

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

May 2020

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 18 May 2020 9:25am – 5:00pm
Tuesday 19 May 2020 9:05am – 4:15pm

Video Conference

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Present

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor (Poruma Office)
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu (Boigu Office)
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan (Dauan Office)
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai (Saibai Office)
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag (Mabuiag Office)
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu (Badu Office)
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island (Kubin Office)
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (Kirriri Office)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Iama Office)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Warraber Office)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Poruma Office)
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Masig Office)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Ugar Office)
Cr Boggo Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Erub Office)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Mer Office - phone)
Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Cairns Office)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns Office)
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS) (Home Office)
Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement (HCAE) (Cairns Office)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (Cairns Office)
Ms Naila Nomoa – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns Office)
Ms Mette Nordling – Contracts Manager (Cairns Office)

Apologies

Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Mua Island (St Pauls Office)

1. **9:25am – 9:29am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff to the meeting and invited Cr Boggo Gela to open the meeting in prayer.

Mayor acknowledged and paid respect to:

- The traditional owners and elders past and present for the land on which we meet throughout Zenadth Kes and Cairns Region.
- Councillors
- CEO and staff

2. **9:29am – 9:30am** **Apologies**

- Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community, Ma Island
Cr Levi applied for leave of absence for medical reasons in advance.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Elisala

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Levi for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that as per the Councillor Remuneration, Reimbursement and Facilities Provision Policy, attendance for the whole two (2) days is required before the meeting allowance is paid.

3. **9:30m – 9:32am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

No declaration made.

4. **9:32am** **Confirmation of April 2020 Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

Adjourned to later in the agenda.

5. **9:32am – 9:34am** **Outstanding Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

Action Items list from the April OM updated.

ACTION: SEA to provide Councillors with the whole Action Items list.

ACTION: Councillors to provide the CEO with their top 5 priority list for each of their communities.

ACTION: CEO to provide Cr Dorante with the top priority list for Hammond Island.

6. **9:34am – 9:36am** **Standing Agenda Items (verbal update)**

- **Trustee – Undocumented commercial land occupation project**

Ergon Leases – needs to be reviewed

- **SARG update**

7. **9:36am – 9:am** **CORPORATE – Information Report – Vision, Mission, Values & Strategic Pillars**

Mayor suggested the information report be relisted in the agenda to tomorrow to allow Councillors time to review prior to discussion.

8. **9:37am- 9:37am** **CORPORATE – Information Report – Communications Guidelines (Existing Policy)**

Mayor suggested the information report be relisted in the agenda to tomorrow to allow Councillors time to review prior to discussion.

9. **9:37am – 9:38am** **CORPORATE – Information Report – Community Forums & Standing Advisory Committees**

Mayor suggested the information report be relisted in the agenda to tomorrow to allow Councillors time to review prior to discussion.

10. **9:38am** **HOUSING – Mixed use rating category**

Mayor advised this agenda item has been pulled off the Agenda.

10:55am – 11:15am - Break

11. **11:15am** **COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; Second: Cr Tamu

That in accordance with section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:

- a) **Appointment, dismissal, or discipline of employees**
- e) **contracts proposed to be made by it.**

MOTION CARRIED

12. **BUILDING SERVICES – Contractual Matter – Tender Delegation**

11:49am – Staff were asked to leave the room.

12:06pm – Staff re-joined the meeting

13. **CORPORATE – Corporate Structure Amendment – Chief Engineer Role**

12:20pm – Staff were asked to leave the room except the Chief Executive Officer

12:50pm – Staff re-joined the meeting

1:05pm – 1:49pm – LUNCH

14. **ENGINEERING – Contractual Matter – Smart Water Meter**

15. **2:12pm – 2:19pm** **COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tamu; *Second:* Cr Trinkoon

That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

12. BUILDING SERVICES - Contractual Matter – Tender Delegation

Council wish to continue to have a say in who is awarded work in the Region and therefore does not wish to increase the CEO's delegation from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for these matters.

