



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 18 July 2017, 9:00am to 4:29pm
Held via videoconference

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Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor, Division 8 – Kirriri Island – via video conference
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island – via video conference
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island – via teleconference
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island – via video conference
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island – via video conference
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri Island – via video conference
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island – via video conference
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island – via video conference
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island – via teleconference
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island – via video conference
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island (joined the meeting at 10:50am) – via video conference
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island – via video conference
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
Mr Rob Dwyer, Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services (AEMCS)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)
Mr John Coyle, Executive Manager Housing Services (EMHS)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager, Community Services (EMoCS) – via video conference - Kirriri
Ms Margaret Rosta, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) – via video conference – TI
Mrs Kathy Cochran - Secretariat

Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr Stephen, Division 13 - Ugar

1. **9:00am – 9:03am** **Opening Prayer by Cr Levi and Welcome**

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Deputy Mayor Fell welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional owners on the land in which we're meeting via video conference. Noted that he would be chairing the meeting today, however the Mayor was in attendance via Hammond Island.

2. **9:03am – 9:08am** **Apologies**

- Cr Stephen , Division 13 - Ugar
- Cr Toby, Division 1 - Boigu
- Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island

All Councillors above have submitted prior apology at the June meeting

- Cr Nona joined the meeting at 10:50am due to an unforeseen urgent commitment on island (resolution later in minutes).

3. **9:08am – 9:09am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

Cr Thaiday – declared a COI for a closed business report – Community Grants

Councilors have the opportunity to make a disclosure during the meeting.

4. **9:09am - 9:10am** **Confirmation of June Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

Nil amendments

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Thaiday *Second:* Cr Sabatino

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in June 2017 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **9:10am – 9:14am** **Outstanding Strategic Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

Roles and responsibilities presentation requested for Warraber, Mabuiag and Saibai. ACEO confirmed in the April minutes, they were noted and in the minutes. Presently being scheduled by SEA.

6. **9:15am – 9:55am** **CORPORATE - Policies**

AEMCS spoke to this report and read each of the policies 1 to 6.

Corporate Services

1. *Domestic Violence Policy*

Council is committed to supporting a staff member experiencing domestic or family violence to continue to participate in the workforce and maintain their employment through a broad range of support.

Housing Services

2. Rent Policy

Council is committed to providing a tenancy management system to ensure tenants can sustain their tenancy obligations. Only tenants who have an income will be deemed able to sustain a tenancy.

3. Home Visit Policy

Council is committed to building sustainable relationships with Council social housing tenants. Council will use home visits to identify and respond in a timely manner to tenants' needs, with the aim of improving the way Council manages social housing tenancies.

4. Succession of Tenancy Policy

Torres Strait Island Regional Council will undertake a "succession of tenancy" when there is a change in the household circumstances that require a change to the legal tenant on the original General Tenancy Agreement.

5. Tenancy Sign up Policy

Torres Strait Island Regional Council's tenancy sign up process establishes the formal tenancy arrangements between the tenant/s and Council and marks the beginning of the tenant/lessor relationship.

6. Rental Debt Policy

Torres Strait Island Regional Council shall actively pursue outstanding debts from both current and former tenants.

Cr Sabs requested further clarity around "income" in Policy 2 – Rent Policy. EMHS advised 'income' includes all income including Centrelink, employment and self employment. It was agreed to change the wording slightly to advise this policy applies to consideration of income capacity as the commencement of each new general tenancy agreement.

Cr Sabatino asked about Policy 4 – Succession of Tenancy Policy. There was discussion regarding this policy. There were opinions that the culture within the Torres Straits is different to how Department of Housing administers their Tenancy policy on the main land. It was suggested that under 1 e) of the policy be amended to include another clause taking into account Ailan Kastom. It was agreed to take out 1 e) and replace.

ACEO suggested a change to 1e) to 'A tenancy will only be succeeded in accordance with Ailan Kastom practiced widely in the community concerned'

Cr Tamu asked how we manage people who put there name down for a house and once they get the house they use it as a holiday home. Eg. Wife has a tenancy in Cairns and husband has a tenancy on Warraber. EMHS provided response.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lui *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council adopts a departmental suite of Policies for a period of two (2) years comprising:

- 1. Domestic Violence Policy***
- 2. Rent Policy***
- 3. Home Visit Policy***
- 4. Succession of Tenancy Policy***
- 5. Tenancy Sign up Policy***
- 6. Rental Debt Policy***

Subject to the change and modifications below;

2. Rent Policy - Rent – clarify requirement for income to be demonstrated by the applicant prior to a new tenancy being awarded.

