

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY 17TH MAY – WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2011

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 9.10am – 4.20pm at the *Ugarie Nona Community Hall*, Badu Island.

**Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)
Ordinary Meeting
Held at the *Ugarie Nona Community Hall*, Badu Island
Tuesday 17th May – Wednesday 18th May 2011**

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2011

- Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate & Finance
Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.
- Observers:** Nil
- Apologies:** Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy CEO
Mr. David Abednego, Executive Officer
Mr. Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager
Mr. Noel Peters, Executive Manager, Human Resources
Ms Jess James, PR & Media Officer
- Deputations:** Nil
- 1.00pm:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Mackie.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Fred Gela

- Welcome Councillors, Executives & Staff to the 1st Council Meeting for 2011.
- Thanked Cr. Guivarra and the Community of Badu for hosting the Council Meeting on Badu.
- Acknowledged the Traditional Owners, PBC Chair Mr. Peo Ahmat, Elders and Spiritual Leaders, Youth, Divisional Manager and staff of TSIRC Division 5 - Badu.
- House Keeping – for the benefit of those members who are unaware of facilities at the Community Hall.
- Briefed Councillors on the Agenda for the two days meeting, advising also that there will be a special presentation ceremony for two long service employees, who have worked with Badu Council and TSIRC Council over many years and will now be leaving TSIRC. The ceremony will take place during lunch on the 2nd day of Council Meeting (Wednesday 18th May 2011).

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE

APOLOGIES NOTED

Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island (*Native Title Issue as TSRA Portfolio*)
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island (*Community Forum/Departmental meetings*)
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls (*Overseas – TSRA Business*)
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber (*Personal family matters*)
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke (*Rural Leadership Training Program – as endorsed and supported by Council at previous meeting*)
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub (*As advised by Cr. Guivarra Cr. Bedford apologised for today but will be attending the Council meeting tomorrow.*)

Cr. Banu

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Pearson that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Banu for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

Cr. Enosa

Moved Cr. Pearson, Seconded Cr. Cr. Fell that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Enosa for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

Against: Cr. Elisala

Cr. Kris

Moved Cr. Bero, Seconded Cr. Fell that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Kris for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

Cr. Lui

Moved Cr. Elisala, Seconded Cr. Mackie that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Lui for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

Cr. J. Mosby

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accepts the apology from Cr. J. Mosby for his absence at this meeting.

Motion Carried

DEPUTATION - Nil

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

- PowerPoint Presentation and discussions. (see separate Minute sheet)

It was noted that Cr. Bosun left for the day during tea break

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

- Typo errors:
 - Poruma Island Propriety Limited and *not* Poruma Island Priority Limited.
 - "Erub Erwer Meta" and not "Erub Ewer Meta"
- Movement of Councillors during meeting:
 - All movement of Councillors during Council Meeting is recorded for the purpose of the voting system.
 - If Councillors are absent at the time a resolution endorsed they would be recorded as not voted and marked absent.
- CEA:
 - Service Level Agreements have been signed, sealed but to date have not been delivered with any money in relation to the use of plant and equipment yet.
 - Have invoiced them for everything that they have utilised.
 - Received all the wages and its all up to date, but other things no.

➤ *Poruma CDEP Shed*

- Have continued to use the CDEP shed but couple of months ago they build a shed within the shed that was identified as being used for CEA to keep housing stock in that shed within the shed and there are three (3) other Council's shed on the other side up on the Island with all the wastes, old trucks, councils vehicles, so I am just thinking whether that's a second dump because it is on my grandmother's land, and we need land for housing, so do we get rid of that, push all the stuff up there and shed down there could be leased fully to CEA.
- CEO not aware of it at all, will liaise with DCEO on her return from leave, not sure what CEA has requested from Poruma, office space etc....will be in the schedule will have to go back and look at it.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Bero that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15th/16th February 2011 be adopted as true and accurate.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- Amend Pg 55 – typo error "his" should be "her"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Elisala that the minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting held 1st April 2011 be adopted as true and accurate.

Motion Carried

MEETING CLOSED FOR THE DAY

5.50pm Meeting closed for the day in prayer by Cr. Fell

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2011

Present: Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
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Observers: Nil

Apologies: Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island
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Mr. Noel Peters, Executive Manager, Human Resources
Ms Jess James, PR & Media Officer

Observers: Nil

8.55am Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Mackie.

It was noted:

- Cr. Mackie left the room at 8.57am, returning 9.00am
- Cr. P. Mosby and Cr. Day joined the meeting at 9.00am.

