



# MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 12:04pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 9:00am – 5:09pm

Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre  
Cairns

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**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 – Mabuiag  
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 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)

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)  
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services (AEDCBS)  
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)  
Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Officer (SLO)  
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)  
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

**APOLOGIES**

Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services (IEDCS)

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**1. 12:00pm – 12:02pm Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners on the lands we meet on today in the Cairns Region and across Zenadth Kes
- All Elders past, present and emerging

**2. 12:02pm – 12:03pm Apologies**

No apologies noted.

**3. 12:03pm – 12:05pm Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)**

Cr Jimmy Gela declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 10 – CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – November 2021 from The Ark of Transfiguration Church, Erub Community and Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC as a person involved is a close relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr Jimmy Gela declared an interest under s150EL.

Cr Jimmy Gela advised he would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Rocky Stephen declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 10 – CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – November 2021 from The Ark of Transfiguration Church as a person involved is a close relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr Rocky Stephen declared an interest under s150EL.

Cr Rocky Stephen advised he would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Hilda Mosby declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 10 – CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – November 2021 from The Ark of Transfiguration Church and Masig Community as a person involved is a close relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr Hilda Mosby declared an interest under S150EL.

Cr Hilda Mosby advised she would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Mayor Mosby declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 10 – CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – November 2021 from The Ark of Transfiguration Church as a person involved is a close relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Mayor Mosby declared an interest under s150EL.

Mayor Mosby advised he would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

**4. 12:05pm – 12:07pm Confirmation of Previous Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Day 1 Ordinary Meeting

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Laurie Nona*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Day 2 Ordinary Meeting

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, be adopted as a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. 12:07pm – 12:09pm **Confirmation of Previous Council Special Meeting Minutes**

- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. 12:09pm – 12:11pm **Confirmation of Previous SARG Meeting Minutes**

- 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

**ACTION:** Secretariat to amend the title of Julia Maurus to Senior Legal Officer.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Torengo Elisala; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Strategic Advisory Reference Group Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. 12:11pm – 12:13pm **Confirmation of Previous Climate Adaptation and Environment Meeting Minutes**

- 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

A discussion was held on recording apologies if Councillors attend the meeting late.

**ACTION:** Senior Legal Officer to provide clarification on how to minute Councillors who attend meetings late.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen*

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Climate Adaptation and Environment Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LUNCH 12:33pm – 1:36pm**

8. **1:36pm – 1:40pm** **Outstanding Council Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin provided Council with an update on all the outstanding item listed on the Register.

9. **1:40pm – 1:42pm** **Standing Agenda Item – Housing Authority (Verbal)**

Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services, Mr Dawson Sailor, provided Council with a brief update.

10. **1:42pm – 2:28pm** **CORPORATE – Community Grants Program Allocation – November 2021**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin, spoke to this report on behalf of Corporate Services and provided Council with an update of the following Community Grant Applications.

1:42pm – Cr John Levi re-joined the meeting.

1:44pm – Cr Conwell Tabuai re-joined the meeting.

1:50pm – Cr Keith Fell, Cr Seriako Dorante and Cr Dimas Toby re-joined the meeting.

**Tilona Ahmat**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr John Levi*

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

- **Tilona Ahmat for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Poruma Beach Volleyball**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai*

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

- **Poruma Beach Volleyball for the eligible amount of \$1,950.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Poruma Dart/Kayin Urab Touch**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

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

- **Poruma Dart/Kayin Urab Touch for the eligible amount of \$8,060.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2:00pm - Cr Jimmy Gela left the meeting due to his prescribed conflict of interest.

**Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation  
RNTBC**

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

- **Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2:08pm - Cr Rocky Stephen, Mayor Mosby and Cr Hilda Mosby left the meeting due to their prescribed conflicts of interest.

**The Ark of Transfiguration Church**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai; Second: Cr Keith Fell*

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

- **The Ark of Transfiguration Church for the eligible amount of \$10,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2.13pm - Cr Rocky Stephen, Mayor Mosby and Cr Hilda Mosby re-joined the meeting.

**Erub Community**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu*

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

- **Erub Community for the eligible amount of \$5,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2:17pm - Cr Jimmy Gela re-joined the meeting.

**Mer Community**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

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

- **Mer Community for the eligible amount of \$7,960.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mer Community**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon*

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

- **Mer Community for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2:22pm Cr Hilda Mosby left the meeting due to her prescribed conflict of interest.

