

MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 2020

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday 28th July 2020, 10:11am – 11:13am

Video Conference – VMR #8 – 02 9916 5402

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Agenda Items

1. 10:00am - 10:03am Opening Prayer and Welcome
2. 10:03am – 10:05am Apologies
3. 10:05am - 10:10am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) / Material Personal Interest (MPI)
4. 10:10am – 10:25am Report presented by TSRA Regional Governance Committee
5. 10:25am – 10:40am Establishment of a Special Policy Zone
6. 10:40am – 10:55am Leadership Summit for Regional Assembly
7. 10:55am – 10:58am Next OM Meeting via Video Conference – Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August 2020
8. 10:58am – 11:00am Closing Remarks and Prayer

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PRESENT

Mayor Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby – Division 1 - Boigu

Cr Torenzo Elisala – Division 2 - Dauan

Cr Lama Trinkoon – Division 6 – Kubin Community

Cr Seriako Dorante – Division 8 - Kirriri

Cr Getano Lui – Division 9 - Iama

Cr Kabay Tamu – Division 10 - Warraber

Cr Francis Pearson – Division 11 - Poruma

Cr Hilda Mosby – Division 12 - Masig

Cr Rocky Stephen – Division 13 - Ugar

Cr Boggo Gela – Division 14 - Erub

Cr Aven Noah – Division 15 - Mer

Hollie Faithfull, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ilario Sabatino, Chief Operating Officer

Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel

Luke Ranga, Head Of Corporate Affair and Engagement

Kathy Cochran, Acting Senior Executive Assistant

Naila Nomoa, Acting Secretariat Officer

APOLOGY

Cr John Levi

Cr Conwell Tabuai

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Laurie Nona

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9. 10:03am – 10:05am Opening Prayer and Welcome

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged Poruma office Elders, past, present, and future for carrying out work for TSIRC People.

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Boggo Gela to open with prayer.

Minute silence, Deepest sympathy to Cr Laurie Nona and community for the loss of Mr Horace Baira (Snr)

10. 10:03am – 10:05am Apologies

- Cr John Levi – Division 7 – St Pauls Community
- Cr Conwell Tabuai – Division 3 – Saibai
- Cr Keith Fell – Division 4 - Mabuia
- Cr Laurie Nona – Division 5 - Badu

11. 10:05am - 10:10am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) / Material Personal Interest (MPI)

No declaration made.

12. 10:14am – 10:25am Report presented by TSRA Regional Governance Committee

Cr Getano Lui gave brief overview to Council on the following;

- TSRA Governance Committee
- Establishment of a special policy zone and
- Leadership Summit for Regional Assembly

2014 nominated Mr Phillip Mills to report but did not go anywhere.

2016 Regional Governance Committee was set-up

- Need to be charge with the future direction
- All communities are different
- Putting everything back into your community
- 2 phases – Historical background where we are needing futuristic outlook.

- Had teleconference with Co- design group
- Representative for State & Territory in Australia and was on the Panel.
- Snapshot of the year
- Look at Transition plan TSIRC have.
- Move their proposal
- ATSI Act- there are still provisions in the legislation
- TSRA and Council was historical to sit together.

Encourage, we do not lose sight, we must take everybody on this journey.

Mayor Mosby sought legal advice from Manager of Legal Services to check for COI, due to some councillors having dual role.

Cr Lui – create a secretariat for the Governance

- Deputy Jackie Trad review implications, heritage, and Native title.
- Island Co-ordinating council was setup there was no Native Title
- Council of Elders.

10:40am- Cr Noah, secretariat will be 100% funded by TSRA.

Cr Lui- Bring young people

- Imbedding
- Need to move forward
- Commonwealth – provide houses
- State – ongoing costs
- Need to be inclusive Transition Plan

10:47am Cr Noah

- 2019 GBK made their own governance
- What resources can they bring? talk about the whole governance regime
- GBK has same perspective

10:50am Cr Lui

- We are governed by legislation. We are obligated and change to happen.
- Head in one direction

If anyone would like to discuss further, please give Cr Lui a call.

Mayor Mosby Thanked everyone.

10:55am Acting CEO advised that there are 3 resolutions. Manager of Legal Services to read.

Cr Lui- More Specific Regional assembly and Transition plan (June 2018)

RESOLUTION 1:

Moved: Cr Noah Second: Cr Elisala

That Council notes and endorses the report of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Regional Governance Committee as adopted by the TSRA Board Meeting No.108 in June 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2: agree to support TSRA

Moved: Cr Trinkoon Second: Cr Tamu

That Council agrees to support the TSRA in its efforts in establishing a special policy zone for the Torres Straits under its powers in Section 142A of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 (Cth).

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 3:

Moved: Cr Pearson Second: Cr Nona

That Council convene a summit with the cost to be shared equally with TSRA Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Torre Shire Council (TSC) in consultation with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Mayors and Deputy Mayors of those organisations to discuss the implementation of the Regional Assembly Transition Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Lui – suggested the Manager Legal Service draft a paper to support the expansion of the regional governance committee.

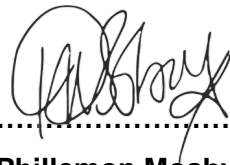
13. 11:10am – 11:13am Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor invited Cr Pearson to close with prayer.

Meeting Closed – 11:13am



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23rd February 2021



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