



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY 19 MAY, WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 9.11am – 4.45pm, Wednesday 20th May 9.04am – 5.50pm, Friday 22nd May 9.15am – 12.55pm at the TSIRC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Torres Strait Haus, 46 Victoria Parade, Thursday Island.

TUESDAY 19th MAY 2015

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor

Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island (By teleconference)

Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island

Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island

Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island

Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island (By videoconference)

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island

Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island

Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island

Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub Island

Cr William Akee, Division 15 – Mer Island

Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)

Ms Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)

Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)

Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)

Apologies

Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)

Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)

1. **9.11am – 9.14am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Cr Mosby opened the meeting in prayer. There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Mayor welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land.

2. **9.14am – 9.16am** **Apologies**

Nil

9.17am Staff except CEO asked to leave room

9.24am Staff re-enter room

Mayor introduced new EMES David Baldwin to Council.

Cr W Lui joined meeting by videophone at 9.27am

3. **9.16am – 10.05am** **Action Item Summary From Previous Meeting**

CEO advised Council an update regarding Director General, Department of Housing and Public Works, meeting to be presented later, and an update on vacant positions to be presented with the Information reports.

Previous Action Item 4 – Stadium Funding

Cr Kris requested an update on the Stadium Funding action item. CEO advised scope of works and funding variation needed approval by TSRA before action item can progress.

Previous Action Item 16 – Boigu Issues

Cr Toby advised toilet works complete. Cr Toby requested an update on Indigenous Knowledge Centre internet, EFTPOS and fuel bowser. CEO advised IT working on EFTPOS and IKC internet issues.

Action Item

EO to consider interim cash collection arrangements while EFTPOS issue is sorted out.

Previous Action Item 22 – Poruma Resort, Lodge and Fuel Bowser

Cr Mosby requested an update on the Resort and Lodge action item. CEO advised the resort and lodge costing is still progressing. CEO also advised on the Poruma fuel bowser, noting the Procurement Manager as having the costing, subject to finding funding to upgrade.

Action Item

EMCS to review and revise previous costings for upgrades to fuel bowsers for current day pricing.

Previous Action Item 10 – Max Smith

Cr Sabatino queried whether Council can still have input into the final Building Services Review report. MPA advised Max still accepting comments for the final report.

Mayor Gela discussed potential changes in the Modern Award and applications to Council budget.

Action Item

EMES to provide paper to next meeting on NDRRA changes in funding arrangements.

Action Item

EMFS to provide paper on budget implications from proposed Tax Reforms.

Previous Action Item 8 – Technical Working Group

Cr Kris queried the progress of the Technical Working Group action item. CEO advised a terms of reference has been drafted and Council will be working with the department to progress the formation of the working group.

Action Item

Draft Terms of Reference for Housing Working Group to be distributed to Councillors

Previous Action Item 23 – Airport Parking

Cr Baira requested clarity around the airport parking and cultural festival action item. CEO updated Cr Baira on the items, noting the Airplane was removed on the 18/05/2014, and a Cultural Festival report will be provided to June Council Meeting.

Previous Action Item 29 – Airplane Disposal

Cr Baira requested clarity around the disposal of the airplane wreck at Badu Airport. CEO advised the airplane had been removed via Seaswift the day prior.

Cr G Lui queried the status of ANZAC monument funding. CEO advised funding has been approved and feedback from Councillors regarding their specific community aspirations would be sought, and that costs above the approved grant funding would need to be sourced.

It was noted Cr Nai left room at 10.01am

It was noted Cr Nai re-entered room at 10.04am

Action Item

MPA to progress project on ANZAC monuments including costing each option and addressing Warren Entsch for any difference in budget to address the important recognition.

Action Item

MPA to ensure SPO Grants continues to send out grants details that community based entities can access.

Previous Action Item 27 – Kubin Horse Program

Cr Fell queried the status of the Kubin Horse Program. MPA advised the program is being progressed by MyPathway and once legal approvals completed MyPathway will further liaise with Council.