MIP4 HAMMOND & MIP4 PORUMA SEWERAGE

- CEO:
 - Hammond Sewerage Project \$17M
 - Poruma Sewerage Project \$11-12M
 - There are issues with Kaurareg regarding Native Title Consent:
 - No Native Title Determination on Hammond but Kaurareg has just recently put in a claim for Native Title over Hammond, Horn, Wednesday, Thursday and inner Islands.
 - There is a reluctance of any infrastructure going ahead on Hammond until that determination is being made, and that would take forever given it being a very drawn out process.
 - There is a couple of risk for both Hammond and Poruma:
 1. If we don't expend the money by holding onto the Projects such as Hammond, then there is less change we will get further funding.

2. The other risk is because of the state of play etc., we don't know the money's there and if we don't do the Hammond Project or isolate those money for Hammond then it might not get done for 3-5 years.
- ✚ There is a risk is also for Poruma but Poruma is ready to go but just don't have the funding.
 - ✚ It's a situation where we looking for direction, that we try to get the Hammond Sewerage Scheme through but we don't want to jeopardize any future funding
 - ✚ Timeframe is critical with a window of no longer than 3 months.
 - ✚ Recommendation to be endorsed is based purely in trying to get the money out and deliver on Projects as quickly as we can to ensure we got other money coming in – If there is another alternative that Cr. Pearson and the Hammond Community is willing to take, than Council is happy to investigate that as well within this time period.
- ✚ Cr. Pearson:
 - ✚ Empathize with Poruma, but believes that this is not something that Hammond Community would let go very easily.
 - ✚ There are health issues and risks in the community they face every wet season and are sure that other Councillors are experiencing the same in their communities as well.
 - ✚ The Sewerage Treatment Plant will eradicate some of the issues in regards to water retention, sewerage overflows in our community and for the years that we have been waiting for it to happen, I must bring to the Councillors attention that Hammond have always previously tried to maintain the interest of community but sometimes when things come up its best to give it to another community, but at this stage Hammond is not willing to let go of this sewerage plans and designs as well as the construction phase.
 - ✚ It was decided at Hammond Community Forum meeting that they would look for Compulsory Acquisitions.
 - ✚ The Community wants that project to continue for the health and wellbeing of our community.
 - ✚ Chief Legal Officer:
 - ✚ Under the Native Title Act it states that because they registered their claim and even though it hasn't been approved as yet, they've got a right to negotiate and that's where the ILUA comes into play.
 - ✚ They either got to follow the ILUA process to get it done or look at the Compulsory Acquisition process.
 - ✚ Further discussions will take place at a meeting on the 28th may at Hammond.
 - ✚ Cr. P. Mosby:
 - ✚ Poruma elders, Traditional Owners and in particular the PBC has been working very closely with Council, having all parties come to the one table and agreeing on this issue which is a big step for their community.
 - ✚ If the process with Hammond will take longer than 3 months with the Compulsory Acquisition, then Poruma would be happy to take it on with their project.

➤ Mayor:

- Cr. Pearson, Mayor & CLO will engage with Chalk & Fitzgerald and directly with the Kaurareg PBC Chair within the 3 months.
- Put forward the recommendation as it stands if nothing works for Hammond then Poruma is ready to come on line so that way we don't jeopardize anything for Council in attracting any dollars to be invested into the MIP area.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Pearson, Seconded Cr. Day that Council give consideration to the reprioritisation of the MIP4 Poruma Sewerage Project (which is ready for construction, but currently unfunded) should the MIP4 Hammond Sewerage Project stall (for longer than three months) during the ILUA process and in that case that Hammond Sewerage be funded from a future programme by end of August 2011.

Motion Carried

MONTHLY INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Pearson that Council receive the attached report and authorise release to DLGP and TSRA.

Motion Carried

NDRRA GRANT 2010

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accept the offer of a \$10million NDRRA grant (as a result of flooding and tropical cyclones Olga, Uliu, Neville and Paul January-April 2010) and agree to commence works.

That the 20% advance payment for the project be requested by Council.

Motion Carried

LATE REPORTS

SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAWS

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Pearson:

1. That pursuant to section 28(1) of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), Council resolve to adopt the following Subordinate Local Laws: -

1. Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011
2. Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011
3. Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011
4. Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011
5. Subordinate Local Law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2011

2. That Council approve the **attached** Schedule of Penalties.

Motion Carried.

REGISTER OF COST RECOVERY

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Fell that pursuant to section 97(1) of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD), Council resolve to adopt the **attached** Register of Cost Recovery Fees.