4. Succession of Tenancy Policy – change 1 e) to read “A tenancy will only be succeeded in accordance with Ailan Kastom practiced widely in the community concerned”

MOTION CARRIED

7. 9:55am- 10:25am FINANCE – Regional Grants

EMFS spoke to this report. The purpose of the report was to present to Council for decision, the Regional Grants Applications for Round One. Council received eight (8) applications as per below and each application was discussed separately.

1. The organising committee for the Dhadhin Geai Warriors Football Club are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards accommodation and flights for team members to compete in the Indigenous Murri Carnival at Redcliffe between 21st and 23rd September 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sabatino *Second:* Cr Tamu

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 1. Dhadhin Geai Warriors for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive***

MOTION CARRIED

2. The organising committee for the Tagai State College Parents and Citizens Associations are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards travel and accommodation costs to attend the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Toronto Canada between 24th and 29th July 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai *Second:* Cr Pearson *Against:* Cr Lui

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 2. Tagai State College Parents and Citizens Associations – Darnley Island Campus for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive***

MOTION CARRIED

3. The organising committee for the Arkai Brothers Rugby League Club are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards travel, accommodation and jerseys to compete in the Zenadth Kes Torres Cup at Thursday Island between 13th and 16th October 2017.

- Cr Tamu declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Tamu helped the applicant with the application.
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Tamu did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Levi *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 3. Arkai Brothers Rugby League Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive**

MOTION CARRIED

4. The organising committee for the Erub Bid Touch Football Club is seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 to purchase trophies for the 2017 Daisy Mye Sporting Carnival to be held between 24th and 30th September 2017.

- Cr Thaiday declared a conflict of interest (COI)
 - COI details: Cr Thaiday and family are involved in this football club.
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Thaiday did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kaigey *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 4. Erub Bid Touch Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive**

MOTION CARRIED

5. The organising committee for the New Day Concert are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards airfares and accommodation for New Day Concert team members to travel to Mabuiag for a concert in August/September 2017.

- Cr Pearson declared a conflict of interest (COI)
 - COI details: CR Pearson is a member of the New Day Concert
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Pearson did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Levi *Second:* Cr Kaigey

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 5. New Day Concert for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive**

MOTION CARRIED

6. The organising committee for the Buthu Lagau Saral TSI Corporation are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards travel expenses for Urab Dancers to travel to Townsville for the Urab Dance Tour. The Urab Dance Tour is to take place between 24th July and 6th August 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sabatino *Second:* Cr Nai

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

- 6. Buthu Lagau Saral TSI Corporation for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive**

MOTION CARRIED

7. The organising committee for Mulga Rugby League Football Club are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards purchasing jerseys for the Torres Strait Cup tournament in September 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kaigey *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

7. Mulga Rugby League Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive

MOTION CARRIED

8. The organising committee for the Voice of Many Waters Choir are seeking financial assistance of \$2,500 towards purchasing shirts and musical instruments to attend the New Day Concert on Mabuia in August 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pearson *Second:* Cr Thaiday

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

8. Voice of Many Waters Choir for the eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

SEA – Mabuia/Warraber and Saibai request roles and responsibility presentations.

ACTION

EMFS – Investigate where the Warraber Gladiators application was for the last community grants round.

10:25am – 11:00am – MORNING TEA BREAK

Cr Nona joined the meeting at 10:50am due to unforeseen urgent commitments on island. ACEO advised that due to Cr Nona being late he would not be in attendance for 75% of the resolutions for this meeting. Cr Nona advised that on the way to joining this meeting he was pulled up by a community member and needed to deal with an urgent issue on island that was not expected.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council approve for Councillor Nona to be paid sitting fees for this Ordinary Meeting under Ailan Kastom due to 'reasonable excuse' for absence.

MOTION CARRIED

8. 11:00am – 11:07am Badu Surrender Lease x 3

AEMCS spoke to this report.

BACKGROUND

At present, a lease from the Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC to Council for the term of 30 years, commencing on 1 February 2014 and ending on 31 January 2044, exists over the abovementioned Lots and other Lots on Badu. Clause 7 of the lease provides for the Lots to be surrendered to the Lessor. The lease is over Lot 2 SP253545 which is now subdivided by SP274784.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) contacted Council requesting that Lots 331, 595 and 594 be surrendered to the Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC so that the Department of Housing and Public Works can construct social housing on these Lots and enter into a 40 year lease with the Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC. DATSIP provided Council with a surrender form on 4 July 2017. Lots 594 and 595 do not have any Council assets on them and are not used by Council. Lot 331 has two demountables on it, which are disposed Council assets and will be moved from Lot 331 in the near future.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nona *Second:* Cr Thaiday

That Council surrender:

1. The following Lots in lease instrument dealing number 715599235 with the Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC

Plan/Document number	Lot Number
SP274784	Lot 331
SP274784	Lot 593
SP274784	Lot 594

MOTION CARRIED

9. 11:07am – 11:08am MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Levi *Second:* Cr Nona

That in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD) management of Community Development of Grants in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings from the Indigenous Regional Council.

