



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 17 September 2019: 9:03am to 4:43pm
Wednesday 18 September 2019: 9:12am – 11:26am

Videoconference - VMR #8 - 0299 165 402

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor (Cairns Office)
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai (Saibai office)
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag (Mabuiag office)
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Mua Island (Kubin office)
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Mua Island (St Pauls office)
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri (Cairns Office)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Iama Office)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Cairns office)
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig (TI Office)
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub (Erub office)
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer (TI office)
Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (TI office)
Ms Jan Pool, Chief Operating Officer (COO) (TI office)
Ms Hollie Faithful, Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns office)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS) (TI office)
Mr George Holland, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES) (Cairns office)
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS) (Cairns office)
Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement (HCAE) (Cairns office)
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (TI office)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns office)

Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu

1. **9:09am – 9:15am** **Opening Prayer by Cr Thaiday and Welcome by Cr Nai**

Mayor Gela welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance and invited Cr Nai to open the meeting in prayer.

A minute silence was observed to remember those family in sorry business.

Mayor Gela acknowledged the traditional owners of all the lands throughout Zenadth Kes and the Cairns Region.

2. **9:15am – 9:21am** **Apologies**

- Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Elisala applied via email to the Mayor for leave of absence to attend a conference in Adelaide to do with his employment. Cr Elisala did not apply for leave in advance at the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell ; Second: Cr Thaiday

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Elisala on ground of second employment being reasonable excuse for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Toby applied for leave of absence in advance at the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Kaigey

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

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Clara Tamu, Division10 – Warraber
Cr Tamu applied for leave of absence in advance at the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Pearson

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Tamu for her absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 - Ugar
Cr Toby applied for leave of absence in advance at the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Fell

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

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 - Badu
Cr Nona applied for leave of absence in advance at the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kaigey; Second: Cr Fell

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

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Nona dialled in and joined the meeting. Cr Kaigey and Cr Fell who moved and second the motion respectively for Cr Nona apology both withdrew the motion.

3. **9:12am – 9:17am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

Cr Fell declared a COI for Agenda Item #11 – Applicants 1, 5 and 6

Cr Kaigey declared a COI for Agenda Item #11 – Applicant 3

Cr Pearson declared a COI for Agenda Item #11 – Applicant 7

Mayor encouraged Councillors to make their disclosure at any time during the meeting.

COO introduces George Holland, the newly appointed Executive Manager Engineering Services.

Cr Fell requested an in camera session.

Cr Stephen joined the meeting. Cr Pearson and Cr Fell who moved and second the motion respectively for Cr Stephen's apology both withdrew the motion.

4. **9:17am – 9:20am** **Confirmation of February 2019 Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

CEO amendments emailed to SO. Add the three declarations COI/MPI

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Nona

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in August 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting taking into account the above amendments.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **9:20am – 9:20am** **COUNCIL MOVED INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That in accordance with section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

All staff was asked to leave the room except the CEO.

6. **9:20am – 9:20am** **COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Nona

That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **9:20am – 10:27am** **Outstanding Action Items**

1. Review of Council Standard Leases – Australian Government Solicitors are currently finalising the draft

2. Erub Sub Lease – MLS to draft a letter to TSRA under the Mayor's hand clearly explaining the loss to the community and the traditional owners and that the payment to the Trustee goes to the community Trust and not into TSRIC consolidated revenue.

3. Erub Water Tank – COO gave update

4. Traditional Visit and overstaying – MLS to follow up – Oct OM

5. Katter Leases – Boigu – MLS spoke to DATSIP – John Coyle verbally and was advised they are not in a position to fund.

ACTION: SO to amend the action to read “get the proposition explanation in writing.

6. Katter Leases - MLS has arranged a meeting with the Boigu PBC Chair and advised the NTO to reschedule another meeting. Ensure Mr Banu, Cr Toby and the PBC are at the meeting. Mr Donald Banu has also been appointed as the TSRA Rep for Boigu.

7. Overstayers – MLS to review the Housing Policy together with COO and Housing Manager. Identify the houses with overstayers and the Lot number, furnish the Department with the information and give them a time frame to act on by and follow up. Provide Council with an update – Oct OM

8. Review Housing Policy – Ongoing

9. Bulk Bags – Ugar. COO advised she spoke to Ben at Seaswift and it should be finalised on Sunday. Close

ACTION: Team needs to raise with Seaswift regarding the logistics and communication with staff on ground.