**Masig Community**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

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

- **Masig Community for the eligible amount of \$5,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2:24pm Cr Hilda Mosby re-joined the meeting.

**Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation (MGK TSI Corporation)**

Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation (MGK TSI Corporation) applied for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00 exclusive of GST.

**MOTION LOST**

**11. 2:28pm – 2:53pm CORPORATE – Funding Acquisition Report – November 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr John Levi, Second: Cr Kabay Tamu*

**Council resolves to note the information in this report and its content.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12. 2:53pm – 3:00pm CORPORATE – Indigenous Councils Funding Program Allocation for 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen, Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala*

**That Council resolves to:**

- **Execute the agreements from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning for the State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) and Revenue Replacement Program (RRP).**
- **Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009* to approve, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to these funding agreements.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**13. 3:00pm – 4:20pm CORPORATE – Operational Plan – Q1 Update**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin spoke to this report and an in-depth discussion was held.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

**Council resolves to note the Operational Plan 2021-22 Quarter 1 Update.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4:20pm - Cr Aven Noah left the meeting.

**AFTERNOON TEA 4.20pm – 4.30pm**

**14. 4:30pm – 4:45pm Deputation 1 | Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS)**

Chief Executive Officer Wynetta Dewis and Principal Legal Officer Thelma Schwartz gave an overview of QIFVLS services in the Torres Strait.

**15. 4:45pm – 4:48pm Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and staff for their time and asked Cr Getano Lui to close the meeting in prayer.

**MEETING CLOSED 4:48PM**



**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**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 – 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)

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)  
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community and Building Services (AEDCBS)  
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)  
Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Officer (SLO)  
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)  
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (ASO)

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)  
Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services (IEDCS)

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

15. **9:00am – 9:15am** **Welcome and opening prayer**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and acknowledged and paid respects to:

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners on the lands we meet on today in the Cairns Region and across Zenadth Kes
- All Elders past, present and emerging

09:07am - Cr Laurie Nona joined the meeting.

09:10am - Cr Kabay Tamu joined the meeting.

09:14am - Cr Torengo Elisala joined the meeting.

16. **9: 15– 9:35am** **Apologies**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr John Levi*

**That Council accepts the apology of Cr Aven Noah for his absence at this meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon*

**That Council accepts the apology of Cr Hilda Mosby for her absence at this meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

9:20am – Dawson Sailor left the meeting.

9:25am – Cr Dimas Toby joined the meeting.

9:26am – Hollie Faithfull left the meeting.

9:29am – Hollie Faithfull re-joined the meeting.

17. **9:35am – 10:15am** **Deputation 2 | Black Star Wide Area Network - CAAMA Radio Mr Jim Remedio – Chief Executive Officer**

Mr Jim Remedio discussed CAAMA Radio and the services they could offer for the Torres Strait Region.

9:36am – Dawson Sailor re-joined the meeting.

09:37am – Cr John Levi left the meeting.

09:39am – Cr John Levi re-joined the meeting.

Cr Jimmy Gela declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 18 – Deputation 3 | Namok Family as a person involved is a relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr Jimmy Gela declared an interest under s150EQ(4).

Cr Jimmy Gela advised he would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed.

Cr John Levi declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Council Meeting Agenda Item 18 – Deputation 3 | Namok Family as a person involved is a relative and therefore a related party under s150EP. Cr John Levi declared an interest under s150EQ(4).

Cr John Levi advised he would leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed.

10:15am – Cr Jimmy Gela and Cr John Levi left the meeting due to their declarable conflicts of interest.

18. **10:15am – 11:00am** **Deputation 3 | Namok Family**

The Namok Family discussed the Torres Strait Flag, and an in-depth conversation was held.

Senior Legal Officer, Ms Julia Maurus was asked to leave the room as well as the Lawyer for the Namok Family whilst informal discussions were held.

10:17am – Julia Maurus left the meeting.

11:00am – Julia Maurus, Cr Jimmy Gela and Cr John Levi re-joined the meeting.

**MORNING TEA 11:00am – 11:30am**

11:29am - Cr Hilda Mosby and Cr Rocky Stephen joined the meeting.

19. **11:30am – 12:15pm** **Deputation 3 | TSRA**  
**Chairperson, Mr Napau Pedro Stephen and Chief**  
**Executive Officer, Ms Leilani Bin Juda**

Chairperson, Mr Napau Pedro Stephen and Chief Executive Officer, Ms Leilani Bin Juda had an in-depth discussion with Councillors on matters relating to TSIRC and TSRA.

