

Minutes

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 2022

Wednesday 20th April 2022, 10:04am – 3:00pm

Thursday 21st April 2022, 9:05am – 3:25pm

Video Conference

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Day 1

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuig
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (Hammond)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Deputy Mayor, Division 9 – Iama (Yam)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

STAFF:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services (AEDBCS)
Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services (EDCS)
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (SEA)
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Assistant to the Mayor (EA)
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
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1. **10:04am – 10:09am** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff and convened the Council Ordinary Meeting.

Mayor Mosby acknowledged the Chief Executive Officer, Mr James William in week 7 of his role and gave him an opportunity to speak to Council.

2. **10:09am – 10:09am** **Apologies**

No apologies

3. **10:09am – 10:09am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)**

No declarations were made by Councillors. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to make a declaration at any time during the meeting.

4. **10:09am – 10:12am** **Confirmation of Previous Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes – Day 1**

- 22nd March 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd March 2022, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Day 2

- 23rd March 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd March 2022, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

5. **10:12am – 10:13am** **Confirmation of Previous SARG Committee Minutes**

- 5th April 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) held on 5th April 2022, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

6. **10:13am – 10:14am** **Confirmation of Previous Climate Adaptation and Environment Committee Minutes**

- 11th March 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Climate Adaptation and Environment Committee Meeting held on 11th March 2022, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

7. **10:14am – 10:45am** **Outstanding Council Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

Executive officers provided an update on current action items.

ACTION: Executive Assistant to the Mayor to invite DFAT to attend the May Workshop to discuss the Torres Strait Treaty.

MORNING TEA 10:45AM – 11:03AM

Mayor Mosby established a quorum and continued with the outstanding action items.

Cr Aven Noah requested Councillors be included in recruitment emails.

ACTION: Executive Director Corporate Services to liaise with People and Wellbeing to make sure all recruitment emails are sent to Councillors.

8. **11:18am – 11:42am** **Standing Agenda Items:**

- Executive Director, Communities and Building Services - Housing Authority (verbal)

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services provided a verbal update on this topic and an in-depth conversation was held.

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services to provide a report Councillors prior to the workshop as to where we are at with the Housing Authority.

LUNCH 11:42AM – 1:03PM

Mayor Meeting completed a roll call of Councillors and established a quorum.

Cr Laurie Nona will be delayed after lunch due to medical appointment.

Cr Aven Noah declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 8 – CORPORATE – Community Grants Program as two of the applicants being Women of Mabo and Komet Tribe are close relatives and therefore are related parties under s150EP. As the applicants are related parties in this matter Cr Aven Noah declared an interest under s150EQ(4).

9. **1:03pm – 1:13pm** **CORPORATE – Community Grants Program – April 2022**

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director Corporate Services spoke to this report. Three (3) applications have been received from Community Entities for the maximum threshold of \$10,000.00. Each of those three applications have been deemed eligible.

Ms Megan Barrett also advised that during April, two (2) out of cycle Community Grants applications were approved and in each instance, they were deemed to be out of cycle as they had missed the cut off date and the proposed event would occur prior to the next meeting being held and they have been processed in accordance with the policy meaning that the CEO had the opportunity to review them, recommend them to the Mayor, the Mayor has then approved them executively.

1:06pm - Cr Kabay Tamu joined the meeting.

1:06pm - Cr Torenzo Elisala joined the meeting.

1:10pm - Cr Keith Fell left the meeting at 1:10pm

Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicant in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation for the eligible amount of \$700.00 exclusive of GST, as per submitted application noting that Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation applied for \$3,216.90.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Women of MABO

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicant in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Women of MABO for the eligible amount of \$5,740.00 exclusive of GST, as per submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Komet Tribe

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr John Levi

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicant in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Komet Tribe for the eligible amount of \$1,500.00 exclusive of GST, as per submitted application noting that Komet Tribe applied for \$2,000.00**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:14pm - Cr Keith Fell re-joined the meeting.

10. 1:14pm – 1:18pm CORPORATE – Operational Plan 2021-22 Q3 Update

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director Corporate Services spoke to this report.