10:27am – 10:45am – Morning Tea Break

8. 10:45am – 11:02am Outstanding Action Items

10. Air-condition of Mabuiag Hall – Work order raised – Close

11. Church at Boigu – Grants officer has made contact with the church. Work is in progress. Luke to circulate update to Councillors

12. Letter to CEQ under CEO’s hand requesting answers for the issue around community not being able to transfer fund and a possible solution. Close

ACTION: Luke to add the Boigu Church to the deputation list for Warren Entsch and lobby for funds.

9. 11:02am – 11:04am OCEO – Annual Christmas Closure

CEO spoke to the report; the purpose of this report is to provide an update on the operating time during Councils Christmas Shutdown period.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nai; Second: Cr Nona

That Council endorse the nominated dates for Council’s annual shutdown will be from Tuesday 24th December 2019 at Midday (12pm) until Thursday 2nd January 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

10. 11:04am – 11:13am LEGAL SERVICES – Boigu Extension of time

- Cr Bosun declared a conflict of interest (COI)
 - COI details: Cr Bosun is in a business partnership with Koppens.
 - How the Council proposed to deal with the COI: Council agree to have Cr Bosun remain in the room but not participate in the discussion or vote.

MLS spoke to this report. Council granted a Decision Notice for a Development Permit for Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works and Clearing Marine Plants) in association with the construction of the seawall on 9 October 2015.

The Decision Notice is provided for reference as **Attachment 1**.

The approval for works lapses on 9 October 2015 unless an extension of time is granted by Council.

The applicant (TSIRC Manager Capital Works) seeks a (4) year extension to the Decision Notice Approval validity period until 9 October 2023 to enable sufficient time to undertake the approved works.

Cr Sabatino wanted to note, providing the funding guidelines are not affected. Ensure PGC is made aware of it and capture in the rollout stage.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council issue an Extension of Time for Development Permit for 'Operational Works – (Prescribed Tidal Works and Clearing of Marine Plants' for a period of 4 years, up to and including 9 October 2023).

MOTION CARRIED

11. 11:13am – 11:36pm CORPORATE SERVICES – Regional Grants

- Cr Fell declared a conflict of interest (COI) for application 1, 5 and 5
 - COI details: The applicants and groups are from Cr Fell's Division.
 - How the Council proposed to deal with the COI: Council agree for Cr Fell to remain in the room and vote.

- Cr Kaigey declared a conflict of interest (COI) for application 3
 - COI details: The applicant and group are from Cr Kaigey's Division.
 - How the Council proposed to deal with the COI: Council agree for Cr Kaigey to remain in the room and vote.

- Cr Pearson declared a conflict of interest (COI) for application 7
 - COI details: Cr Pearson is involved with the group and they are from Cr Pearson's Division.
 - How the Council proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Pearson left the room at 11:24am and did not vote.

HCAE spoke to the report. The purpose of the report is to present to Council for decision, the Regional Grants Applications for Round One 2019/2020 and the dates for the following grant rounds for this current financial year.

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to:

a. provide Regional Grant support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

1. Mabygiw Garkaziw Kupay Torres Strait Islander Corporation for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Nona

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

1. Mabygiw Garkaziw Kupai Torres Strait Islander Corporation for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

2. Surumau Gladiators Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST*

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Fell

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

2. Surumau Gladiators Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

3. Opped Makrems Rugby League Corp for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST*

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Nona

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

3. Opped Makrems Rugby League Corp for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

4. Urupan Waku Niai Yoepkazil for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST*

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Kaigey; *Second:* Cr Akiba

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

4. Urupan Waku Niai Yoepkazil for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mabuia Primary School Boys for the eligible amount of \$2,000 exclusive of GST

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Kaigey

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

5. Mabuia Primary School Boys for the eligible amount of \$2,000 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mabuia Mens Sporting Group for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST*

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Pearson

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

6. Mabuia Mens Sporting Group for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

7. Poruma Ngurpay Lag for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST*

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Nai

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

7. Poruma Ngurpay Lag for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

8. Kulpiyam Youth and Sport Inc for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Akiba

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

8. Kulpiyam Youth and Sport Inc for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

9. Raw Fitness for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Levi

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

9. Raw Fitness for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

**Grant Applications were for more than Community Entity threshold, so maximum grant amount of \$2,500 has been recommended for resolution.*

