

MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

December 2021

Tuesday 7th December 2021, 11:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 8th December 2021, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Video Conference

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
Tuesday 7th December 2021

PRESENT

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuia
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, Division 9 – Iama (Yam)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)
Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services (AEDCBS)
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

APOLOGIES

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
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1. **11:00am – 11:05am** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners on the lands we meet on today in the Cairns Region and across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes including the Thursday Island and Hammond Island offices
- All Elders past, present and emerging

2. **11:05am – 11:08am** **Apologies**

- Cr Conwell Tabuai – Division 2 – Saibai

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen, Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council accept the apology of Cr Conwell Tabuai for the December 2021 Ordinary meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Torenzo Elisala – Division 3 – Dauan

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi, Second: Cr Aven Noah

That Council accept the apology of Cr Torenzo Elisala for the December 2021 Ordinary meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **11:08am – 11:08am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)**

Cr Laurie Nona declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 9 – Corporate – Community Grants Program Allocations – Waru Kazil, Kulpiyam Youth & Sport Inc and Individual Kuki Touch Team. This prescribed conflict of interest arises as Jemima Nona, a beneficiary of the potential grant allocation, is his daughter and therefore a close associate under s150EJ. Cr Laurie Nona declared an interest under s150EL.

Cr Laurie Nona proposed to leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

4. **11:08am – 11:12am** **Confirmation of Previous Council Ordinary Meeting**

- 15th November 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Levi

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- 16th November 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Gela

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th November 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

5. 11:12am – 11:13am Confirmation of Previous Housing and Safe and Healthy Committee Minutes

- 4th November 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Housing and Safe and Health Committee meeting held on 4th November 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

6. 11:14am – 11:20am Outstanding Council Ordinary Meeting Action Items

Acting CEO, Mr David Baldwin provided Council with an update on the six (6) outstanding items listed on the register from 15-16th November 2021

7. 11:20am – 11:24pm Standing Agenda Items:

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

Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services, Mr Dawson Sailor provided a verbal update.

8. 11:24am – 11:45am CORPORATE – Community Grant Policy – Late

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin spoke to this report on behalf of the Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Keith Fell, Second: Cr John Levi

That Council adopts the revised Community Grants Policy and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the policy and procedure, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments as they arise.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

LUNCH 11:45am – 12:54pm

9. 12:54pm – 1:47pm CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – December 2021

Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services, Ms Megan Barrett, spoke to this report and a discussion was held on the below Community Grants Applications.

Applications approved

That Council notes the four applications approved for consideration under Section 12.6 of the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Helga Nona

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: John Levi

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Helga Nona for the sum of \$2,000.00 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Mangaroo line Gammas Touch Football Team

RESOLUTION:

That Council approves the allocation of Community Grants funding to Mangaroo Line Gammas Touch Football Team for the sum of \$3,000.00 exclusive of GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 201 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION LOST

1:19pm - Cr Laurie Nona left the meeting due to earlier declared Prescribed Conflict of Interest.

Waru Kazil

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Waru Kazil for the sum of \$1,733.89 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council, noting that the value of each application from Badu community has been adjusted by pro-rata to a value of not more than \$10,420.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Kulpiyam Youth & Sport Inc

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela;

For: Mayor Mosby, Cr Dimas Toby, Cr Keith Fell, Cr Lama Trinkoon, Cr John Levi, Cr Seriako Dorante, Cr Getano Lui, Cr Francis Pearson, Cr Rocky Stephen

Against: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Kulpiyam Youth & Sport Inc for the sum of \$6,935.57 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council noting that the value of each application from Badu community has been adjusted by pro-rata to a value of not more than \$10,420.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Individual Kuki Touch Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Individual Kuki Touch Team for the sum of \$1,750.54 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council noting that the value of each application from Badu community has been adjusted by pro-rata to a value of not more than \$10,420.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:52pm – Cr Laurie Nona re-joined the meeting

St Pauls Community Dance Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to St Pauls Community Dance Team for the sum of \$4,843.00 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

St Pauls Anglican Church

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to St Pauls Anglican Church for the sum of \$1,848.00 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance

with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Kathleen Pabai

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Dimas Toby; Second: Cr Laurie Nona

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Kathleen Pabai for the sum of \$2,500.00 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:15pm – Ms Hollie Faithfull left the meeting

1:19pm – Ms Hollie Faithfull re-joined the meeting

Kubin Ladies Touch Football Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council approves allocation of Community Grants funding to Kubin Ladies Touch Football Team for the sum of \$3,000.00 ex GST per the submitted application in accordance with the Community Grants Policy approved at the December 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

1:47pm – Mayor Phillemon Mosby left the meeting.

