



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2008

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on 25th June 2008 at 11.30am – 5.55pm at the Olandi Pearson Memorial Hall, Poruma Island.

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Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)
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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. Keith Fell, Division 4 - Mabulag
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 - Badu
Cr. Toshie Kris - Division 7 - St. Pauls
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 - Poruma
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 - Yorke
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 - Uger
Cr. Ron Day, Division 15 - Mer
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Malcolm Flavel, Executive Manager - Housing & Ports
Mr. Tim Sheppard, Executive Manager - Engineering
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager - Community
Mr. Darrel Trueman, Manager - Corporate Communications
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

Observers: The Honorary Inspector, Mr. Ned Mosby
Members of the Public

11.30am: Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Day

3. Apologies: Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8 - Hammond
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 - Kubin
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 - Saibai

4. Deputations: Nil

WELCOME

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

- Mrs Telita Faud

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners

- Mayor Fred Gela
- Cr. Phillemon Mosby

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Presentation of Award to Honorary Inspector Ned Mosby

On behalf of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council The Mayor, Cr. Gela presented Inspector Ned Mosby with an award as a token of appreciation for his dedication and commitment to Community Police in the Torres Strait and his support and contributions of years of services in Community Policing.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Fell that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 21st May 2008 be adopted.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Remuneration for Community Forum members – awaiting response.
- Community Forum Members – received all expressions of interests – awaiting one more. Those who have two or three members already can convene their meeting as they have a quorum.
- Island Manager's Positions – will commence process of interviews for applicants and appointing them shortly.
- Fixing houses for better health.
- Paydays
 - overwhelming response from Communities to have the pays stays as it is on Wednesdays per fortnight.
 - Still some teething problems with Payroll (computer down etc). Still awaiting Telstra for connectivity.
 - Payroll system will remain as it is until we can get the flexibility, then maybe look at weekly basis once we have the computers up and running.
 - Will contact employees in communities again for their input if they prefer their pays weekly or fortnightly
- Executive Managers Positions – still interim positions, have sent them all an email, awaiting response from them if they accept their position permanently.
- Positions within the TSIRC – a lot of positions will be put out as soon as the HR Manager comes on board. He arrives on TI on (Sunday 29th June 2008.
- Financial Sustainability Review – Have spoke to Queensland Treasury Corporation already – but will take some time.
- CDEP – no response as yet from TSRA regarding funding to assist training for CDEP Project Officers, however, have spoken to two TSRA Officers who advised that they do have funding for that, just need dates for training to take place. TSIRC Executive Manager for Community Services will contact all Island Managers regarding dates, programs etc for the 3 days training.

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AGENDA ITEM: 6
QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICES VEHICLES

Resolution

Moved Cr. Soki, Seconded Cr. Lui that on request of the individual Community concerned an MOU be development between TSIRC, QAS and Queensland Health as to the operation and storage of the ambulance.

Motion Carried.

- *When engaging in input to develop the MOU, housing of the vehicles etc, needs to be taken into consideration.*
- *It is up to the individual communities if they do not want to agree to the MOU.*

Resolved that Council break for lunch at 1.15pm

Executive Manager for Engineering Mr. Tim Sheppard joined the meeting after lunch.

AGENDA ITEM: 7
EXPENSE POLICY

Resolution

Moved Cr. Soki, Seconded Cr. Phillemon Mosby that the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, adopts the TSIRC Expense Reimbursement Policy in accordance with section 250AS of the Local Government Act 1993.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: 8
HOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE POLICY

Resolution

Moved Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Seconded Cr. Soki that the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, provide laptop computers, printers and Microsoft office software to each Councillor for use at home, office and while travelling, in accordance with the Expense Reimbursement Policy, inclusive of filing cabinets & 4 in 1 phone/fax/photocopier/scanning machine.

Motion carried.

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AGENDA ITEM: 9
UNIFORM EXPENSE

LAY ON TABLE

- *Distinguish uniforms for all TSIRC staff throughout Torres Strait eg. prints, designs, logos.*
- *Compulsory usage of uniforms for Councillors. (Councillors should have the freedom to wear what they like)*

AGENDA ITEM: 10
SWAPPING OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Resolution

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Bero that Cr. Phillemon Mosby from Corporate & Finance Standing Committee swap with Cr. Banu in Housing & Economic Development Standing Committee.

Motion carried.