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Thaiday

b. That Council endorse the following grant rounds for the current financial year:

Round #	Application Submission Period	Endorsement / Decision
1	01 July 2019 - 13 September 2019	September 2019 Ordinary Meeting
2	01 October 2019 - 31 October 2019	November 2019 Ordinary Meeting
3	01 May 2020 – 31 May 2020	June 2020 Ordinary Meeting

12. **11:36am – 11:45am**

CORPORATE SERVICES - Extension of Preferred Supplier Arrangements

- Cr Gela declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Gela's son works for a TSIRC supplier.
 - How the Council proposed to deal with the COI: Council agree for Cr Gela to remain in the room.

HCAE spoke to this report. Procurement Procedure PR-SP02-1 provides Council with a procurement framework which is open, transparent and provides value for money in compliance with section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld). The Regulation provides an exemption to the Request for Quotation process (or tender process, for contracts worth over \$200,000) if the supplier is under a Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the goods and/or services sought to be procured.

With the recent replacement of key personnel in the procurement department, necessary actions to acquire tenders from the preferred suppliers have been initiated and Local Buy contracts are being updated. Actions are being taken to make the future preferred supplier agreements more robust and encompassing areas that impact the communities.

If the existing preferred supplier contracts are allowed to expire on 30 September 2019,

Council will need to seek quotes each time Council needs services from suppliers below. To prevent the existing contracts expiring, it is recommended that they be extended for a further six months to 31 March 2020. Once the procurement process has been completed and Council has made a resolution prior to caretaker mode, commencing 22nd February 2020, to enter into new contracts for these services.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Akiba

That Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolve to extend Council's Preferred Supplier Contracts for Local Buy and directly contracted suppliers listed in the report for a period of 6 months from 30 September 2019 to 31 March 2020 and delegate all power, financial and otherwise, to the Chief Executive Officer to execute agreements and approve purchase orders in accordance with the adopted budget.

MOTION CARRIED

13. 11:45am – 11:45am COUNCIL MOVE INTO TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Nona

That in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD) management of Community Deeds of Grant 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. 11:46am – 11:57am LEGAL SERVICES – TRUSTEE – Saibai Community Safety & Security Facility

MLS spoke to this report. This report provides information to Council on the application by the State of Queensland (represented by the Public Safety Business Agency) for a licence deed for early works and a 40-year Trustee lease for a Community Safety and Security facility on Saibai.

Cr Sabatino flagged capturing the sub lease.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Akiba; *Second:* Cr Sabatino

- 1. That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant a Licence Deed for Early Works for the Saibai Community safety and security facility for Lot 102 on SP296838.**
- 2. That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant a 40-year standard Trustee lease to the State of Queensland as represented by the Public Safety Business Agency for a Community Safety and Security facility for Lot 102 on SP296838.**
- 3. That the Trustee authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Licence Deed for Early Works and to conclude negotiations, execute and register the lease on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.**

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: MLS to look into adding a condition of lease to greater than lease amount.

15. 11:57pm – 11:57pm COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Thaiday

That Council move out of Trustee and resume Local Government meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

16. 11:57pm – 11:57pm COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Fell

That in accordance with section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

1. LEGAL – Utility Charge Waiver

12:39pm – 1:50pm – LUNCH Break

2. CORPORATE – Proposal Discussion

17. 2:00pm – 3:39pm COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Fell

That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

1. LEGAL – Utility Charge Waiver

OPTION 1 – Defeated

OPTION 2 -

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Thaiday

That Council endorse to waiver the 2017-2018 commercial utility and water usage charges for Mr Mica Newie due to financial hardship per section 120 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Sabatino

That Council waiver the value of \$5200 from Mr Mica Newie commercial utility and water usage charges due to financial hardship as per section 120 (1)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

ACTION: MLS to review TSIRC fees and charges and have the CEO and COO involved.

Ensure they are clear and precise with categories for small startup business and already operating small business.

ACTION: CEO and MLS to fix the loop hole with residential and commercial properties.

Provide a clear pathway before the November Workshop. SEA to place this item on the November workshop agenda

18. 3:39pm – 3:43pm Business Arising from Information Report

ACTION: People and Well being to provide to Council a report containing staff retention rate, exit interview being conducted, summary from exit interviews and way staff are leaving. Provide information also on apprentices, what date they become a tradesman and the normal completion date is 8 August 2019 not 20 August 2019.