Motion Carried

It was resolved that the Council break for Morning Tea at 10.40am.

Cr. Fell Apology

It was noted that Council note and accept Cr. Fell apology.

CLOSED BUSINESS

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Pearson that in accordance with Regulation 71 of the Local Government Operation Regulation it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss section the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees, starting or defending legal proceedings involving it, other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government further the public in attendance are asked to leave.

Motion Carried.

1. MER ISLAND FREEZER

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council resolve to support option 1 of this report, namely to extend consent for a further four (4) months for continued negotiation between Opor Bakir Atabur (TSI) Corporation and the Mer Gedkem Le (TSI) Corporation RNTBC with a view to brokering a deal which will allow the Freezer to remain in its current location on Mer Island.

Motion Carried.

2. NDRRA 2010 BARGE TENDER ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council accept Seaswift's (alternative tender 1) of \$3,398,886.34 (excl. GST) for the delivery of granular materials plus machinery transportation to various Torres Strait islands. Fuel delivery is also included in the contract over and above the mentioned value at a pump price plus 15%..

Motion Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS IN CLOSED BUSINESS

Discussions included:

- Articles in Torres news dated 17th May 2011:
 1. TSIRC EBA & Unions
 2. Former Divisional Manager –St. Pauls
- Mabuig Airport Waiting Shed.
- EBA process
- Housing Issues
- Torres Strait Census
- Cairns office indigenous staff
- Community Forum Member confidentiality

- TSRA ILUA template
- Hammond Mini Mart (Public Liability)

Cr. P. Mosby left the room 11.15am, returned 11.25am

Cr. Mackie left the room at 11.30am, returned 11.32am

END OF CLOSED BUSINESS

BUDGET – BADU DIVISIONAL OFFICE

Moved Cr. Guivarra, Seconded Cr. Bedford that \$15,000 from the 2011/12 be brought forward as sponsorship and donation for Badu for the Mabo day Celebration and Island of Origin out of the Badu Account.

Motion Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Erub Council Meeting – Cr. Bedford:

- ⚡ Apologised for any inconvenience, advising the meeting at Erub may change due to Land, Sea, Sky Exhibition in Brisbane, of which he will be attending and the Community's Dancing team and art group.
- ⚡ Concerned that they may be too many people away to be able to hose the meeting on Erub on the 30th June.
- ⚡ Cr. Bedford will get back to Council to confirm if the meeting will still go ahead at Erub or not.

Uniforms

- ⚡ Three (3) communities (Ugar, Masig and Kubin) was the hold up in submitting their sizing etc (order forms) after so many attempts.
- ⚡ Have now taken action by ordering an estimate sizes of extra range of uniforms (140 pieces of clothing) so we could get the orders in to be done up.
- ⚡ All the orders are now with Neat & Trim in actually making the uniforms.
- ⚡ Once all the uniforms are made all the orders will be checked further as some staff may have left and no longer work for Council – these uniforms will go be kept in stock by Council for any new employees.

CEA – Uncompleted Projects

- ⚡ Cr. Mackie raised concerns with the continuation of work by CEA in his community on uncompleted projects such as inundation, framework has been sitting there since last year.
- ⚡ Mayor:
 - TSIRC do have a Service Level Agreement with CEA
 - As part of the Service Level Agreements Community Plans have been provided to CEA to look at developing the necessary work plans so it captures what the community wanted.
 - There was an Agreement to continue the and complete all those uncompleted projects of Council, however, in recent discussions with Cr. Lui as CEA Supervisor he was very concerned that there was lack of project dollars coming

through, and was to discuss this with Darlene Fell during his visit to TI for the TSRA meeting.

- Cr. Lui was of the understanding that CEA themselves have not received Project dollars through TSRA as he has noticed that works have come to a complete standstill.
- Those works continued by Council have now been completed and apart from that nothing else is happening.
- ✚ CEO:
 - Council had a commitment from CEA that they would finish off all the projects and it was just the other day I authorised Council to expend its own money to finish a CDEP project (toilet block at Kemus, Erub) that wasn't finished in October 2010, in time for the July 1 Celebrations.
 - Divisional Managers need to get back to Executive Officer & DCEO on all of those projects that was still outstanding at October and Council will go in and completed those projects for the benefit of the community.
- ✚ It was noted:
 - CEO to identify all the uncompleted projects to have them pushed through.
 - Iama Community Market Garden fencing project needs to be done as materials etc for fencing just sitting there but no labour to do the work.
 - Look at engaging Council workforce.