Cr Aven Noah asked if Ms Megan Barrett could furnish himself and the Councillors with a copy of the Organisation structure of Corporate Services.

ACTION: Executive Director Corporate Services provide Councillors with a copy of the Organisational Structure of Corporate Services portfolio.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

Council resolves to note the Operational Plan 2021-22 Quarter 3 Update

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

11. 1:18pm – 1:20pm CORPORATE – Council Policies

Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director Corporate Services spoke to this report regarding the Child and Youth Risk Management Policy which is due for revision.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That Council adopts the revised Child and Youth Risk Management Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:20pm - Cr Tabuai joined the meeting

12. 1:20pm – 1:43pm ENGINEERING – Award Contract TSIRC 2021-354 Top Western DRFA Works (Saibai, Dauan & Boigu)

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to the report and an in-depth discussion took place on this topic.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Dimas Toby; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves:

1. To rescind the Resolution made on 15 February 2022, listed as item 15 relating to Contract TSIRC 2021-354 Top Western Islands DRFA Works, in the ratified minutes from the February 2022 Ordinary Council meeting; and
2. Subject to funding confirmation award Contract TSIRC 2021-354 – Top Western Islands DRFA Works, Separable Portion A, to Koppens Development Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,292,433.85 excl. GST; and
3. Subject to approved funding availability for Separable Portion B, to award contract, TSIRC 2021-354 – Top Western Islands DRFA Works, Separable Portion B, to Koppens Development Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,691,400.21 excl. GST; and
4. Award contract, TSIRC 2021-354 – Top Western Islands DRFA Works, Separable Portion C, to Koppens Development Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,161,673.78 excl. GST; and
5. Pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - Power to make, amend or discharge any required approvals and or funding agreements with relevant funding bodies in relation to this project: and
 - Power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contracts including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council’s procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

13. 1:43pm – 2:02pm ENGINEERING – Award Contract No. TSIRC 2021-355 (Hammond Island) DRFA Works

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to this report and an in-depth conversation was held on this topic.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Conwell Tabuai; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award the Tender No. TSIRC 2021-355 – Hammond Island DRFA Works to Gulf Civil Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$538,994.92 excl GST.
And
- Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council’s procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED

AGAINST – MAYOR PHILLEMOS MOSBY, CR KEITH FELL AND CR SERIAKO DORANTE

14. 2:02pm – 2:07pm ENGINEERING - Award Contract TSIRC 2021-359 – ICCP Project #45, #49 & #69, - St Pauls, Kubin & Mabuiaq WTP Upgrade

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council resolves to:

- Award the Contract TSIRC 2021-359 – ICCIP Projects #45, #49 & #69 – St Pauls, Kubin & Mabuiaq WTP Upgrade to Northern Water Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,562,832.50 excl GST;

and

- Pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - Power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contracts including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

15. **2:07pm – 2:33pm** **ENGINEERING – Contract Award TSIRC 2021-357 Various Islands DRFA Works (Kubin, Mabuiaq, St Pauls, lama, Warraber, Erub, Mer Ugar, Masig & Poruma)**

Mr David Baldwin spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, Award the Tender No. TSIRC 2021-357 – Various Islands DRFA Works (Kubin, Mabuiaq, St Pauls, lama, Warraber, Erub, Mer, Ugar, Masig & Poruma) to Gulf Civil Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,436,550.63 excl. GST.

and

- Pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer:
- Power to make, amend or discharge any required approvals and or funding agreements with relevant funding bodies in relation to this project: and
- Power to make, amend or discharge contract TSIRC 2021-357: and
- Power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding, and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16. **2:33pm – 2:57pm** **FINANCE – Island Trust Funds**

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services along with Ms Joanne Parisi and Mr Ralph from MacDonnell Law spoke to this report.

This report has been tabled due to an action that arose from the February Ordinary Meeting requesting further legal advice on trust funds. Ms Hollie Faithfull confirmed that the Island Trust Funds relate to funeral funds or social funds and are not part of the DOGIT Trust Funds.

2:35pm - Mayor Mosby left the meeting and requested Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui to chair the meeting.

2:43pm - Mayor Mosby re-joined the meeting and recommenced his role as chair.

2:52pm - Cr Laurie Nona joined the meeting.

Mayor Mosby thanked MacDonnell's Law for their attendance for this agenda topic.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That Council notes this Report and directs the Chief Executive Officer (or their representative) to:

1. **Consult with the Divisional Councillor for each Trust Fund;**

2. **Provide a Further Report to Council with recommendations in relation to each Trust Fund including:**
- (a) Whether Court proceedings should be instituted seeking directions for:**
 - (i) The divestment of the Trust Funds;**
 - (ii) The use of the Trust Funds; and**
 - (iii) Any Advertising/community consultation which should occur**
 - (b) Where an existing Policy or process document for the use of the Trust Funds can be located, it be reviewed, and Policy implemented.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

17. **2:57pm – 3:00pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer and his Executive Director's Team for ensuring that the reports came to Council on time, the Secretariat Team and also to all Councillors for their engagement and discussions around how we can improve for the benefit of our organisation. Mayor Mosby acknowledged the leadership of SARG members, Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui and invited Cr Francis Pearson to close the meeting in a word of prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 3:00PM

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – DAY 2
Thursday 21st April 2022

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torengo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuig
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (Hammond)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Deputy Mayor, Division 9 – Iama (Yam)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

STAFF:

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services (AEDBCS)
Ms Megan Barrett, Executive Director, Corporate Services (EDCS)
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (SEA)
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Assistant to the Mayor (EA)
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

Note: Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – to dial in later in the day.

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18. **9:05am – 9:10am** **Welcome and opening prayer.**

Mayor Mosby completed a roll call and established a quorum.

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to be up standing and invited Cr Keith Fell to open the meeting in a word of prayer.

19. **9:10am – 10:08am** **Deputation 1 | Joint Australian Defence Force / Australian Border Force/ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

Deputation via telephone from Mr Andrew Berryman, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Mr Michael Talbot, Australian Border Force and Major Chris Reimann from ADF Charlie Company dialling in from Thursday Island.

Mayor Mosby welcomed the three representatives to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting is due to the number of concerns Councillors had with the border opening up, breaches in the region and illegal movements across the border.

An in-depth discussion took place on the border movements within the Torres Strait.

9:15am – Cr Laurie Nona joined the meeting.

9:16am – Cr Torenzo Elisala joined the meeting.

9:21am – Cr Seriako Dorante joined the meeting and advised he was late due to technical issues.

MORNING TEA 10:08am – 10:28am

20. **10:28am – 10:28am** **COUNCIL MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Elisala ; Second: Cr Trinkoon

That in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed business to discuss matters of the following nature:

(c) local government budget.

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government.

(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- 21. **BUILDING – CB – BSU Update**
- 22. **BUILDING – CB – Contractual Matter – Water Tank Boigu – **Late****
- 23. **ENGINEERING – CB – Funding Matter – TSIRC.0017.2021G REC Disaster Funding Agreement**
- 24. **ENGINEERING – CB – Coates Hire Contractual Matter**
- 25. **ENGINEERING – CB – Fuel Delivery Status Report**
- 26. **FINANCE – CB – Mer Engineering Shed and Offices Demolition – **Late****
- 27. **FINANCE – CB – Financial Dashboard Report March 2022**

LUNCH: 12:34PM – 1:35PM

28. **1:51pm – 1:51pm** **COUNCIL MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IN OPEN BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Resolutions and minutes for noting following closed business:

1:51pm – 1:52pm **BUILDING – CB – BSU Update**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Council resolves to note the information on this report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:52pm – 1:53pm **BUILDING – CB – Contractual Matter – Water Tank Boigu**
Late

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Dimas Toby; Second Cr Aven Noah

Council resolves to:

1. Submit a tender to the Queensland State Government through the Department of Housing and Public Works to carry out Water Tank Works at the following properties.

