



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

CULTURE, ARTS, LAND AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Date: 1st December 2021
Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Venue: VMR #7 – 0299 165 401

Present:

Cr Aven Noah (Chair)
Cr Torenzo Elisala (Committee Member)
Cr Laurie Nona (Committee Member)

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services
Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager, Legal Services
Ms May Mosby, Secretariat Officer

Apologies:

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Aven Noah welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged traditional owners of the land on which we meet both across Zenadth Kes and in Cairns.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Aven Noah opened the meeting in prayer at 2.07pm.

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services left the meeting at 2:07pm.

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services re-joined the meeting at 2:16pm.

3. Apologies

No apologies provided.

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

No declaration made.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – 27th August 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah Second: Cr Laurie Nona

That the Committee accepts the minutes of the last committee meeting held on the 27th August 2021 as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Action Items

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services, provided committee with an update on the three outstanding action items from November 2020.

Item 1: Ongoing

Item 2: Completed

Item 3: Completed

7. Visitor Entry Forms – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Executive Director Community and Building Services gave an update on the entry and departure requirements that is currently being reconstructed on our online portal in communities.

8. TSIRC Branding - Verbal

Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director Corporate Services provided the committee with an update of “Wan Mak” which will fit in with our corporate identity and promotes Ailan Kustom throughout. It will also be easy to read and understand.

The Committee thanked Megan and asked that the paper go straight to next Council’s Ordinary Meeting in January 2022.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala Second: Cr Laurie Nona

That the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee approves the TSIRC Corporate Identity Wan Mak to go to the next Council Ordinary Meeting for endorsement.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Trustee Policy Review – Legal – Verbal

Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services spoke to the report and provided the committee with a brief update.

10. COMMITTEE MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

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.

MOTION CARRIED

- **Torres Strait Flag Licensing – Legal – Verbal**

11. **COMMITTEE MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IN OPEN BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala *Second: Cr Aven Noah*
That the Committee move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

Torres Strait Flag Licensing

The committee understands that this issue is being driven by the Governance and Leadership Standing Committee and that we would also like to be updated and kept informed on how it is progressed forward.

ACTION: Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services to follow up with the Namok's family lawyer to ascertain their intentions.

12. **General/Other Business (on notice)**

Cr Laurie Nona spoke of his recent trip to Brisbane to attend a function for his artwork with Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy. Cr Nona met and spoke with Dr Jackie Huggins who leads the Queensland Treaty Committee. Intent of the Treaty Committee is to develop options and provide independent advice to State Government on how to progress treaty-making for all Queenslanders. The Committee is also supported by Commonwealth Government and outcome will be used as blue-print for other States and Territories.

Cr Laurie Nona informed members that he was advised the Queensland Government is not clear on an approach to align with the current Treaty in place with Torres Strait/PNG. Cr Nona suggests that if invited, Council should participate in review/feedback as if there is no Treaty in place.

It was agreed that this matter be raised at the next SARG meeting, as Cr Aven Noah is Chair of this committee and a member of SARG. It would be good also to raise it at our Council Ordinary Meeting in particular, to Deputy Mayor Getano Lui Jnr who co-Chairs and leader of the Australian Traditional Inhabitant Delegation (Bilateral Meeting, PNG and Australia).

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director Community and Building Services congratulated Cr Laurie Nona on his award and artwork.

Discussions were also held on Kempo Gibuma's handwriting font. The font (called Kempo) is now part of the Council Corporate identity. TSIRC will pay Kempo a licence fee to compensate for his work and negotiations are under way to finalise an agreement and payment for Mr Gibuma.

13. **Next meeting date – to be confirmed in the new year**

14. **Closing Prayer**

Cr Aven Noah thanked everyone for their time and contribution and asked Cr Torenzo Elisala to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 3:29pm

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Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date:

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: