



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 18 July 2016-Tuesday 19 July 2016

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Monday 18 July 2016 from 9.15am-3.55pm and Tuesday 19 July from 9.15am-3.45pm at the Rydges Esplanade, 209-217 Abbott Street, Cairns.

Monday 18 July 2016

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island (*via Teleconference from 10:40am-11:13am*)
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island
Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Helen Tarrant, Executive Assistant (EA)
Ms Lorna Bowie, Executive Assistant Engineering Services
Ms Dinah Sailor (TAO) (Minutes)

Observers

Mrs Kathy Cochran, Admin Officer, Environment & Health
Mr Ewan Gunn, Manager Environment & Health
Ms Philomena David, Environmental Health Worker
Ms Lesley Collins, Business Services Accountant, Community Services

Apologies

Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island

1. **9.15am-9.16am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Opening Prayer by Cr Fell.

One Minute's Silence

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

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, particularly Mr Seith Fourmile, Gudju Gudju.

The Mayor briefly noted revisions to today's Agenda.

2. **9.16am-9.17am** **Apologies**

Cr Clara Tamu and Cr Bob Kaigey – Leave in Advance

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Elisala

That Council accepts the apologies from Cr Tamu and Cr Kaigey for their absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **9.17am-9.20am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

Cr Sabatino declared his MPI on Enterprise Divestments – Closed Business

Cr Bosun declared his COI and MPI on Enterprise Divestments – Closed Business

Cr Pearson declared his COI on Enterprise Divestments – Closed Business

Cr Levi declared his COI on Enterprise Divestments – Closed Business

4. **9.20am-9.27am** **Confirmation of June 2016 Minutes**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Pearson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 28 & 29 June 2016 be adopted as true and accurate.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **9.27am-9.43am** **Action Item Summary from June 2016 Meeting**

Cr Toby requested clarification of Capital Works budget and the priorities for the old lagoon fencing as well as the current lagoon. The CEO responded that the old lagoon would be decommissioned. Cr Toby requested that the lagoon be filled.

Previous Action Item 11

Cr Fell referred to IBIS dump fees and charges for 2016/17 and the CEO advised that a letter would be sent to advise.

Action item: CEO to draft letter to IBIS advising them of the fees and charges that will be imposed on them for dumping.

Cr Sabatino referred to Action item 11 on charges that could be made to vessels fuelling at Council ramps to look at the weight and size so restrictions can be imposed on the barge size using the ramps. EMCS advised he would look at sea port permits. EMES advised he had met with TMR and had raised the issue but further progress had not been made. The Mayor advised that all avenues should be exhausted before paying consultants for advice.

Cr Lui queried that the name change to Zenadth Kes was not in the action items which he raised last meeting. The CEO advised that various items raised by Councillors in previous meetings were listed separately and that a response would be provided on the name change to SARG and via email to Cr Lui.

Cr Toby queried update on support available to families caring for the aged at home on Boigu and advised that he had not been contacted by EMCoS. EMCoS advised he was awaiting response from Manager Community Services and would provide advice to Cr Toby as soon as possible.

6. **9.43am-9.50am** **Finance: Regional Grants Round 1**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Nai

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

1. *Yam Island P&C for the maximum eligible amount of \$2,500 GST Exclusive*

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Gela handed the meeting to Deputy Mayor, Cr Fell, declaring his COI for the New Day Concert Team application for Community Grants as a relative was a member of the concert team.

Cr Stephen declared a COI.

Cr Pearson declared a COI.

The meeting agreed the Mayor, Cr Stephen and Cr Pearson could remain in the room for the discussion but abstain from voting.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Thaiday

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

With the Mayor, Crs Stephen and Pearson recorded as voting against

7. **9.50am-9.54am** **Corporate Services: Boigu Advisory Committee**

Mayor Gela encouraged Councillors who were not familiar with the Advisory Committee to read through the Terms of Reference attached to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Elisala, Seconded Cr Nai

That pursuant to section 264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council:-

1. *appoint the Advisory Committee – Boigu Island; and*
2. *approve the Terms of Reference (attached); and*
3. *endorse the selection of the following two (2) voting members by the member for Boigu Island under Expression of Interest process:*
 - i. *Pabai Pabai; and*
 - ii. *Vera Auda;*
4. *approve remuneration of \$100 per day (or part thereof) per voting member in accordance with the Terms of Reference.*

MOTION CARRIED

Action Item: EMCS to work with Cr Toby to deliver improved member induction for the Advisory Committee.

8. **9.54am-9.55am** **Corporate Services: Development application – Badu -DATSIP – Reconfiguration of a Lot**

Deferred until Cr Nona joins the Meeting via Teleconference.

9. **9.55am-10.00am** Corporate Services: Development Application – Masig – DATSIP – Reconfiguration of a Lot

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Thaiday

That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. *The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings SP277431 dated 13 Nov 2015.*

subject to any alterations:

- a) *found necessary by Chief Executive Officer at the time of examination of drawings or during construction of the works because of particular engineering or cultural requirements and to ensure the works comply in all respects with the requirements of FNQROC Development Manual and good engineering practice; and*
 - b) *to comply with project specific conditions*
2. *All works must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, conditions and specifications, to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*
 3. *This approval is valid for four (4) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.*
 4. *The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing any necessary services to the proposed new housing leases on the following Lots:*
 - *Lot 112 Aous Road*
 - *Lot 212 Aous Road*
 - *Lot 157 Steven Jeff Road*
 - *Lot 180 Steven Jeff Road*
 - *Lot 211 Billys Road/JDL Road*

Any new dwelling on these lots should be located a minimum of 1.5m from the sewerlines, or alternatively the sewerlines will need to be relocated.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **10.00am-10.22am** Corporate Services: Development Application – Poruma – CSP – DATSIP- Reconfiguration of a Lot

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Pearson, Seconded Cr Bosun

That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. *The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings SP270862 dated 20 Nov 2015.*

subject to any alterations:

- a) *found necessary by Chief Executive Officer at the time of examination of drawings or during construction of the works because of particular engineering or cultural requirements and to ensure the works comply in all respects with the requirements of FNQROC Development Manual and good engineering practice; and*
- b) *to comply with project specific conditions*

2. *All works must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, conditions and specifications, to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*
3. *This approval is valid for four (4) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.*

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Nai blessed the Morning Tea
10.22am-10.40am Morning Tea Break

10.40am Cr Nona joined the meeting via Teleconference.

**11. 10.45am-11.12am Corporate Services: Development Application – Badu – DATSIP-
Reconfiguration of a Lot**

Cr Nona reported his experience with surveyors coming into community and noted it was important they are advised by informed community members on the ground to ensure surveyors are made aware of cultural markings.

The Mayor advised Cr Nona that he may have to declare a potential COI, however, he can be involved in discussions but abstains from voting just as a safeguard.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Levi

That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. *The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings SP274783 dated 27 July 2015 and SP274784 dated 17 Nov 2015*

subject to any alterations:

- a) *found necessary by Chief Executive Officer at the time of examination of drawings or during construction of the works because of particular engineering or cultural requirements and to ensure the works comply in all respects with the requirements of FNQROC Development Manual and good engineering practice; and*
 - b) *to comply with project specific conditions*
2. *All works must be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, conditions and specifications, to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.*
 3. *This approval is valid for four (4) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.*

MOTION CARRIED

With Cr Nona recorded as voting against

11.13am Cr Nona left the meeting.

**12. 11.13am-11.20am Corporate Services: Development Application – Ugar – DATSIP –
Reconfiguration of a Lot**

Cr Stephen reported he was not happy to support this resolution until boundary issues had been resolved and requested that the matter be left laying on the table.

The Mayor noted on page 266, the survey plan had been endorsed in December 2015 and therefore should the Resolution be rescinded; four days' notice would be required.

Action Item: CEO to consider errors in more detail and if necessary, issue a Rescission Notice at least four days in advance of an Ordinary Meeting.

13. 11.20am-11.35am Corporate Services: Capital Works Priorities List

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Fell

That Council approve the following list of Capital Priorities for 2016/17, with projects to be completed in order of priority, subject to available own and grant funds:

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| 1. | St Paul's Community, Moa Island | Community Hall completion |
| 2. | Warraber Island | Stadium roof repairs |
| 3. | Ugar Island | Community Hall completion |
| 4. | Erub Island | Recommission Water Assets |
| 5. | Poruma Island | Airport Waiting Shed construction |
| 6. | Badu Island | Stadium and Sportsground upgrades |
| 7. | Dauan Island | Sporting Facility Toilets construction |
| 8. | Kubin, Moa Island | Community Hall upgrade |
| 9. | Saibai Island | Waiting Shed and Toilets upgrade |
| 10. | Masig Island | Builder's Workshop relocation |
| 11. | Boigu Island | Decommission Lagoon |
| 12. | Mabuiag Island | Community Hall upgrade |
| 13. | Mer Island | Public Toilets construction |
| 14. | Iama Island | Drainage upgrade |
| 15. | Hammond Island | Undercover Shelter at Workshop |

MOTION CARRIED

14. 11.35am-11.43am Trustee Meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Pearson

That in accordance with Section 83 of 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

14.1 11.35am-11.40am Warraber Social Housing Lease

RESOLUTION

'That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease area on SP270589, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

Plan/Document number	Lot Number	Date
SP270589	Lot 120	29 June 2015

MATTER LEFT LAYING ON THE TABLE IN CR TAMU'S ABSENCE

14.2 11.40am-11.43am Ugar Social Housing Lease

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Stephen, Seconded Cr Fell

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas on SP282706, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely:-

Plan/Document number	Lot Number	Date
SP282706	Lot 6 (Lease E)	16 November 2015
SP282706	Lot 13 (Lease D)	16 November 2015

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Levi

That in accordance with Section 83 of Local Government Act 2009 (QLD) Management of Community Development of Grants in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be concluded and the separate meeting of the Indigenous Regional Council resumed.

MOTION CARRIED

15. 11.43am-12.40pm General Business

Boigu

15.1 Social Housing

Cr Toby queried Social Housing and whether it was feasible to include under slabs on high set houses. CEO advised she has had discussions with the Department on specifications of the houses and they will only include under slabs if budget is available. CEO advised Cr Toby that she had just received confirmation that the slabs will be included for the three houses at Boigu.

15.2 Staffing Issues

Cr Toby requested that staffing issues on Boigu be addressed by the CEO or Executive Manager.

15.3 IBIS

Cr Toby reported that raising purchase orders for IBIS takes too much staff time and requested that an open purchase order be used. The CEO noted this would contravene our current Procurement and Purchasing Policy but would consider other options.

lama

15.4 Basketball Courts

Cr Lui was not happy with the upgrade of the basketball courts, advising the construction of the courts was not carried out adequately and requested that it be looked into.

Action Item: CEO would follow up with Cr Lui

15.5 Tree Clearing

Cr Lui queried who was responsible for cutting trees and roots rising up from the ground within the social housing Lots as it impacts on the building surroundings. This is for safety reasons to Ergon and Telstra pole lines.

Action Item: CEO to investigate and liaise with Cr Lui on tree lopping.

Cr Sabatino left the meeting at 11:50am

15.6 Solar Lighting

Cr Lui requested that the current Agreement in community with Ergon on solar lighting be reviewed. Mayor requested an email template be circulated to Councillors on street lighting with the appropriate contact so that Councillors can complete their request and forward to appropriate department to progress.

Action Item: EMES to provide email template to Councillors on street lighting with the appropriate contact so that Councillors can complete their request and forward to appropriate department to progress.

15.7 *Leave Entitlements*

Cr Lui enquired about leave entitlements for staff from his division and felt leave was causing the division to be understaffed. CEO advised that staff have six weeks annual leave and Managers approve leave applications.

Dauan

15.8 *Dauan Pontoon*

Cr Elisala sought updates on the Dauan Pontoon. EMES advised Council need to present concepts to community on the Dauan Pontoon.

15.9 *Extension of Fuel Bowser times*

Cr Elisala raised issue of the extension to available times for the Fuel Bowser. EMES would advise Cr Elisala out of session.

15.10 *Social Housing Gutter Cleaning*

Cr Elisa queried who was responsible for cleaning of gutters. CEO advised it was the tenant's responsibility.

15.11 *Social Housing*

Cr Elisala queried the process for allocating new houses in the community. The CEO noted the Department of Housing and Public Works would be presenting to Council tomorrow and questions could be raised direct with them.

Poruma

15.12 *Fuel Bowser*

Cr Pearson was concerned about the bowser operation on Poruma advising it had been manually operated for over four years. Cr Pearson advised it needs to operate on a card system where residents can swipe their card to buy fuel. He advised the issue needs to be fixed as fuel can go missing, it is not monitored and anyone can take fuel.

Mabuiag

15.13 *RIBS*

Cr Fell queried whether RIBS would be divested as much equipment is disappearing.

15.14 *Abandoned Vehicles*

Cr Fell requested that old Vehicles to be removed to a designated area.

15.15 *Dump*

Cr Fell requested that a fence be built around the dump as it is currently an eyesore and needs to be tidied up.

15.16 *ILUA s24JAA*

Cr Fell queried the timeframe, as there is no clear pathway for example, if Mabuiag wants two houses, the ILUA to negotiate and TLOs still discussing Mabuiag loses the houses and waits another two to three years to get houses. Mayor advised nothing will be pursued unless the Councillor serves the notice. Cr Fell advised he wants the issue to be put on the table. EMCS advised Cr Fell to send through an email to start the process. Cr Fell requested that this be noted in the minutes that Mabuiag will no longer have discussions with 3-4 people who do not know the land and will just go ahead. Cr Sabatino advised that Council needs to have this dialogue open.

Action Item: EMCS to seek written approval of Cr Fell to proceed with issue of s24JAA notice.

Erub

15.17 *NPARIH Housing & Water Tanks*

Cr Thaiday advised that NPARIH houses should have larger water tanks as they are 5 and 6 bedroom houses. EMCS to provide a copy of CSP for Erub to Cr Thaiday.

Action Item: EMCS to provide a copy of Erub Community Survey Plan to Cr Thaiday.

15.18 *Alcohol Management*

Cr Thaiday would like to review alcohol management in his community and put a stop to more alcohol coming in. There is a canteen already on Darnley Island.

Cr Nai requested EMCS provide advice as he had previously noted that Council cannot stop people taking alcohol into the Community.

EMCS advised he will need to review the specifications as the introduction of an alcohol management plan will be difficult to reverse.

Action Item: EMCS to work closely with Cr Thaiday to identify what the community wants in terms of alcohol management.

Cr Pearson blessed the Lunch

12.40pm-2.05pm Lunch Break

16. **2.05pm-2.45pm** Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Levi, Seconded Cr Elisala

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

(c) The local government's budget; or

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

(h) Other business for which a 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

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Levi, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Sabatino declared an MPI/COI and would not participate in the Closed Business discussion regarding Enterprise Divestment.

16.1 Corporate Services: Enterprise Divestment

16.1a Kubin Horticulture

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Levi, Seconded Cr Sabatino

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:

<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>Entity</i>
<i>Kubin Horticulture</i>	<i>Mualgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC</i>

MOTION CARRIED

16.1b St. Pauls Mechanical Workshop

RESOLUTION

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:

<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>Entity</i>
<i>St Pauls Mechanical Workshop</i>	<i>Mualgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC</i>

TAKEN AS LOST – NO MOVER

16.1c Mabuiag Kiosk

RESOLUTION

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:

<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>Entity</i>
<i>Mabuiag Kiosk</i>	<i>Goemulgaw (TSI) Corporation RNTBC (Mabuiag PBC)</i>

TAKEN AS LOST – NO MOVER

3.45pm Cr Sabatino left the meeting

16.1d Dauan Ferry

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Elisala, Seconded Cr Fell

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:

<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>Entity</i>
<i>Dauan Ferry</i>	<i>Sharon and Mario Sabatino</i>

MOTION CARRIED

With Cr Sabatino recorded as voting against due to MPI declaration and out of room during voting

3:50pm Cr Sabatino returned to the meeting.

16.2 **3.50pm-3.52pm** Finance: Debtor Write Off

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council endorse write-off of \$28,045.67of deceased debtors.

MOTION CARRIED

16.3 3.52pm-3.53pm Engineering Services: Mer Area 3 Emergency Water Works

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Nai

That pursuant to section 235 (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), adopt a budget for the Mer Area 3 Water Works project due to genuine emergency, with such spending to the total amount of \$254,904.50 (GST Excl) to be funded 100% by external grant from the MIP5 – Mer Water Sustainability Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

16.4 3.53pm-3.54pm Building Services Unit: Off Grid Solar Upgrade to 3 x Mer Island Houses

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Stephen, Seconded Cr Elisala

That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (QLD), Council delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts, authorise expenditure and do all things necessary to effect the award for the solar upgrade to NPA Electrics for \$381,500 EX GST.

MOTION CARRIED

3.55pm Meeting Closed in Prayer by Cr Levi

Tuesday 19 July 2016

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu (*from 11:25am*)
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island (*from 10:30am*)
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island (*from 9:42am*)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island (*from 12:30pm*)
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island
Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Helen Tarrant, Executive Assistant (EA)
Ms Dinah Sailor (TAO) (Minutes)

Observers

Mr Ewan Gunn, Manager Environment & Health
Mr Simon Warne, Manager Housing (*from 11:13am*)
Mr Geoff Prior, Construction Manager (*from 11:13am*)
Mr Roland Gallen, Building Trades Mentor (*from 11:13am*)
Ms Vicky Torrisi, Project Manager (*from 11:13am*)

Apologies

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

17. **9.15am-9.16am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Meeting opened in prayer by Cr Levi.

18. **9.16am-10.44am** **Regional Development Australia (RDA) – Regional Roadmap and Priorities**

Jann Crase, CEO, Regional Development Australia - Far North Queensland & Torres Strait

Jann Crase joined the meeting to update Council on RDA's Regional Roadmap and priorities for the future.

Jann acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet.

9.42am Cr Sabatino joined the meeting.

Jann summarised the work of the RDA to:

- Promote Federal Government programs/funding in the region, eg National Stronger Regions Fund;
- Develop and deliver a Regional Plan to foster economic development – the roadmap;
- Assist in project proposal development and referral to appropriate funding sources;
- Advise on critical regional issues and priority activities to drive regional economic development – in consultation with their stakeholders.

Jann noted RDA had identified the following suggested priorities for the Torres Strait:

- Infrastructure pipeline for Torres communities.
- Build Torres Strait Fisher and Sea Ranching sectors.
- Build local biosecurity capability.
- Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan delivery and improvement.
- Strong TO organisations, planning and tenure.

Jann noted the current vacancy on the RDA Committee for a Torres Strait representative and hoped it would be filled soon.

10.30am Cr Elisala joined the meeting.

Jann would welcome the opportunity to update Council further at a later meeting.

Mayor thanked Jann for her presentation to Council.

Cr Thaiday blessed the Morning Tea
10.44am-11.13am Morning Tea

19. **11.13am-12.40pm** **Department of Housing and Homelessness Services**
Department of Housing and Public Works
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships – NPRH Programme

Rick Healey**, Principal Project Officer, Capital Delivery – Remote, Capital and Assets, Housing and Homelessness Services, Department of Housing and Public Works; **Tim Joyce**, Director, Capital Delivery; **Mark Nicol**, Director, Housing Portfolio Solutions and **David Faulkner**, Principal Engagement and Planning Officer, Remote indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships – **NPRH Programme

Mark Nicol spoke to their presentation on National Partnership on Remote Housing.

11.25am Cr Toby joined the meeting

Cr Pearson raised concerns that houses are built, passed, and the resident moves in and there are issues in the house such as sockets on the wall for TV not working, power point switches not working, etc. Dave Faulkner would follow up on these issues with Cr Pearson out of session.

Rick Healey (BAS) advised that if Councillors experience any issues when residents move into new houses in their communities to give him a call and he will look into it.

Cr Elisala requested a review for Dauan and Mark Nicol suggested Rick Healey contact Cr Elisala out of session to discuss his concerns.

Mayor reiterated the need to ensure the land is secured so the investment is not lost.

Cr Sabatino advised that he would be seeking dual or multi dwellings and this was fully supported by State subject to planning scheme compliance.

12.30pm Cr Stephen joined the meeting

Proposed next steps:

- Consultation with Councillors and Communities
- Negotiations with Trustees and Traditional Owners
- Confirmation of housing eligibility and bedroom entitlement
- Award construction contracts where land is available, tenant eligibility and bedroom entitlement resolved
- Councillors to sign off on each project and confirm site, number of bedrooms, high set and low set, disability modifications and tenant allocation.