10. 1:47pm – 2:04pm CORPORATE – Funding Acquisition Report

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

Cr Getano Lui Jnr expressed his appreciation to Interim Executive Director Corporate Services, Ms Megan Barrett on a well-presented report which is clear and easy to understand.

ACTION: Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to change the name from a waiting shed to a waiting house for all future reports.

ACTION: Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to include funding success stories in the next addition of Strait Talk.

ACTION: Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to add the draft media strategy which is to include Grant announcements and opportunities as an Agenda Report to the next Governance and Leadership Committee for their review.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That Council resolves to note this report and its content.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

11. 2:04pm – 2:34pm CORPORATE – COVID-19 operating update

Interim Executive Director Corporate Services, Ms Megan Barrett spoke to this report and provided an update.

2:15pm – Mayor Phillemon Mosby re-joined the meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council approves the COVID-19 Operating report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

2:08pm - Cr Getano Lui left the meeting
2:13pm – Cr Getano Lui re-joined the meeting

12. **2:34pm – 3:00pm** **CORPORATE – Standing Committee Review**

Interim Executive Director Corporate Services, Ms Megan Barrett spoke to this report on the five Standing Committees.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That Council notes the Standing Committee review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Mayor Phillemon Mosby advised that Cr Hilda Mosby is unwell and has provided a medical certificate for her non-attendance today.

- Cr Hilda Mosby – Division 12 – Masig

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council accept the apology of Cr Hilda Mosby for the December 2021 Ordinary meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

UNANIMOUS

13. **3:00pm – 3:00pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and Staff for their time and contributions and asked Cr Pearson to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3:00PM

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APOLOGIES

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai

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14. **9:09am – 9:09am** **Welcome and opening prayer.**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners on the lands we meet on today in the Cairns Region and across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes including the Thursday Island and Hammond Island offices
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Cr Getano Lui opened in prayer.

15. **9:05am – 10:00am** **Deputation 1 | DFAT – Mr Andrew Berryman**

Mr Andrew Berryman introduced himself to Council and explained his new role as Torres Strait Treaty Liaison Officer at DFAT. Ms Leilani Bin Juda was also present as support person. Mr Berryman is based at the Thursday Island office.

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

MORNING TEA 10:10am – 10:20am

Cr Jimmy Gela declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 16 – Engineering – Award Tender No. TSIRC 2021-349 – ICCIP Project #53 – Masig Water Lagoon Cover Replacement. This prescribed conflict of interest arises as John Gela is a contractor in this tender and is the brother of Cr Jimmy Gela and therefore a close associate under s150EJ.

10:20am - Cr Jimmy Gela left the meeting due to his Prescribed Conflict of Interest.

16. **10:20am – 10:40am** **ENGINEERING – Award Tender No. TSIRC 2021-349 – ICCIP Project #53 – Masig Water Lagoon Cover Replacement**

Acting Executive Director Engineering Services, Mr Adeah Kabai spoke to this report.

10:30am – Cr Hilda Mosby joined the meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves to:

- **Subject to confirmation of funding extension, Award the Tender No. TSIRC 2021-349 ICCIP Project #53 – Masig Water Lagoon Cover replacement to GDT Lining Systems Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$1,754,066.00 excl. GST;**
- **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 UNANIMOUS

10:40am – Cr Jimmy Gela re-joined the meeting.

17. **10:40am – 10:46am** **ENGINEERING – Award Tender No. TSIRC 2021-352**
Poruma Seawall Stage 4 – Supply of Construction Materials

Acting Executive Director Engineering Services, Mr Adeah Kabai spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That Council resolves to:

- Award the Tender No. TSIRC 2021-352 – Poruma Seawall Stage 4 – Supply of Construction Materials to Geofabrics Australia for an amount of up to \$250,420.00 excl. GST;
- 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 UNANIMOUS

18. **10:46am – 10:52am** **ENGINEERING – Award Quotation NO. RFQ-ICCIP #24 – Water and Wastewater Survey**

Acting Executive Director Engineering Services, Mr Adeah Kabai spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Seriaiko Dorante; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council resolves to:

