



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

STRATEGIC ADVISORY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Tuesday 19th January 2021

Time: 9:28am to 5:45pm

Venue: Committee Room,
TSIRC Cairns Office

**SARG Meeting
TSIRC Committee Room, Cairns**

**Tuesday 19th January 2021
09:28am – 5:45pm**

Present: Mayor Mosby (Cairns)
Cr Aven Noah (Mer)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr (Iama)
Cr Hilda Mosby (Masig)
Cr Francis Pearson (Poruma)
Hollie Faithfull, acting Chief Executive Officer (Cairns)
Ilario Sabatino, Chief Operating Officer (Hammond)
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: Cr Keith Fell, SARG Member
Cr Torenzo Elisala, SARG Proxy Member
Cr Rocky Stephen (Ugar)
David Baldwin, Chief Engineer (Cairns)
Naila Nomoa, acting Secretariat (Cairns)

1. Welcome (Chair)

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Mayor invited Cr Fell to open the meeting in prayer.

3. Apologies

No apologies

4. Conflict of Interest (COI)/ Material Personal Interest (MPI) Declaration

No declaration made,

5. Outstanding Strategic Action Items

Acting Chief Executive Officer updated the SARG Committee on the Action Items

6. **Minutes – SARG Meeting – November 2020 – VC**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Noah

That the minutes for the November 2020 SARG meeting be adopted as true and accurate.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Strategic Updates**

a. **Mayor**

1. Closed Business – Legal Advice – Holding Redlich – Regional Governance

Mayor Mosby welcomed Eleanor from Holding Redlich to provide SARG Committee with an update.

SARG Committee moves into Closed Session

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That in accordance with section 254J 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:

(e)legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

- ***Legal Advice – Holding Redlich***

MOTION CARRIED

Staff left the room at 9:36am

Staff back in the room – 11:10am

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Mosby

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group move out of Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED

Standing Committee's Minute Review

- Cultural, Arts and Heritage – Cr. Aven Noah
- Governance and Leadership – Cr. Getano Lui
- Economic Growth – Cr. Rocky Stephen
- Safe and Healthy Communities – Cr. Keith Fell
- Climate Change Adaptation and Environment – Cr. Hilda Mosby

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group notes the Minutes from the following Standing Committee meetings;

- **Cultural, Arts and Heritage – Cr. Aven Noah**
- **Governance and Leadership – Cr. Getano Lui**
- **Economic Growth – Cr. Rocky Stephen**
- **Safe and Healthy Communities – Cr. Keith Fell**
- **Climate Change Adaptation and Environment – Cr Hilda Mosby**

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Cr Fell elaborated on the fencing program and suggest the team look at sourcing funds to fence other houses who were not covered in the other funding streams.

ACTION: Cr Fell also raised the tank program and asked if the water pumps to these tanks can be reviewed.

LUNCH – 12:15pm – 12:45pm

b. Chief Engineer

- 1. Proposed Local Law and Fees and Charges Amendments for Waste Management Measures*

Chief Engineer, Mr David Baldwin spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Mosby

That the SARG Committee notes the report and recommend it be table at the January 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Chief Executive Officer

1. Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy Update

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to the report. SARG support the amendments.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Fell

That the SARG Committee supports the amendments and changes to the Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Monthly Financial Report

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to the report.

ACTION: Secretariat to place as a standing agenda item for the Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Moved Cr Fell; Second: Cr Noah

That Council

- 1. review the draft report presented and provide feedback,**
- 2. approves the new format to be presented at the Ordinary meeting in March 2021,**
- 3. agrees the report presented may require minor changes dependent upon further assessment of what information should be provided for better decision making,**
- 4. agree that changes should be made to the report from time to time, to ensure the necessary financial information required for informed decision making is provided, or where the Finance team observe that there have been changes to best practice for reports of this nature to ensure the reports provided to Council remain accurate, timely, relevant, topical and in line with best practice.**

MOTION CARRIED

3. Update on Reconciliation Action Plan

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to the report. It was suggested the Head of People and Wellbeing be the lead officer.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Mosby

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group resolves to:

- a) note the contents of this report; and**
- b) receive updates on the status of the Reconciliation Action Plan on a monthly basis.**

MOTION CARRIED

4. Community Survey

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to the report. Councillors asked for lots of notice and communicate be provided to community prior to the survey going out.

ACTION: Provide SARG with a hard copy of the last survey and what the data was used for.

Information dissemination to community;

- Facebook
- Notice Board
- Postal Drop
- Lamp Post posters
- Door knock and drop
- Community Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Mosby; Second: Cr Fell

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group review and notes this report.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Project Plans

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Stephen

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group resolves to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report,**
- 2. Report drafted and priority to Ordinary Meeting,**
- 3. Receive updates on the status of each of the attached project plans on a monthly basis.**

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Secretariat to place on the agenda of the Ordinary and SARG meeting as a standing agenda item.

Priority – 1. Change Region name – LG area to Zenadth Kes

ACTION: Team to prepare report for next Ordinary Meeting on Change Region name – Local Government area to Zenadth Kes

SARG moved into Closed Session

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Mosby

That in accordance with section 254J 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:

(b) industrial matters affecting employees;

(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

- **Update on Transitional Action Plan**
- **Freight Consolidation Business Model**
- **Industrial Matters 1 (verbal)**
- **Industrial Matters 2**

Secretariat Officer left the room at 3:14pm.

Secretariat Officer back in the room 5:40pm

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Stephen; Second: Cr Noah

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group move out of Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Closed Business - Update on Transitional Action Plan
7. Closed Business – Freight Consolidation Business Model
8. Closed Business – Industrial Matters 1 (Verbal)
9. Closed Business – Industrial Matters 2

8. General/ Other Business (on notice)

No business arising.

9. Next meeting date – February 2021

Next meeting date – 2nd February 2021 via video conference (1-4pm)

10. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor Mosby thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and invited Cr Lui to close the meeting in prayer.

Meeting closed – 5:45pm