- Lot 45 Kada Street, Boigu
- Lot 45A (46) Kada Street, Boigu
- Lot 57 Army Street, Boigu
- Lot 201 Army Street, Boigu
- Lot 17 Toby Street, Boigu
- Lot 51 Chamber Street, Boigu
- Lot 115 Airport Road, Boigu

with a tender price of \$421,261.61 excl of GST
and

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

ACTION: That Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services to look into further regarding 4 other houses that were not captured in the report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:53pm – 1:54pm **ENGINEERING – CB – Funding Matter TSIRC.0017.2021G.**
REC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves to:

- Enter into the proposed funding agreement, TSIRC.0017.2021G.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement, administered by Queensland Recovery Authority (QRA) in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0017.2021G.REC for the grant sum of \$2,992,809.20 (excl. gst)

and

- to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the funding agreement; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this to this funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:54pm – 1:56pm

ENGINEERING – CB – Coates Hire Contractual Matter

It was noted that for minute taking purposes Ms Joanne Parisi from MacDonnell's Law attended the meeting in person to provide further legal advice on this matter.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves to:

Pursuant to Section 257 of the Local Government Act, Council resolves to delegate the authority to negotiate and resolve this matter to the CEO on whatever terms he sees fit and within the CEO's nominal financial delegation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:56pm – 1:57pm

ENGINEERING – CB – Fuel Delivery Status Report

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Jimmy Gela; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Council notes the report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:57pm – 1:58pm

**FINANCE – CB – Mer Engineering Shed and Offices
Demolition – Late**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Laurie Nona

1. **Council notes that the Mer Engineering Shed & Offices located on Mer Island are in a state of disrepair and require demolition urgently to avoid any health and safety issues which might arise; and**
2. **Council resolves to engage Top End Plumbing and Amped Up Electrical to attend to the required demolition of the Mer Engineering Shed & Offices; and**
3. **Pursuant to Section 257 of the Local Government Act, Council resolves to delegate the authority to negotiate, finalise and execute and all matters associated with the engagement of Top End Plumbing and Amped Up Electrical to the Chief Executive Officer on whatever terms he sees fit including without limitation any variations.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:58pm – 1:59pm

FINANCE – CB – Financial Dashboard Report March 2022

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 31 March 2022, as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

29. **1:59pm – 2:04pm**

Business Arising from Information Reports

Mayor Mosby acknowledged and thanked the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Directors team for producing the reports for Council to gain an insight into the operations of Council.

1:58pm – Cr Rocky Stephen joined the meeting.

Cr Keith Fell asked if the reports could also capture the gaps and blockages so we can work through these issues as a team.

Cr Getano Lui expressed his appreciation to Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services on the quality of the engineering reports now produced.

30. 2:04pm – 2:05pm Next Council Meeting Date – 16th and 17th May 2022 – Cairns

Mayor Mosby advised the next Council Meeting will be face-to-face in Cairns with all Councillors. Mayor Mosby asked Councillors to contact Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Ms Naila Nomoa, Travel Officer offline in regard to travel and accommodation if not already completed.

31. 2:05pm – 3:20pm Strategic Matters

Cr Dimas Toby raised the following issues in his community:

- Contractors coming into community without notification.
- Minor issues with the seawalls

ACTION: Executive Director Engineering Services have an offline conversation with Cr Dimas Toby

- Rubbish truck for Boigu.
- Tree lopping in community – concerned with the large trees becoming a hazard on properties.

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services advised that the garbage truck should be back on the island within a couple of weeks. Engineering will look into tree lopping further with two contractors in the region.

- Roadworks

ACTION: Executive Director Engineering Services have an offline conversation with Cr Dimas Toby.

- Trust Fund – requested staff to assist with obtaining quotes to access the Community Trustee money.

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services requested Cr Dimas Toby to send her an email with the details of the project and she will forward internally to the appropriate officer.

- May Workshop dates
Mayor Mosby advised that SARG and other executive matters are on the agenda for the last two days of the workshop.

Cr Keith Fell raised the following matters:

- Community grants of \$4000 allocated for each community for events such as Mabo Day celebrations and the reason he only allocated \$700 from his community grants applications.

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services advised that the funds of \$4000 per division still exist and are managed by community services. The funds are primarily used for staff however community members are invited to those events.

Cr Torenzo Elisala raised the following:

- Requested an update from Manager Legal Services on the leases of the kiosk and Wapil facility?

