

Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)
Ordinary Meeting
Held at the Community Hall, Boigu Island
Wednesday 21st May 2008

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Nil

End Closed Business

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Present: Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub
Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 - Boigu
Cr. Raymond Soki, Division 2 - Dauan
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 - Saibai
Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 - Mabuiag
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 - Badu
Cr. Toshie Kris – Division 7 – St. Pauls
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8 - Hammond
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 - Poruma
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Tim Sheppard, Executive Manager – Engineering
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager – Community
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

Observers: Members of the Public

Meeting opened in prayer at 9.20 am by Cr. Enosa

3. Apologies: Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin
Cr. Ron Day, Division 15 – Mer
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar
Mr. Malcolm Flavel, Executive Manager – Housing & Ports

4. Deputations: Nil

WELCOME

Welcome to Country (*on and behalf of the Elders & Traditional Land Owners*)

- Mr. Keith Pabai

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners

- Mayor Fred Gela
- Cr. Donald Banu

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. Pearson that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 21st April 2008 be adopted.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Remuneration for members on the Community Forum - Obtain a report from King & Co ASAP to discuss and endorse at next ordinary meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: 6
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

Resolution

Moved Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. John Mosby that Council engages the Queensland Treasury Corporation to undertake this review, and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to engage to resources outside of the Council to assist as the need arises.

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM: 7
CORPORATE PLANNING

Resolution

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. John Mosby that Council approves the process of developing the Corporate Plan (2008 – 2013) in conjunction with the TSRA, and authorises the expenditure of \$60,000 associated with developing the Plans within the 2008 – 2009 Budget.

Motion carried.

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AGENDA ITEM: 8
ASSET REGISTERS AND VALUATIONS

Resolution

Moved Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. Soki that Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to call Tenders for the provision of Valuations and Assets Registers.

Moved Cr Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. Enosa that Council sets the following amounts for treating non-current asset as an expense:

- a) For land - \$1
- b) For plant or equipment - \$5,000
- c) For another type of asset - \$10,000

Further all other non-current assets be recorded within the Assets Register as attractive and portable with a zero (expensed) valuation.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: 9
CDEP

Resolution

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council authorises the Acting Executive Manager of Communities, in consultation with the CEO, enters into formal negotiations with TSRA for financial assistance in the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of providing an appropriate training program for the CDEP Project Officers across all 15 communities.

Furthermore, as CDEP is a program administered and regulated by TSRA, that TSRA be requested provide personnel to assist with the delivery of the training.

Motion Carried.

Moved Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. Soki that Council authorises the Corporate & Finance Standing Committee to formulate a letter to TSRA requesting a review of the CTP Policy, and proposing the new policy details.

Motion Carried.

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Banu that the Executive Manager for Communities, report to the June Ordinary Meeting a Policy direction dealing with external employers engaging CDEP participants.

Motion Carried.

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Resolved that Council break for morning tea at 11.00am

**AGENDA ITEM: 10
APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH ST PAUL'S AND KUBIN PROVISIONAL
SEWERS**

Resolution

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Pearson that Council issues approval for the Moa Sewerage Scheme Project Manager (SKM) to direct the Contractor (Kenfrost) to proceed with construction of Kubin and St Paul's Provisional Sewers in accordance with the Project Manager's latest proposal (as indicated in Drawings SK-508 Amd. A, and SK-509 Amd. A, and accompanying tables – all attached).

Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM: 11
TRANSITIONAL ACTION PLAN – ADOPTION**

Resolution

Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Soki that Council adopts the Transitional Action Plan so developed by the TSIRC LTC.

Motion Carried.

**AGENDA ITEM: 12
APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Resolution

Moved Cr. Pearson, Seconded Cr. Enosa that the Council appoints the following as the respective Chairperson for the three Standing Committees;

- 1. Housing & Economic Development, - Cr Bedford*
- 2. Corporate and Finance, - Cr Kris*
- 3. Community and Engineering, -Cr Mackie*

Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF SWAPPING OF MEMBERSHIP ON STANDING COMMITTEES

Lay on Table.

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AGENDA ITEM: 13

MIP ASSETS RENEWAL DOLLARS FOR REPAIRS TO AIRSTRIPS

Resolution

Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Gulvarra that Council identifies \$500,000 from the allocation set aside in MIP4 for asset renewal, that past audits on the airstrips be used to identify highest priority work and where available seek matching funding from other sources.

Motion carried.

Moved Cr. Banu, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council sends a letter to CASA seeking assurance from them that Aero Tropics, Barrier, Cape Air, Cape York Helicopters, Regional Pacific, Skytrans, comply with your regulations in servicing, safety, pilot hours and qualifications.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: 14

**AWARD TENDER FOR WARRABER MOBILE DESALINATION PLANT
HARDSTAND**

LATE 1

Resolution

Moved Cr. Mackie Seconded Cr. Fell that Council awards the contract for construction of the Warraber Hardstands to Remote Area Civil Earthmoving as per the submitted tender.

Motion carried.

15. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORTS

- Positions Vacant & Filled:
 - Executive Managers positions – still interim but will be finalised soon.
 - CEO that took redundancy payments – can only apply for positions when it is advertised externally because they are not longer TSIRC employees.
 - Island Managers positions closes 23rd May 2008. Interview panel will take place within the community.
 - Councillors will not be involved in recruiting people on the ground for positions within the TSIRC. Only position they are involved in is the position for Island Manager. Councillors can act as referee for the applicant.

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- New Corporate Communications Manager – Mr. Darrel Trueman based in Cairns at this time – but will be staying at halfway house, Clark Street. Halfway house is also for other employees that will come through to work for the TSIRC.
- New Human Resource Manager – Mr. Noel Peters

Resolved that Council break for lunch at 1.30pm

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Change of Paydays:
 - a. Change from Wednesdays to Fridays fortnightly
 - b. Bring it back to weekly basis once the computers are up and running.
 - c. Timeframe to have all the information on the changes from payroll officers from each division by 30th May 2008.
- Fuel price in the Torres Strait
- Treaty (Saibai)
- Liaise with members on Ministerial Regional Community Forum

FIXING HOUSES FOR BETTER HEALTH

TSIRC to write a letter to the Minister re the above.

Resolution

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Fell that the TSIRC work directly with Mr. Greg Norman and Mr. Eric Barkmeyer (Department of Housing) in the project *Fixing Houses for Better Health*.*

Motion carried.

17. ACTION ITEMS

Nil

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With no further discussions, the Mayor thanked Cr. Banu and the Community of Boigu for their hospitality in hosting the 2nd meeting of the TSIRC Ordinary meeting.

3.05pm Meeting closed with a prayer by Cr. Mosby – Poruma.


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Cr Fred Gela
Mayor


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Mr John Scarce
Chief Executive Officer