4. 10.05am – 10.10am Confirmation of April 2015 Minutes

Action Item

TAO to amend April Council Meeting minutes and Action Item register to tie together Airport Parking and Airplane Wreck Action Items

Action Item

MPA to prepare report on Cultural Festival for June Council Meeting

Cr G Lui queried the noting of Councillors short/small room movements in Council Meeting Minutes. CEO advised movements are noted for quorum purposes, but will investigate further.

Action Item

CEO to investigate Minutes Handbook in regards to the recording of Councillors short movements in Council Meetings.

Cr Baira queried why Cr Bosun's vote during the Regional Community Grants resolution was noted as an against vote while he was abstaining. CEO clarified that when Councillors abstain from voting and don't leave the room it must be noted as an against vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Akee

That the minutes of Council meeting held April 2015 – be adopted as true and accurate.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Nai blessed the Morning Tea

10.10am – 10.52am Morning Break

5. **10.52am – 1.01pm** **Agenda Report – Long Term Asset Management Plans**

EO and Cr J Gela entered room at 10.54am

CEO presented the report to Council on Long Term Asset Management Plans regarding:

- Buildings Corporate
- Fleet
- Water
- Wastewater

CEO stated it was vital that whole of life costs were included in costings. Mayor stated that it was important that current assets are sustainable before new assets are added. Cr Sabatino acknowledged that Council may need to consider risk mitigation strategies such as divestment.

Action Item

CEO to investigate replacement cost of Corporate Buildings pre and post transfer

Action Item

CEO to investigate/identify the accommodation centres for Badu and Mer as noted in the Long Tem Asset Management Plan

Action Item

CEO to confirm why not all stadiums are included in the Long Term Asset Management Report

It was noted Cr Toby left the room at 11.55am

It was noted Cr toby re-entered the room at 11.57am

Action Item

CEO to clarify for Cr Baira the meanings of Gen 1 and Gen's 2+ (pg. 25) in the Long Term Asset Management Plan

Action Item

CEO to investigate Masig Island vehicles figure (Pg. 10) in the Long Term Asset Management Plan

Action Item

EMCS to perform cost benefit analysis of hire versus ownership of plant and fleet

The need to raise revenue was discussed by Council.

Action Item

CEO to investigate entry fees such as a visitor or head tax as a form of revenue raising including cross border movements

Action Item

EMES to review the use of ground water rather than desalination plants

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Nai

That pursuant to section 167(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council adopt the following Long Term Asset Management Plans, namely:

- Buildings Corporate
- Fleet
- Water
- Wastewater

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted Cr W Lui left the meeting at 1.01pm

1.01pm – 2.14pm Lunch Break

6. 2.15pm – 3.04pm Presentation: Mali Ingram, Acting Manager, My Pathway

Mali Ingram, Acting Manager My Pathway, raised discussion regarding the following topics and changes to the programs from 1 July 2015:

- Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP)
- Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) reforms
- Newstart Allowance

CEO queried whether the transition from CDEP to Newstart Allowance would result in payment amount changes. A/Manager, Mali Ingram advised that dependant on household income and dependents, not all that are eligible for CDEP will be eligible for Newstart Allowance.

CEO advised Council will need to reassess rental charges as CDEP transitions to Newstart Allowance.

It was noted Cr Stephen entered the room at 2.22pm

Cr W Lui joined the meeting by videoconference at 2.33pm

Action Item

EMCoS to investigate how new income levels may effect rental payments

Action Item

MPA to write to Minister Scullion regarding CDEP reforms and the need to be consulted on the model

7. 3.14pm – 3.17pm Business Arising from Information Reports

Vacant Positions

Cr Mosby queried the vacant positions report, in particular Home and Community Care (HACC) outer island changes. EMCoS advised these changes are consumer direct care changes.

Cr G Lui queried why Council advertises positions as based in Cairns or any other TSIRC division. CEO advised that Council currently recruits to any TSIRC office, including Cairns, unless position specifically needed in a certain location.