Cr Sabatino asked what the plan is now for the apprentices. Informed from 8 apprentices only 1 has continued with TSIRC. Council would like to know why they are leaving.

Top 5 Unpaid debtors – 90 days raised. ACFO informs it's a timing issue.

ACTION: SEA to allocate a 1 hour session at the Workshop on Sustainability Matrix.

Mayor Gela commented on reporting and the use of traffic lighting and asked for the CEO to echo his sentiments to the rest of the team.

19. 3:43pm – 4:05pm OCEO – SARG Update

Mayor Gela took the information report as being read and provided Councillors with a brief overview of the report.

ACTION: CEO to provide Council with a snapshot of the QAO email. CEO for commentary on some areas QAO reporting to parliament – sustainability

Mayor Gela acknowledges the tenancy team and the rent recovery and commended Marie-Claire and her team.

ACTION: CEO to circulate an email to all staff recognising the work they do and their contribution to the bigger picture.

ACTION: Backhoe training – CEO to look at joining a Regional Road Group. (14 Council had direct access to – TIDS direct and Capacity building funds).

ACTION: Belcarra – Invite Meta to have a session at the November Workshop and SEA to place on the agenda. Plan back from 22nd February. Map clear milestones; furnish councils with dates for Parliament sittings, Caretaker period from 22nd February, Discretionary funds, Delegation Register

Cr Sabatino asked about the Child Care and the Building Services Unit (Jan)

20. 4:05pm – 4:31pm General Business

October OM bring forward to Monday and Tuesday 21 & 22 October.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Nona

That Council resolved to change the date of the October Ordinary meeting to Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: SEA to email Councillors to check if they are happy to change the December OM meeting dates from 9 & 10 to 18 & 19 December

CEO – Belcarra – Suggested at the end of each meeting – Council to go in camera to discuss with staff.

4:20pm – Cr Nona is excused from the meeting.

Cr Sabatino suggested we place on the Agenda after Standing Agenda item we go into closed session and have 30 minutes.

Cr Fell gave his apology for tomorrow's meeting.

Cr Lui – next meeting – makes sure the reception is good

ACTION: CEO to have the appropriate staff member to give Cr Lui and update on the network at lama.

Cr Pearson commented he received an email from Telstra informing him they will be doing and upgrade at Poruma for a bigger tower.

Cr Stephen asked about the R&M program for Ugar is managed from Erub. COO to work with Cr Stephen off line.

21. 4:31pm – 4:34pm LEAVE IN ADVANCE

The following Councillors applied for leave in advance for the September OM.

- Cr Levi – hospital appointment
- Cr Lui
- Cr Nona
- Cr Pearson
- Cr Stephen and
- Cr Nai

22. 4:34pm – 4:43pm NEXT MEETING DATE

The October Ordinary meeting date – 21 & 22 October 2019

Meeting Closed at 4:43pm - Prayer by Cr Pearson

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor (Kirirri office)

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan (Dauan office)

Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai (Saibai office)

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Mua Island (Kubin office)

Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Mua Island (St Paul's office)

Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Iama Office)

Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Cairns office)

Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub (Erub office)

Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer (TI office)

Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (TI office)

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Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirirri

Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar

Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuyag

Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig

23. 9:00am – 9:08am Opening prayer and welcome by Deputy Mayor

Mayor welcomed everyone and invited Cr Levi to open the meeting in prayer.

24. 9:08am – 9:15am PRESENTATION 1: Department of Community Corrections and Parole Board – **Ms Julia Yorkston and others**

Mayor Gela gave an apology on behalf Julia Yorkston.

ACTION: SEA to forward on to Councillors Julia's email regarding the Parole Board visit to the Region and the DV conference 21-30 October on Thursday Island.

26. 9:15am – 11:24am PRESENTATION 2: Community Grants – **Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Services and Engagement**

ACTION: Luke to liaise with Cr Akiba and Cr Lui to include culture in any Policy.

ACTION: SEA to fly Mayor and CEO out on Monday night (21/10)

ACTION: Luke to press the CEQ, Banks etc. on the banking on the Divisions and update the Councillors.

31. 11:24am – 11:26pm Mayor Closing comments

Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting Closed – 11:26am