Mayor advised Cr Stephen that he asked the Department to contact him out of session to discuss his issues at Ugar.

Cr Lui blessed the Lunch
12.44pm-1.30pm Lunch Break

20. 1.30pm-1.45pm Translink –Local Fare Scheme (Christopher Bradley)

Chris Bradley joined Council for lunch and briefly updated on the revised Local Fare Scheme. The Mayor thanked Chris for his work and noted he had done a great job and wished him well for the future.

Action Item: EA to forward Local Fare Scheme leaflets to our communities.

**21. 1.45pm-2.55pm Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office
Qld Government Building and Construction Training policy
(David Faulkner)**

The objective of the training policy is to capitalize on the potential of Queensland Government building and civil construction projects to:

- Create additional employment and training opportunities for apprentices and trainees in the building and construction industry
- Improve the skills base of the building and construction industry
- Provide employment, training and business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders

Eligible Projects are:

- Building Projects with a contract sum of \$500,000.00 (including GST) or greater
- Civil construction projects with a contract sum of \$3 million (including GST) or greater.

Indigenous Employment Opportunity Plan (IEOP) – before a construction contract is awarded by the procuring agency, an IEOP must be negotiated and be agreed by the contractor, procuring agency and local Council.

David Faulkner advised Councillors to contact him or Rick Healy with employment training issues.

The Mayor thanked David for his presentation.

22. 2.57pm-3.15pm Councillors In-Camera Session

Staff were asked to leave the room for this item.

23. 3.15pm-3.43pm General Business

3.15pm Cr Sabatino left meeting.

Dauan

23.1 *Diploma Local Government*

Cr Elisala requested follow up of Diploma course

Action Item: CEO to assess as a mandatory training course for all Councillors.

23.2 *Old Kiosk*

Cr Elisala requested that EMCS include the Donga near the playgrounds in the EOI.

Action Item: EMCS to include the old kiosk donga near the playgrounds in the EOI for divestment.

23.3 *TSRA Rangers*

TSRA Rangers had requested additional space to accommodate their staff at Dauan. Guest house is now back in operation and can be booked by TSRA.

Mayor

23.4 *Regional Development*

Mayor noted that commercial in confidence draft head of agreement to be tabled at SARG meeting tomorrow.

Action Item: Independent legal and financial advice to be obtained on draft head of agreement

Iama

23.5 *Qld Health*

Cr Lui noted the 'duty of care' given lack of choice of Ferry Transfer to TI for patients travelling for medical appointments and noted that Qld Health only uses Rebels ferries even though this requires patients to negotiate the steep ramp. Likewise, accommodation provided in Cairns often is located on a high floor level with patients having to be carried up several flights of stairs by their family if unable to climb stairs themselves.

Action Item: Mayor offered to raise Cr Lui's issues with Qld Health.

23.6 *Increased HIV in Torres Strait*

Cr Fell reported the spike in HIV cases in the Torres and Cape.

Erub

23.7 *Housing*

Cr Thaiday discussed the issue of an Erub resident currently to be housed in a high set house and requested that Council consider modifying his house to cater for his needs.

Action item: CEO to investigate and liaise with Cr Thaiday.

3.30pm Cr Sabatino returned to the meeting

23.8 *Sand Replenishment*

Cr Sabatino suggested that Council commission a Feasibility Study into sand replenishment and removal. Cr Sabatino would forward a report to Council for comments but felt Council needs to go beyond what TSRA are offering.

23.9 *Company Directors Course*

Cr Lui requested that opportunities to complete this course are further explored and would like the assignments and course to be completed in class rather than on line. The Mayor thanked the staff for organising the training to date but felt the timing was wrong and made it impossible for Councillors to be able to complete in a timely fashion.

Action Item: EA/CEO to explore options to complete the company directors' course and provide advice to Councillors.

24. **3.43pm-3.45pm** **Leave in Advance**

The following Councillors requested leave in advance for the next meeting:

- Cr Stephen
- Cr Nai
- Cr Toby

Cr Pearson closed the meeting in prayer and blessed the Afternoon Tea

3.45pm Afternoon Tea

3.45pm Council Meeting Close