- Award the Quotation No. RFQ-ICCIP #24 – Water and Wastewater Survey to Veris Australia Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$217,380 excl. GST;
- 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 UNANIMOUS

19. **10:52am – 11:00am** **LEGAL – Development Application – Material Change of Use (Telecommunication Facility) – Lot 51 on SP271019 FL Gerainelgau, Yabu Island – Kubin, Moa Island Qld 4875**

Manager Legal Services, Mr Peter Krebs spoke to this report

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council resolves to issue a Development Permit for ‘Material Change of Use’ (Telecommunications Facility) - Lot 51 on SP271019 with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 9 of the Agenda Report for Gerainelgau Yabu, Kubin, Moa Island QLD 4875.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

20. **11:00am – 11:25am** **LEGAL – Proposed Ordinary Meeting Dates for 2022**

Manager Legal Services, Mr Peter Krebs spoke to this report

Cr John Levi and Cr Jimmy Gela have both expressed their interests to host Council Meeting in their divisions the following year 2023, however, if there are cancellations, then they are happy to take up the opportunity.

Cr Dimas Toby also asked to host an Ordinary Meeting in his community of Boigu in line with the opening of their seawalls which would be a good opportunity for full Council to be there. He is not definite on the date however it could be planned for the September Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Keith Fell

1. That Council endorse the following dates and venue as Council's Ordinary meeting dates for 2022:

Month 2022	Date	Venue/ Division
January	18-19	Video Conference
February	15-16	Masig
March	22-23	Warraber
April	19-20	Video Conference
May	16-17	Cairns
June	28-29	Video Conference
July	19-20	Mabuiag
August	16-17	Video Conference
September	20-21	Poruma
October	18-19	Video Conference
November	14-15	Cairns
December	13-14	Badu

2. That Council endorse the following dates held via video conference as the ordinary meeting dates for its Standing Committees for 2022:

Standing Committee	Meeting dates/times/venue
SARG	Tuesday 11 th January 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 1 st February 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 1 st March 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 5 th April 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 14 th June 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 5 th July 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 2 nd August 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 6 th September 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 4 th October 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 1 st November 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Tuesday 29 th November 2022 1pm – 4pm
	Governance and Leadership Committee
Monday 30 th May 2022 10am – 12pm	
Monday 29 th August 2022 10am – 12pm	
Monday 28 th November 2022 10am – 12pm	
Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee	Thursday 3 rd February 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 2 nd June 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 8 th September 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 1 st December 2022 10am – 12pm
Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee	Wednesday 30 th March 2022 10am – 12pm
	Wednesday 25 th June 2022 10am – 12pm
	Wednesday 28 th September 2022 10am – 12pm
	Wednesday 24 th November 2022 10am – 12pm
Economic Growth Committee	Thursday 27 th January 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 28 th April 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 28 th July 2022 10am – 12pm
	Thursday 27 th October 2022 10am – 12pm
Cultural Arts, Land and Heritage Committee	Friday 25 th February 2022 10am – 12pm
	Friday 27 th May 2022 10am – 12pm
	Friday 26 th August 2022 10am – 12pm
	Friday 28 th October 2022 10am – 12pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

21. 11:25am – 11:40am LEGAL – Delegation Update Building Regulation 2021

Manager Legal Services, Mr Peter Krebs spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Against: Cr Laurie Nona

That pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of powers under the Building Regulation 2021 (Qld) (BUIR), and these powers must be exercised subject to any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the attached Instrument of Delegation.

MOTION CARRIED

22. **11:40am – 11:40am** **COUNCIL MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

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:

- (a) The appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.
- (c) local government budget.
- (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government.
- (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

- **FINANCE – Mer RTC Disposal and Lease Surrender**
- **LEGAL – COVID-19 Entry to Trust Areas**
- **LEGAL – Appointment of acting CEO**
- **BUILDING SERVICES – BSU Update**
- **FINANCE – Monthly Financial Update**
- **MAYOR – CEO Recruitment – verbal update**

Cr Kabay Tamu declared a Declared Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 25 – Legal – CB – Appointment of acting CEO as Dawson Sailor is a close relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr Kabay Tamu proposed to leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

LUNCH 12:30pm – 1:25pm

3:45pm – 3:45pm

COUNCIL MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUME IN OPEN BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Resolutions following closed business