It was noted that Cr. Bero left the room 12.00pm, returning 12.05pm

✚ **Poruma:**

- ✚ Cr. Mosby requested date from CEO or the Chief Legal Officer on revisiting Divestment Process on Poruma.
- ✚ Cr. P. Mosby noted that he received a response with regards to letter he wrote to DCEO same as Cr. Guivarra's letter to the CEO regarding funding and wanted to the CEO to noted that he would like to make an adjustment in the Budget for Mabo Day Celebration as well as Poruma Determination Day and the Poruma Dancing Tour.

✚ **Standing Committee next meeting**

- ✚ It was noted that the next Standing Committee Meeting will be held in July.

✚ **Mabuiag Church roofing**

- ✚ Cr. Fell sought advice from Council and assistance on what can be done financially with Mabuiag Church asbestos roofing that needs to be taken off and put on new roofing.
- ✚ CEO suggested:
 - Council can pay for an advertisement to be put in the Torres News and Cairns Post to see if there's any buildings been torn down to provide materials such as roofing iron etc, as there are plenty of demolition going about.
 - Get the measurement for the roofing iron that is needed and the quantities etc.
 - Council will approach Seaswift to get it all delivered to Mabuiag for nothing as a donation to the church.
- ✚ Council has an asbestos licence in removing asbestos materials.
- ✚ Mayor advised that with the discussions Council will have in relation to CBRC rollout etc, will try and sequence in line with having it done in a manner where roofing irons in that community at the same time.

✦ **Joint Sitting of Peak Bodies and Agencies**

✦ Cr. Fell:

- reiterated on the issues brought up yesterday of Peak Bodies working closely together and suggested if possible for Board members of TSIRC, TSRA, NPARC and the Torres Shire Council could come together to engage in discussion in servicing the people of the Torres Strait.
- Have talked heavily about the Integrated Service Delivery but we still separated.
- We try and hold agencies accountable to get together for this ISD and the Board itself but have not luck with the Head.
- Really need to move forward on this to get some collaboration or something happening where we actually sit down as Board Members and engage in discussions with Torres Shire council and NPARC.

✦ Mayor advised:

- Look at engaging a Councillors session from all the spheres of Local Government for a joint sitting to discuss the delivery within the region.
- CEO to note in engaging in further discussions and then do the necessary letters etc.
- need to formulate some sort of a body to make up the content of the letter as to why everybody needs to come together.

✦ **Ugar Island**

✦ Chopper Services:

- Cr Bero advised that there was no money there and queried whether they could get some more funding.
- CEO to follow it up with Executive Manager Communities if submission was made for this.

✦ Sewerage:

- Pumping of sewerage needs to be done urgently out as it is backfilling into their homes.
- Need to notify Manager Housing so that it can be put through the call centre so that QBuild can make the necessary arrangements to get a truck out there.

✦ Cottage Home:

- Mayor advised CBRC in terms of Cr. Bero's father granny flat being build that cottage has been confirmed.
- Got the approval to start construction.

✦ Backhoe:

- Executive Manager Corporate & Finance to look into providing a backhoe to Ugar.

✦ **Feasibility Study (Cr. Fell)**

- ✦ CEO to provide Cr. Fell with the Freezer Feasibility Study that was done for all freezers in the Torres Strait.

✦ **Child Care Facility – Badu Island**

- ✦ \$2.4M have been allocated for a new Child Care Centre on Badu
- ✦ Initially the proposal was to look at building it where the playground area, but through Cr. Guivarra in discussions, the PBC allocated a new site for the new Child Care Centre.
- ✦ Engagement of soil testing and survey will be coming out.
- ✦ Project Services are handling all the situation, once they inform Council in terms of availability of survey dates, Cr. Guivarra will be informed by email.
- ✦ Surveys and designs have to be done prior to July 2011.
- ✦ Project is well and truly on track.
- ✦ Cr. Guivarra advised:
 - the that the Council and Mura Badulgal have been working fantastically together in relation to a lot of Native Title issues.
 - Have been able to negotiate with the Department of Community in building a new facility as the current facility was infested by white ants and was not worth redeveloping.
- ✦ Mayor advised:
 - Not looking at monetary compensation we looking at brokering.
 - the Federal Department of Communities reps are quite adamant that they will be able to broker the deal in terms of building facilities. Facility itself will be used as a compensation.