11:54am - Cr Conwell Tabuai left the meeting.

11:55am – Cr Conwell Tabuai re-joined the meeting.

11:56am - Cr Francis Pearson left the meeting.

11:57am – Cr Francis Pearson re-joined the meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to draft a letter to the State and Federal Governments confirming TSIRC position on the Torres Strait Treaty.

**ACTION ITEM:** Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services to draft a letter to the Minister on appointments to the CEQ Board and representation of Torres Strait Islanders on the CEQ Board.

Mayor Mosby thanked Chairperson, Mr Napau Pedro Stephen and Chief Executive Officer, Ms Leilani Bin Juda for their time and looked forward to a stronger working relationship next year. Mayor Mosby and Councillors farewelled Ms Leilani Bin Juda in her role as Chief Executive Officer with TSRA and wished her well in her future endeavours.

**LUNCH 12:15pm – 1:05pm**

Mayor Mosby advised the Councillors that he has another appointment and Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui will take over as Chair.

1:06pm – Mayor Mosby left the meeting.

20. **1:10pm – 1:40pm** **CORPORATE – Standing Committee Terms of Reference**

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

1:26pm – Cr John Levi and Cr Laurie Nona left the meeting.  
1:28pm – Cr John Levi re-joined the meeting.  
1:26pm – Dawson Sailor left the meeting.  
1:34pm – Dawson Sailor re-joined the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai, Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

**That Council resolves to amend and endorse the Terms of Reference for Council's:**

- **Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee**
- **Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee**
- **Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee**
- **Economic Growth Committee**
- **Governance and Leadership Committee**
- **Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee and**
- **Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to make any further minor administrative amendments to the Terms of Reference as they arise.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

21. **1.40pm – 2:24pm** **CORPORATE – Deputation Priorities – Late Report**

Acting Chief Executive Officer spoke to this report on behalf of Corporate Services and an in-depth conversation was held.

1:47pm – Cr Lauri Nona re-joined the meeting.  
1:53pm – Cr Seriako Dorante and Cr Lama Trinkoon left the meeting.  
1:56pm – Cr Seriako Dorante re-joined the meeting.  
1:58pm – Cr Rocky Stephen left the meeting.  
2:08pm – Cr Rocky Stephen re-joined the meeting.  
2:12pm – Cr Dimas Toby left the meeting.  
2:14pm – Cr Dimas Toby re-joined the meeting.  
2:20pm – Mayor Mosby re-joined the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu, Second: Cr Laurie Nona*

**That Council resolves to:**

- **Endorse the identified Top 10 Priorities for Deputations 2021 – 2022;**
- **Endorse the order of priority for the Top 10 Deputations 2021– 2021 topics;**
- **Endorse the concept layout of the Deputations 2021 – 2022 document, noting that the content remains the subject of approval; and**
- **Delegate authority to the Mayor to approve the finalising of the deputation material content.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

22. **2:24pm – 2:34pm** **LEGAL – Recording of Council Meetings**

Senior Legal Officer, Ms Julia Maurus spoke to this report.

2:26pm – Hollie Faithfull left the meeting.  
2:30pm – Hollie Faithfull re-joined the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona, Second: Cr Keith Fell*

**That Council resolves to:**

1. That Council resolves that open meetings of Council be recorded only for the purpose of ensuring accuracy of the minutes.
2. That Council resolves that recordings of open meetings of Council are not to be made publicly available.
3. That Council resolves that subject to compliance with all legislative requirements that the recordings of open meetings of Council are not to be disposed of until the relevant Council minutes have been confirmed at a meeting of Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

23. **2:34pm – 2:42pm**

**ENGINEERING – Award Tender No. TSIRC2020-324 –  
ICCIP Project #71 – Ugar Desalination Plant**

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

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala, Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

**That Council resolves to:**

- Award the Tender No. TSIRC 2020-324 – ICCIP Project #71 – Ugar Desalination Plant to Northern Water Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$945,647.40 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 including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

24. **2:42pm – 2:42pm**

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Keith Fell*

That in accordance with section 254J 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:

(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.