23. **3:45pm – 3:47pm**

**FINANCE – CB – Mer RTC Disposal and Lease Surrender -
Late**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

Council resolves to

1. 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 the surrender of the 30-year lease of the Mer R.T.C (Rural Transaction Centre) on lot 531 to Mer Gedkem Le RNTBC and the demolition and disposal of the current structure on lot 531.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

24. **3:47pm – 3:50pm**

LEGAL – CB – Appointment of acting CEO

Mayor Mosby advised that Cr Kabay Tamu left the meeting while this report was discussed in closed business.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Getano Lui; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That under Section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council appoints Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services to act as the Chief Executive Officer from Saturday 18th December 2021 until Sunday 9th January 2022 while David Baldwin is on leave and confirms that David Baldwin will resume his appointment as Acting Chief Executive Officer on and from his return from leave.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

25. **3:50pm – 3:52pm** **BUILDING – CB – BSU Monthly Update**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Francis Pearson;

Against: Cr Laurie Nona

Council resolves to note the information in this report.

MOTION CARRIED

26. **3:52pm – 3:54pm** **FINANCE – CB – Finance Monthly Report – Late**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Francis Pearson

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 30 November 2021, as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

27. **3:54pm – 3:54pm** **MAYOR – CEO Recruitment – verbal update**

Mayor Mosby advised this was a verbal discussion only held during closed business.

28. **3:54pm – 4:30pm** **FINANCE – Budget Review 2021/2022 – Late**

Executive Director Financial Services, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Jimmy Gela

1. That Council adopts in accordance with s169 and s170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 an amended budget for the 2021-2022 Financial Year as presented, incorporating:
 - (i) The statements of financial position;
 - (ii) The statements of cashflow;
 - (iii) The statements of income and expenditure;
 - (iv) The statements of changes in equity;
 - (v) The long-term financial forecast;
 - (vi) The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
 - (vii) The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget; and
 - (viii) Capital budget.
2. Council resolves to maintain the current fuel subsidy whilst increasing the sale price of both unleaded and diesel fuel to \$3.00 per litre (inclusive of GST) due to increased fuel related costs, effective from 24 January 2022 and amend the Register of Fees and Charges accordingly.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

3:41pm – Cr Getano Lui left the meeting

3:46pm – Cr Getano Lui re-joined the meeting

29. **3:54pm – 3:55pm** **Business Arising from Information Reports**

Cr Aven Noah thanked the Executive Team and Staff for the compilation of the Information Reports.

30. **3:55pm – 3:55pm** **Next Council Meeting Date – 18-19 January 2022 via VC**

31. **3:55pm – 4:32pm** **Strategic Matters**

4:00pm - Mayor Mosby left the meeting.
4:05pm - Cr Rocky Stephen left the meeting room.
4:06pm – Mayor Mosby re-joined the meeting.
4:09pm – Cr Rocky Stephen re-joined the meeting.
4:10pm – Cr Getano Lui left the meeting
4:13pm – Cr Getano Lui re-joined the meeting

Cr Aven Noah requested feedback on how the deputation with CAAMA Radio went and a discussion was held on this topic.

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Community and Building Services, Mr Dawson Sailor to look at lease agreements or licences for TSIMA across the region.

Cr Keith Fell raised the issue of lighting in communities. Further discussions to be had in the new year to tap into community grants.

Cr Keith asked if there was an opportunity for Divisional Managers to join Councillors at our May Meeting as it would be beneficial to have them attend.

Cr Keith Fell also raised the issue of VMR's not working in Divisions and asked Interim Executive Director Corporate Services, Ms Megan Barrett to look into the matter.

ACTION: Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to request IT to liaise with Regional Managers and do an audit of all VMR's in our divisions.

Cr Francis Pearson raised the possibility of purchasing kit homes for our communities or for COVID isolation purposes.


Cr Rocky Stephen raised concerns on GBR helicopter policy requesting proof of vaccination for travellers and in particular for Dauan and Ugar residents.

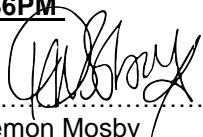
ACTION: Executive Director Community and Building Services, Mr Dawson Sailor to follow up with GBR regarding their requirements for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for travellers prior to flights.

32. **4:32m – 4:36pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby thanked the Councillors and staff for their attendance and contributions throughout the year and wished everyone a merry and joyful Christmas and asked Cr John Levi to close in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED 4:36PM


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Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18 January 2022


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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18 January 2022