MOTION CARRIED

9.1 11:08am – 11:14am TRUSTEE – Masig Social Housing Lease

AEMCS spoke to this report.

Relevant Chronology is as follows, namely:-

1. Council resolution 23 June 2010 to approve entry into Deed of Agreement to Lease and Deed of Agreement to Construct with respect to any interested division under the *National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing*;
2. The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has provided TSIRC with an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), signed by the Masigalgal (Torres Strait Islanders)

Corporation (RNTBC), for signing. The ILUA includes Lots 216, 217 and 218 Dans Road and Lot 703 unnamed road.

3. *Lots 216, 217 and 218 Dan Street, Masig (Yorke Island) are 1,520 metres squared each and Lot 703 unnamed road is 1,000 squared metres; and*
4. The Masig Community Survey Plan (SP277431) was registered in 2016. The proposed terms of each lease is: -

TERM:	40 years
OPTIONS TO RENEW:	NIL
RENTAL:	Deferred to RNTBC under ILUA
USE:	Social Housing
AREA:	5,560 metres squared

- **Cr Nai declared a conflict of interest (COI).**
 - **COI details: Cr Nai has a sister who is part of this lease**
 - **How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: A resolution was passed as per below to allow Councillor Nai to vote given it is a Trustee meeting and requires endorsement of the divisional Councillor.**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nona Second: Cr Pearson

That Council as trustee allow Cr Nai to vote as part of the Land Holding Act Lease Transfer at Masig resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai Second: Cr Pearson

That Council surrender:

1. *‘That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) and subject to survey, development approval and satisfaction of native title requirements, the Trustee grant a lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas in part of Lot 100 on SP277431 and part of Lot 102 on SP277431, as depicted in Attachment 1, for the Works described in the Lease, namely Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: –*

- i. Lot 216 Dan Street, Masig (Yorke Island)*
- ii. Lot 217 Dan Street, Masig (Yorke Island)*
- iii. Lot 218 Dan Street, Masig (Yorke Island)*
- iv. Lot 703 unnamed Road, Masig (Yorke Island)*

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 11:14am – 11:27am TRUSTEE – Poruma Freehold Transfer

AEMCS spoke to this report;

Relevant Chronology is as follows, namely:-

1. Seriana Billy and her then husband Wrench Larry were granted a perpetual lease (Attachment 1) at Poruma by the State of Queensland under the *Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Land*

Holding) Act 1985 (1985 Act). The lease commenced on 4 June 1987 and Serianna Billy and Wrench Larry were joint tenants.

2. Council is informed by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) that Wrench Larry passed away in 1996. Because the lease was held by Wrench Larry and Serianna Larry as joint tenants, when Wrench Larry passed away, Serianna Larry became the only tenant. Serianna later married and is now Serianna Billy. DATSIP will consult with Serianna to complete forms to correct the name on the title and to inform that Wrench Larry is deceased. His name will be removed from the title.
3. The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Holding Act 2013 (2013 Act)* repealed the *Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Land Holding) Act 1985*. The *2013 Act* (s 12(4)(a)) changed the lessor of the *1985 Act* leases to the relevant Trustee.
4. The *2013 Act* (s 64) states that a lease may be transferred only to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, or a spouse, or former spouse, of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is deceased and the lessor must not unreasonably withhold their consent.
5. DATSIP has informed Council that they are assisting Serianna Billy to transfer Lot 32 on SP270862 to her son Jim Ricky Larry and have requested that Council sign a general consent form and transfer form. The attached transfer form has been signed by Serianna Billy and Jim Ricky Larry and witnessed (Attachment 2). Serianna's previous name, Larry, is on the form, DATSIP inform that they intend to have a new form signed by Serianna and Jim Ricky Larry which will be provided to Council for signing.
 - **Cr Lui declared a conflict of interest (COI).**
 - **COI details: Cr Lui has family who are part of this lease**
 - **How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Lui was given support from Council to vote given sufficient remoteness in relationship not to be considered influential upon Cr Lui's decision-making.**
 - **Cr Pearson declared a conflict of interest (COI).**
 - **COI details: Cr Pearson has family who are part of this lease**
 - **How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: A resolution was passed as per below to allow Councillor Nai to vote given it is a Trustee meeting and requires endorsement of the divisional Councillor.**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sabatino Second: Cr Nai