MOTION LAPSED

13. CORPORATE – Corporate Structure Amendment – Chief Engineer Role

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Pearson

Council resolves to:

- 1. Adopts the organisational structure as proposed in this report; and**
- 2. delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 to implement the proposed organisation structure.**

MOTION CARRIED

14. ENGINEERING – Contractual Matter - Smart Water Meter

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Elisala

That Council:

- 1. Awards TSIRC 2019-210 - Smart Water Meter Fixed Network Tender, to Taggle Systems to the amount of \$828,727.67 excl GST. For the supply of Smart metering devices and the setup of a connection network and data management system.**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract in accordance with TSIRC's procurement practices and policies.**

MOTION CARRIED

16. 2:19pm – 2:19pm Business Arising from Information Reports

Adjourned to tomorrows session.

17. 2:19pm – 4:15pm Strategic Matters

Cr Fell asked for a face to face meeting with all Councillors.

Cr Tabuai requested an update on the Church Lease at Saibai – MLS to take offline with Cr Tabuai

Cr Stephen raised Deputy Premier's response – discuss face to face

Cr Lui raised concerns about the restrictions when the Biosecurity Act is lifted.

Cr Noah asked about the Trustee for Mer and Badu and for our Legal team to draft and develop a memorandum of understanding or agreement and that the two RNTB meet a couple of times a year to have that engagement. Cr Lui commented the Native Title Office should be responsible for the cost associated with these meetings.

ACTION: Mayor mentioned the TSRA MOU and that SARG will be reviewing it and perhaps we look at other memorandum of understanding.

Cr Fell mentioned as part of the Strategic Plan an issued that requires addressing is the replacement of the water infrastructure (pipes etc) across the Region. Cr Nona suggested to identify communities that need a Dam to keep up with the community demands.

ACTION: HOE to provide a report to Council on what is in place versus current aspiration or new priority around water infrastructure across the whole Region.

Cr Dorante asked about Restrictions information and for Divisional Managers to put up on Community Notice boards. Council have a robust discussion around the restrictions.

ACTION: MLS/ MEHW - to provide a paper to the June OM on Environment and Health Worker's powers.

Cr Lui suggested TSIRC Mayor and CEO to meet with Torres Shire Council Mayor and CEO to have a discussion to have separate LDMG.

ACTION: Provide a paper to Council on TSIRC separating from the TSLDMG with TSC to its own LDMG.

ACTION: CEO to follow up with Administration around administration supporting Councillors on ground.

Cr Fell asked about the \$14.6m funding for 2020 FY. CFO to provide a paper to Council on funding background and Minister De Brinnie road map for Housing.

Cr Nona requested an update on the asbestos situation at Badu. Cr Noah also asked about the asbestos on Mer.

Cr Stephen raised the following matters.

- DOGIT – current status
- MLS – to follow up with DATSIP if they anticipate having funding for the Katter Leases and transfers.
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ACTION: MLS to follow up with DATSIP on DOGIT status and if they anticipate having funding for the Katter leases and transfers.

15. 4:15pm - 4:28pm Confirmation of April 2020 Ordinary Meeting Minutes

RESOLUION:

Moved: Cr Fell *Second:* Cr Nona

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in April 2020, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

16. 4:28pm – 4:30pm Closing Prayer

Mayor invited Cr Fell to close the meeting in prayer.

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Present

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17. 9:05am – 9:10am Welcome and Opening Prayer

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone one back for the second day and invited Cr Stephen to open the meeting in prayer. Mayor Mosby welcome Professor Robyn Littlewood to the meeting.

18. 9:10 – 10:10am **PRESENTATION 1:** Health and Wellbeing Queensland, Associate Professor Robyn Littlewood – Prevention of Chronic Disease.
19. 10:10am – 11:10am **PRESENTATION 2:** Queensland Police Service – Acting Inspector Jamie Horn – TIPSO COVID Training, roles and responsibility.
20. 11:105am - 12:10pm **PRESENTATION 3:** Griffith University – Bartholomew Stanford, Project that aims to understand the relationships between Ailan Kustom and Local Government in the Torres Strait Region.