- *Cr. Fell expressed his interest in swapping with another member in Standing Committee for Community & Engineering - Members were advised to deal with this issue out of session and ratify this at the next ordinary meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: 11
PURCHASE TWO PORTABLE DESALINATION PLANTS

Resolution

Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Guivarra that Council endorses the actions of the Executive Manager Engineering in calling and managing tenders for the manufacture of two portable Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants with a capacity of up to 75kL/day.

Further authorising the Executive Manager Engineering to award the tender to the successful offerer conditional upon the successful offer being below \$200,000 and the tender being awarded to the lowest offerer.

Motion Carried.

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AGENDA ITEM: 12.1
AIRPORTS

Resolution

Moved Cr. Guivarra, Seconded Cr. Kris that the Council permanently employ an ARO for each Airport as this position is a significant position, provided appropriate funding can be sought.

Also that a letter be written to the Office of Transport Security in an attempt to secure wages funding for our ARO's on the basis that this level of airport control has been placed on the Torres Strait airports and that we are not in the position to raise income from our small airstrips to cover the extra costs placed upon us by the Federal Government in conforming to the requirements of the Aviation Security Act.

Further that upon the completion of the visits by the executive management team, that any ARO's who do not hold the necessary qualifications for the position, undertake training as soon as possible, so that we are not in breach of the Aviation Security Act.

Motion carried.

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Kris that ARO Officers are responsible for paying for their own ARO Security Licence.

Motion carried.

2 Against: Cr. Guivarra & Cr. Mackie

AGENDA ITEM: 12.2
AIRPORTS MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

Resolution

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Kris that a program of sweeping and re-spraying of our airstrips be undertaken at the earliest possible time, so that loose stones are no longer an issue to be contended with by those aircraft that service the TSIRC airports.

Further, that a purchase program be embarked upon to ensure that maintenance machinery be available to each community to enable the airstrips, water storage areas and sports facilities to be mown and kept in good serviceable condition

Motion carried.



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AGENDA ITEM: 13
ERUB FREEZER

LAY ON TABLE

- *Councillors to discuss this issue with their community and bring their input/comments back to the next ordinary meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: 14
INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREAS (PULU)

Resolution

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Soki that the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, authorises the transfer of the remainder of the identified grant approximately \$21,000 to TSRA.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: 15
SPORTS & RECREATION

There was an issue that needed clarification from DLGPSR regarding changes to Sports and Recreation in the Torres Strait.

This issue has now been clarified as per a report from DLGPSR tabled at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: 16
LATE REPORTS

COMMUNITY FORUM

Moved Cr. Mackie, Seconded Cr. Soki that Council recommends for Ministerial appointment to the Community Forum the following:

Poruma: Joseph Morrison Pearson & Francis Pearson

Badulgau Rita Kebisu & Lara Fujii

Hammond: Guy Henry Garnier & Sereako Dorante & Regina Turner

That Council select two from an expression of interest of four for the Ugar Community Forum – They are Mr. Victor D. Morris and Ms Charlotte Stephen.

Further Council accepts the resignation from Dimas Pitaith Toby from the Malu Kiai Community forum and that the Chief Executive Officer calls expression of interest for the vacant position.

Motion carried.

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**SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION FOR MIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO
AWARD TENDER FOR HAMMOND ISLAND SEWERAGE SCHEME PROJECT
MANAGER**

Resolution

Moved Cr. Mosby Seconded Cr. Fell that Council support recommendations of Tender Assessment carried out by the MIP Program Manager, to award the Design and Documentation phase of the Hammond Island Sewerage Scheme to Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd.

Motion carried.

17. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORTS - Nil

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Need more quality time in General Business as there is a lot of teething problems in communities, therefore there should be a lot of time in each discussion reports instead of rushing through each issue.
- CDEP
 - Project Officers Training
 - Create CDEP awareness that workers continue their role on what they did before TSIRC was established. Their jobs are still the same.
 - Communication between Island Managers & Councillors
- Island Managers
 - Need to clarify their roles and responsibilities.
 - Do not have the authority to hire or fire. This issue must be channelled through the CEO or Executive Managers.
 - 3 Day training course for Island Managers and Councillors
 - Island Manager's positions soon to be permanently appointed.

19. ACTION ITEMS

Nil

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With no further discussions, the Mayor thanked Cr. Phillemon Mosby and the Community of Poruma for their hospitality in hosting the 3rd Meeting of the TSIRC Ordinary meeting.

5.55pm Meeting closed with a prayer by Cr. Phillemon Mosby


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Cr Fred Gela
Mayor


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Mr John Scarce
Chief Executive Officer