That pursuant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Holding Act 2013, the Trustee consent to the transfer of a perpetual lease from Serianna Billy (previously Serianna Larry) Lot 32 on SP270862 (previously Lot 32 on TS201) to Jim Ricky Larry:

Site plan of Lot 32 on SP270862 - Poruma

MOTION CARRIED

10. **11:27am – 11:28am** **MOVE OUT OF TRUSTEE**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nona Second: Cr Elisala

That Council move out of Trustee

MOTION CARRIED

11. 11:28am – 11:29am CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nona *Second:* Cr Thaiday

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

(e) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or

(h) Other business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

MOTION CARRIED

All Councillors confirmed verbally that they were alone on videoconference at various sites.

11.1 11:29am – 12:15pm Enterprise Divestment

11.2 12:15pm – 1:06pm LATE REPORT – CEO - Special Works 17/18

12. 1:06pm – 1:07pm OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nona *Second:* Cr Kaigey

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

13. 1:07pm – 1:09pm Enterprise Divestment

- Cr Gela declared a Material Person Interest (MPI)
 - MPI details: Cr Gela's brother is a director of Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise Corporation
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Gela left the room at 12:06pm during the discussion to do with Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise Corporation. Returned to the room at 1:07pm and did not vote.
- Cr Lui declared a Material Person Interest (MPI)
 - MPI details: Cr Lui's brother is the president of Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise Corporation
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Lui left the room at 12:07pm during the discussion to do with Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise Corporation and also returned to the room at 1:07pm and did not vote.
- Cr Tamu declares Material Personal Interest (MPI)
 - MPI details: Cr Tamu's daughter is involved with the Warraber Kiosk
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Tamu left the room at 12:07pm during the discussion to do with the Warraber Kiosk and also returned to the room at 1:09pm and did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sabatino *Second:* Cr Nona

1. That in accordance with sections 227, 228 and 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council enter into negotiations with the following entities (or related parties) with a view to those entities acquiring the following businesses and associated valuable non-current assets and staff on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, and

recommend to the Trustee, the grant of trustee leases to each entity over relevant land as presented:

Community	Enterprise	Entity
Erub	Fuel Bowser	Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise (TSI) Corporation

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kaigey *Second:* Cr Pearson

2. That in accordance with sections 227, 228 and 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council enter into negotiations with the following entities (or related parties) with a view to those entities acquiring the following businesses and associated valuable non-current assets and staff on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, and recommend to the Trustee, the grant of trustee leases to each entity over relevant land as presented:

Community	Enterprise	Entity
Mabuiag	Fuel Depot	Willie Babia

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Akiba *Second:* Cr Pearson

3. That in accordance with sections 227, 228 and 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council enter into negotiations with the following entities (or related parties) with a view to those entities acquiring the following businesses and associated valuable non-current assets and staff on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, and recommend to the Trustee, the grant of trustee leases to each entity over relevant land as presented:

Community	Enterprise	Entity
Warraber	Kiosk (Saloma Kaikai House)	Iris Billy

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

AEMCS (LCC) – Note that in future rounds to just refer to Kiosk as lama Kiosk.

ACTION

AEMCS (LCC) – Hold guesthouse divestments at lama until Native Title dispute finalised.

ACTION

AEMCS (LCC) – Report to future meeting regarding ensuring cost recovery in licences under Enterprise Divestment.

14. **1:09 – 1:15pm**

CEO - Special Works 17/18

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Elisala *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council endorse the Special Projects set out in List 1 (own-funds) and List 2 (Works for Queensland – Round 2 funds), as presented, subject to endorsement of projects in list 2 by DILGP.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

EMES – Badu Well access remains an issue requiring remediation

ACTION

Include contingency line in future recoverable works budgets

1:15pm – 2:15pm LUNCH BREAK

15. 2:15pm – 3:06pm

LATE REPORT – Special Holidays 2018

ACEO spoke to this report. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the 2018 nominated special holidays. The Strategic Advisory Reference Group endorsed this document at the meeting on Monday 17 July 2017 and also added to 2 further days as TSIRC holidays, Community Services (Torres Strait) Act Day and Torres Strait Amalgamation Day.

Cr Nona voiced his concerns regarding the Council Child Care Centre on Badu. When there is a TSIRC All staff holiday how do we manage this situation. ACEO advised it would be a full close down of all Council facilities for these days.

Mayor Gela noted the correct date for the Community Services (Torres Strait) Act Day should be the 31 May 2017.