12:10pm – 1:05pm – LUNCH

1:05pm - Mayor Mosby did a roll call to establish a quorum.

21. 1:11pm – 2:42pm **COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Trinkoon; *Second:* Cr Elisala

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e) contracts proposed to be made by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

24. BUILDING SERVICES – Contractual Matter

- 13 Garnier St, Warraber Island
- 92 Airport Rd, Boigu Island
- 53 Army St, Boigu Island
- 28 Army St, Boigu Island
- 72 Army ST, Boigu Island

25. CORPORATE - LDMG Membership

26. 2:42pm – 2:42pm **COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tamu; *Second:* Cr Nona

That Council move out of Closed Business

MOTION CARRIED

24. BUILDING SERVICES Contractual Matter

- 13 Garnier St, Warraber Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tamu; *Second:* Cr Nona

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out upgrade works at 13 Ganaia St, Warraber Island (QBFNQ0511BLD1) with a tender price of \$219,984.79 excl of GST and
2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

- 92 Airport Rd, Boigu Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Toby; Second: Cr Elisala

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out demolition works at 92 Airport Rd, Boigu Island (WS150491) with a tender price of \$219,794.04 excl of GST and
2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

- 19 Toby St, Boigu Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Toby; Second: Cr Trinkoon

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out demolition works at 19 Toby St, Boigu Island (QBFNQ0512DEMO1) with a tender price of \$217,514.04 excl of GST and
2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

- 53 Army St, Boigu Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Toby; Second: Cr Tabuai

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out demolition works at 53 Army St, Boigu Island (WS150607) with a tender price of \$243,433.08 excl of GST and
2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

- 28 Army St, Boigu Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Toby; Second: Cr Pearson

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out demolition works at 28

Army St, Boigu Island (WS150537) with a tender price of \$217,514.04 excl of GST and

2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

- 72 Army St, Boigu Island

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Toby; *Second:* Cr Noah

Council resolves to:

1. submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out demolition works at 72 Army St, Boigu Island (WS150655) with a tender price of \$242,965.08 excl of GST and

2. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's submit the tender, enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this work.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: BSU to provide monthly information report to Council meetings

ACTION: BSU to have consultation with QBuild

ACTION: BSU to provide Council with the Regional Plan for Asbestos removal.

ACTION: Housing to forward Housing Allocation Policy to Cr Dorante

25. CORPORATE - LDMG Membership

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Trinkoon

Council resolves to;

1. endorse the commencement of conversations led by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, with the reciprocal representatives of the Torres Shire Council, specifically in regard to a separation from the existing combined Disaster Management Plan.

2. endorse the commencement of conversations led by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer with the applicable State Government stakeholders regarding endorsement of the proposed separation of the existing combined council Disaster Management Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

27. 2:45pm – 3:08pm CORPORATE – Vision, Mission, Values & Strategic Pillars

Head of Corporate and Engagement spoke to the report.

Cr Lui stress the notion of the Vision to based on Community and People

Mayor Mosby raised the Transition Action Plan and Succession Planning.

28. 3:08pm – 3:28pm CORPORATE – Communication Guidelines

Ms Mette Nordling spoke to the report.

29. 3:28pm – 3:30pm CORPORATE – Community Forums & Standing Advisory Committees

Ms Mette Nordling spoke to the report.

3:45pm – Mayor Mosby excused himself from the meeting to attend to another commitment and delegate the Chair to Deputy Mayor, Cr Lui.


Cr Toby explained the workings of the Boigu Advisory Committee and mentioned that one of their key tasks is to deal with treaty matters. Cr Lui advised that the treaty delegation sits with the Elected Member and does not sit with administration staff or a community advisory committee.

Deputy Mayor closed the meeting in prayer

Meeting Closed at 4:15pm - Prayer by Deputy Mayor Lui



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Bruce Ranga
Chief Executive Officer
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