ACTION: Manager Legal Services provide an update on the leases of the kiosk and Wapil facility to Cr Elisala of any response received from the Native Titles office or GBK.

- Students travelling down south to attend school and the delays in their flights; should we respond to Abstudy and Torres Shire?

Mayor Mosby advised that he did reach out to Mr Ned David at TSIREC to take the matter up further with Abstudy and the Department of Education.

- Process around complaints that have been lodged online over the years from members of the community and whether those complaints have been followed up via the complaint's portal.

ACTION: Manager Legal Services to discuss the complaint portal offline with Cr Elisala.

Cr Francis Pearson raised the following concern:

- Queensland Police Service.
Cr Pearson was not informed of a recent incident on the island, but rather by a community member. He found it impolite and disrespectful for police not approaching him in the first instance to inform him of the incident.

Cr Conwell Tabuai raised a concern:

- Community/TO's not informed of new projects in community. Recommended that notices be placed on noticeboards around the community prior to works being carried out and the duration.

Cr Lama Trinkoon:

- Waste management vehicle. Noticed that the engineering officers are still using the trailer.

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services advised that after speaking with Mr George Chapman, Kubin would soon have its own backhoe and garbage truck meaning that both Kubin and St Paul's will each have a backhoe and garbage truck.

- DRFA recovery funding – upskilling our people in community in regard to basic training in roadworks.

Cr Seriako Dorante:

- Seeking support around the community health centre and requested a copy of the support letter under Mayor's hand so he has the relevant document.

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to provide a copy of the letters sent to the Minister regarding the Hammond Health Centre to Cr Seriako Dorante.

- Signage on the pontoon - Concerned about the damages to the floatation of the pontoon.

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services to liaise with the Manager Environment and Health to discuss offline with Cr Dorante on signage options for the pontoon.

- CCTV at the Hammond wharf is currently not in operation and would like this to be fixed.

2:43pm – Ms Megan Barrett left the meeting

Cr Aven Noah:

- Extended an invitation to Council to this year's 30th Anniversary of Mabo Day at Mer and 30th Anniversary of the Torres Strait Flag. The Women of Mabo are hosting the event. Flyers of the program will be sent out and extend an invite in particular for women from each division to attend.

Cr Rocky Stephen:

- Support letter to Qld Health on the position of the registered nurse on Ugar.
- Helicopter subsidy. There is a concern with the subsidy in penalising the community in accessing the service.

- BSU service delivery to Ugar.

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services to look into this matter to provide feedback to Cr Rocky Stephen offline.

- Discussions at this morning's meeting with the relevant stakeholder around treaty as our community are in the dark over these issues and felt these discussions should be more face to face as it affects our community. Recommends that this matter be brought again to the May meeting for a face to face.

Cr Getano Lui raised the following:

- Local Fare Scheme (LFS) – should non islander teachers in community be eligible for the Local Fare Scheme
- Climate change – An important issue and should be supported as such.
- Suggest change of name for SARG to Strategic Alliance Committee, being one people.

ACTION: Executive Assistant to the Mayor to add SARG name change to the May workshop for further discussion.

2:56pm - Cr Aven Noah left the meeting.

Cr Laurie Nona raised a concern about:

- Asbestos in community

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Building and Community Services to provide a report on Asbestos to the next Housing Safe and Healthy Communities Committee to look further into progressing this matter.

Cr Kabay Tamu:

- Joint statement on climate change paper at last Council meeting. Do we have Council's support moving forward with the media and with the decision of the UN coming up in the next couple of months? Do we have support from the region?

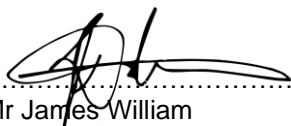
ACTION: Manager Legal Service to present a report to Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee in terms of Council position on this matter based on the campaign and five demands. Once endorsed the paper is to proceed through to SARG and to full Council.

32. **3:20pm – 3:25pm**

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor Mosby expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Councillors for their valuable time, participation and constructive engagement. Mayor Mosby also expressed his appreciation to the operational arm of Council for their dedication, commitment and outstanding work and asked Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui to close the meeting in a word of prayer.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3:25PM



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 16th May 2022



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 16th May 2022