There was conversation regarding the Cairns Show holiday being only for Cairns staff and the Cultural Show Day being for All TSIRC staff. It was decided to change the Cultural Show Day being for Torres Strait staff working on all 15 communities and Thursday Island only. Cairns staff do not have this day as a holiday.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pearson *Second:* Cr Akiba *Against:* Cr Nai

That Council endorsed the list of special holidays at Attachment A to this report for 2018 with the following amendments:-

Include the following dates;

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|----|---------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | 31 May | - | Community Service Act (Torres Strait) and |
| 2. | 14 March | - | TSIRC Amalgamation |
| 3. | Cultural Festival Holiday | - | TSIRC 15 Divisions/Thursday Island only |
| 4. | Cairns Show Day Holiday | - | Cairns office only |

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

EMoCS – List to be provided ASAP to all families using childcare facilities in communities of special TSIRC holidays for 2018.

ACTION

EMoCS – Consider options for having staff work some public-special TSIRC holidays for centre to remain open.

ACTION

EMoCS – Advise how many days in 2017 the Badu Childcare Centre has been closed due to insufficient staff numbers.

16. 3:06pm – 3:06pm Business Arising from Information Reports

Nil

17. 3:06pm – 4:21pm General Business

- Cr Nai asked if any Councillors could contribute to the costs of the fireworks on Masig on the 23 August 2017. There was discussion about how to fund this exercise. All councillors will be asked to advise by email if they can contribute.

ACTION

ACEO – Executive to consider whether there is any money to contribute for fireworks for the August 23rd celebration on Masig.

- Cr Lui raised an issue where people on island are being asked to complete a form to deposit their own money into their accounts. Cr Lui believes this is an invasion of privacy especially as it has been introduced without community consultation. Mayor Gela will raise this issue with the IBIS board.

ACTION

EMFS – Request advice of IBIS regarding changes to inter-island money transfer rules.

- Cr Lui asked if we can get random visits by senior staff to the communities in terms of governance of policy administration procedures and conduct of staff on island. ACEO advised he would be happy to speak with any Councillor on any the issues mentioned.

ACTION

All Executives – Request for random visits to island by senior staff to monitor island-based staff performance.

- Cr Lui asked at the next OM teleconference if we can have time set aside for the Mayor to address all staff on staff expectations. ACEO advised it would be a perfect opportunity for the new CEO to reinform standards etc.
- Cr Nona asked about EHW's writing infringement notices. He asked if we could empower EHW's to collect evidence to prove if a person continues to do the wrong thing after an infringement notice has been issued by Council. ACEO advised a budget has been set for fencing around the landfill and provide signage. He will discuss with EMoCS, EHW roles and being able to monitor situations.

ACTION

EMoCS/EMES – Request for hidden CCTV cameras to monitor illegal dumping at Badu.

- Mayor Gela gave an update on the CEO selection. The contract is with the successful applicant. Waiting on sign off. Once signed the successful applicant will need to issue an 8 week notice to their current employer. Unfortunately the ACEO maybe be on recreation leave at this time but arrangements have been made. As soon as the contract is signed an announcement will be made.

ACTION

EMoCS – Request for advice regarding recruitment of EHW for Mer.

ACTION

AEMCS – Provide a list of all 17/18 approved works (capital & operational) at Badu.

ACTION

SEA – Request for Inspector David Lacey to attend future OM regarding community policing.

ACTION

SEA – Request advice from Inspector David Lacey regarding lack of recruitment over lengthy periods at Poruma.

ACTION

AEMCS (LCC) – Request for advise regarding whether Council have funds for payment of PBC fees for service on Native Title validation.

ACTION

EMES – Request for advice on what is the plan to fix the current sewerage re-route on Erub and the timeframes for this.

ACTION

SEA – Request for Qld Health (Michel Lok) to attend the next meeting to discuss lack of dental team at lama.

18. 4:21pm – 4:26pm Leave in Advance

Cr Nona, Division 5, Badu Island
Cr Tamu, Division 10, Warraber Island
Cr Pearson, Division 11, Poruma Island
Cr Sabs, Division 8, KIRRIRI Island (Cr Sabatino can do via video or teleconference – this facility may not be available on Masig Island)

19. 4:26pm – 4:29pm Next Meeting Date

Division: Masig - Ordinary Meeting 80th Anniversary celebrations
Date: Fi 18 August - SARG
Mon 21 August - Ordinary Meeting
Tues 22 August - Ordinary Meeting
Wed 23August - 80th Anniversary celebrations

Meeting closed at 4:29pm - Prayer by Cr Levi