✦ **Dental Clinic**

- ✦ The allocation of funding for a roving dental clinic has been confirmed.
- ✦ Nothing has kickstart as yet because they've just got confirmation of the necessary dollars to put a unit together and take it around all of the communities of the Torres Strait.
- ✦ No roster provided to visit communities at this time or the timeline as to how lon its goin to be.
- ✦ However, QLD health will be engaging directly with Councillors on this matter and as the CEO was removed from QLD Health, there might be some delay before discussions occur.
- ✦ Dr Oscar is Acting CEO at this stage until they sort their situation so it going to be some downtime before Council are actually informed of when this roving clinic is going to occur
- ✦ On a positive not money has been allocated, confirmed and quarantine for the roving dental clinic.

✦ **Water Supply Restrictions/Border Line**

- ✦ It was noted that only the border line is only open to communities who are not experiencing water restrictions.
- ✦ Mayor have spoken to Cr. Enosa and is yet to discuss this even further with him - Saibai needs to have the prior advice arrangements in place because Saibai does not have that, its because Councillor and community was happy with the way things are – its an open door policy on Saibai.
- ✦ The other 13 communities has the power of veto still in their hands and can approve or disapprove and don't have to sign any prior advice.
- ✦ At this stage 5 communities still in water restrictuion mode

- ✚ Still monitoring Saibai with regards to Malaria, they are not off the radar as yet.
- ✚ **Community Police Update**
 - ✚ No indication as yet with regards to the Police Station of Badu but negotiations are still going back and forth between PBC Badu and Police.
 - ✚ No indication as yet for the \$2.4M for Community Police that Council have asked for, so no update.
 - ✚ Likely to get an indication on the 17th June 2011.
 - ✚ There is a Community Police Report presented as information report to this meeting as to the statistics, trends, what's recorded etc on all the communities except Badu which does not have a Community Policy Officer.
 - ✚ Chief Legal Officer advised that should Councillors have any queries on the report to contact him to discuss their issue further.
- ✚ **Entry Permit into Communities by PNG Nationalities(traditional visits).**
 - ✚ Cr. Mackie advised that he was concerned of the statistics brought up by DFAT or DIAC are not true or correct because there is a lot of things they have missed out on, things that have happened a month or two ago eg over stayers.
 - ✚ Cr. Mackie stressed that prior advice needs to be more recognised and honoured.
 - ✚ Mayor's Response:
 - If no prior advice on approval by Councillors, the people need to be removed by DFAT.
 - Customs have indicated that they are more than happy to assist to do that.
 - that information just needs to be disseminated to those people cause if there is no signature on the prior advice, they can sit in the dinghy until DFAT deals with the situation.
 - It sounds bad but that's the process - a mechanism of how things should pan out
 - Will not waste time sitting in the TIMS/JAC as an observer.
 - It is quite evident that through that same arrangement they have not fully contemplated, respected or acknowledge the changes as a result of amalgamation.
 - As a Mayor under observation status in these meetings I cannot do anything.

12.40pm **COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED**

MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Fell that in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD), Management of Community Development of Grant in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings of the Indigenous Regional Council.

Motion Carried

BADU PRE-PREP FACILITY

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr. Guivarra, Seconded Cr. Fell

1. That the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease to the State of Queensland as represented by the Department of Education and Training over the land identified in the enclosed sketch plan PR 107668-1 A and comprising part of the Deed of Grant in Trust being lot 7 on CP TS158, County of Torres, Parish of Duncan, title reference 21296126, for construction, operation and maintenance of a Pre-Prep facility, and any other Government Services Use reasonably incidental to those purposes, subject to first obtaining native title consent.

Motion Carried.

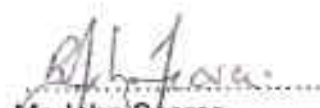
MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

- There is a lot of things still happening in our communities.
- Personally I would really like the process of the transfer of DOGIT Trusteeship to happen quickly with all parties satisfy and happy.
- Would be really good that to see one transfer through and all the stars line up for the rest of the communities because it was also the other communities aspiration.
- EHW from our communities in Cairns at this time undertaking capacity building, workshops and information sessions.
- Have not adopted budget as yet but will have frank discussions prior to adopting it.
- On behalf of TSIRC thanked Cr. Guivarra and his Community, Staff, Caterers and others who have made Council feel welcomed at Badu on such a short notice, following big community events that Badu recently hosted.
- Look forward to the next General Meeting and hope that we as Councillors can look at dates for our General meeting and know in advance so that we could try our best to work around our schedule to at least attend our General Meeting so that we way we can ensure its business as usual for our communities.

MEETING CLOSED

12.55pm Meeting closed in prayer Cr. Fell.


Cr Fred Gela
Mayor


Mr John Scarce
Chief Executive Officer