- BUILDING SERVICES – BSU Update
- FINANCE – Monthly Financial Update

**MOTION CARRIED**

25. **3:15pm – 3:15pm**

**COUNCIL MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND  
RESUME IN OPEN BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AFTERNOON TEA 3:15pm – 3.45pm**

26. **3:45pm – 3:50pm** **BUILDING – CB – BSU Monthly Update**
- RESOLUTION:**  
*Moved: Cr Laurie Nona; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala*  
That Council resolves to note the information on this report. **MOTION CARRIED**

27. **3:50pm – 4:00pm** **FINANCE – Financial Dashboard Report – October 2021**
- RESOLUTION:**  
*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr John Levi*  
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 October 2021, as required under section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*. **MOTION CARRIED**

4:00pm - Cr Lama Trinkoon left the meeting.

28. **4:00pm – 4:10pm** **FINANCE – 2020/2021 Financial Statements**
- Executive Director Financial Services, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to this report.
- 4:02pm – Cr Lama Trinkoon re-joined the meeting.
- RESOLUTION:**  
*Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela*  
That Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 be received and adopted. **MOTION CARRIED**

29. **4:10pm – 4:15pm** **FINANCE – Auditor-General's Observation Report on the audit of the 2020/2021 Torres Strait Island Regional Council Financial Statement**
- Executive Director Financial Services, Ms Hollie Faithfull spoke to this report.
- RESOLUTION:**  
*Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai*  
That Council note the Auditor-General's Observation Report on the audit of the 2020/2021 Torres Strait Island Regional Council Financial Statements. **MOTION CARRIED**

30. **4:15pm – 4:20pm** **Business Arising from Information Reports**
- Mayor Mosby gave opportunity for Councillors to discuss the information reports.
- 4:18pm – Cr Conwell Tabuai left the meeting.  
4:20pm – Cr Conwell Tabuai re-joined the meeting.

31. **4.20pm – 4.23pm** **Next Council Meeting dates – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Arkai (Kubin), Mua Island**
- Mayor Mosby advised of the upcoming meeting dates and advised that staff are currently finalising accommodation. Senior Executive Assistant requested Councillors to confirm whether they require accommodation or will be staying privately with family.
- Cr Lama Trinkoon advised there would be a Welcome and Farewell Dinner and catering

would be provided for morning tea, lunch and afternoon each day of the meeting.

32. **4:23pm – 5:00pm** **Strategic Matters**

Cr Torenzo Elisala raised a question on the financial component of the Housing Allocation.

**ACTION:** Executive Director Community and Building Services to have offline conversation with Cr Elisala on the Housing Allocation Capital Works 2021-2021.

Cr Torenzo Elisala and Cr Laurie Nona discussed the new Bill through Federal Parliament on producing identification to vote and the issues that may arise with constituents in the Torres Strait if they are unable to provide identification.

**ACTION:** Legal Services to discuss with Mayor Mosby the new Bill on producing identification to vote.

Cr Keith Fell raised concerns around COVID when the border opens, and in-depth discussions were held on this topic.

Cr Keith Fell requested the commencement date of the new Chief Executive Officer. Mayor Mosby advised as we are not in closed business this is not a topic that can be discussed.

Cr Keith Fell raised the issue of safety of lighting in homes.

Cr Getano Lui raised the possibility of each individual Councillor from their division holding community meetings/information sessions in Cairns next year with residents of that particular island living on the mainland on community issues. A number of Councillors have advised that they currently do this outside of hours or on the weekend while in Cairns.

4:42pm – Cr Torenzo Elisala left the meeting.

4:44pm – Cr Torenzo Elisala re-joined the meeting.

4:45pm – Cr Dimas Toby left the meeting.

4:46pm – Cr Dimas Toby re-joined the meeting.

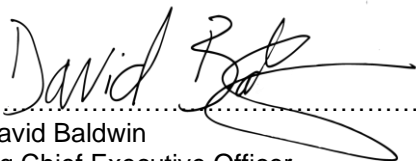
4:58pm – Cr Getano Lui left the meeting.

5:00pm – Cr Getano Lui re-joined the meeting.

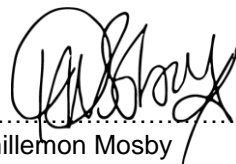
33. **5:00pm-5:09pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and staff for a productive two days of meetings and for their attendance and contributions. Mayor Mosby asked Cr John Levi to close the meeting in prayer.

**MEETING CLOSED 5:09PM**



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Mr David Baldwin  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2021