
- DOGIT - Work with Standing Committee on what funds are available. What will be the process for the DOGIT Trust Funds? Develop a Policy and Procedure. Workshop in a community meeting, the minutes to then be presented to the CFO/CEO to determine between Capital and Operational.

ACTION: Paper to come to Council to change the name of Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage. All Councillors support.

- Regional ILUA – update provided

4. Proposed change to Head Office for TSIRC

Current head office in on Hammond Island which is our registered business address. Cr Lui suggested the discussion be held at the Council meeting. Cr Fell understands for the office to sit on one of the outer islands and raised the fact that all government agencies are located on TI. Cr Hilda Mosby raised the fact that the current office is too close to another Local Government Council (Torres Shire Council). Mayor Mosby made it clear he has no interest in having the head office on Poruma. Mayor suggested we consider the Pros and Cons

ACTION: Senior Executive Assistant to send out email to Councillors for their suggestions on Team Building activities for inclusion in the November workshop

Next SARG Meeting Date

3rd November 2020

ACTION: Manager of Governance to update the meeting handbook and provide the draft handbook for review at the next SARG meeting

Meeting Closed in Prayer by Cr Hilda Mosby.