Remaining Information Report discussions moved to following day.

8. 3.18pm – 3.25pm General Business

Cr G Lui raised his proposal to develop a new organisation to advocate for Torres Strait people with connections to traditional land.

Cr Baira entered the meeting at 3.26pm

Cr Fell blessed Afternoon Tea

3.25pm – 3.57pm Afternoon Break

9. 3.57 – 4.45pm Cont. General Business

Cr Nai entered the meeting at 3.57pm.

Cr. Akee gave apologies for rest of today's meeting.

Action Item

EMCoS to follow-up Lot 47 Warraber

Action Item

EMES to report regularly on waste management program at Warraber including recycling program

Cr Bosun requested an update on the Minor Infrastructure Project. CEO advised further discussions to continue on following day.

Cr G Lui raised discussions regarding the dental team visiting communities.

It was noted Cr Gaidan joined the meeting by telephone at 4.10pm

Action Item

EMCS to investigate disposal of lama Batching Plant which has Biosecurity stickers attached 3 – 4 weeks ago for removal

Cr Fell queried the progress of the Asbestos report. Cr Fell advised Council that 5 signatures on ILUA have now been signed on 5 sites. Cr Fell reported concern with Traditional Owners thinking that by signing ILUA's they can move into the homes.

Cr Fell urged Council to prioritise the Mabuiag basketball courts.

Action Item

MPA to confirm inclusion of Mabuiag basketball courts on projects list

CEO advised Asbestos Audit results have been disseminated to the Department of Housing for social housing. CEO advised Council is looking at allocating funds to create the program for the removal of asbestos in corporate buildings as part of 2015/16 budget.

Cr Stephen requested an update regarding the Ugar mail service, noting community concerns with mail arriving on a monthly basis. EMCoS advised Council and Australia Post currently dealing with insurance concerns regarding mail being transferred from Erub to Ugar.

Cr Stephen requested a timeframe for the Ugar mail service to be resolved. CEO advised budget to be looked at before progressing.

It was noted Cr W Lui left the meeting at 4.33pm

Action Item

CEO to fast-track previous Action Item 2 – Ugar Barge Mail Service

Cr Stephen requested update on Ugar Groyne staged approach as previously discussed.

Action Item

EMES to follow up with Principal Engineer, Divisional Operations and provide update on Ugar groyne.

Cr Enosa queried dolphin posts at Saibai. CEO advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads have surveyed and are currently identifying items to include in budget.

Action Item

EMES to identify whether Saibai dolphin assets had been identified in recent review by Department of Transport and Main Roads and also to identify priority placed on rectification.

Cr Toby raised concerns with Dauan pontoon noting there is currently no access.

Action Item

EMES to investigate Dauan pontoon ownership and access concerns

Cr Gaidan requested a timeframe update regarding the Dauan ferry. CEO advised that subject to endorsement by Council of the 2015/16 operating budget, commencement would be approximately September 2015, once booking and management systems are in place.

Cr G Lui queried the RJCP transition and its effects on Council and communities. CEO would follow up the training of Council's own Multi-Skilled Administration Officers to assist communities in the transition and noted Council's recommendation that the transition be primarily managed by Department of Human Services staff.

Cr Stephen queried Health accommodation, advising area secured with no progress and requested a presentation to the Health Board.

Cr Baira queried the progress of the Ugar animal control program. EMCoS advised MEH currently drafting response. CEO observed transporting health staff to and from airstrip as a short term fix, with a longer term solution of addressing any uncontrolled dogs.

Action Item

EMCoS to progress Ugar uncontrolled dogs issue.

Cr Sabatino queried whether EHW's have their identification cards yet, advising Hammond Island EHW's still waiting after 3 months.

Action Item

EMCoS to follow-up Hammond Island EHW identification cards with Legal

Cr Sabatino discussed EHW's TOIL entitlements when working weekends for community meetings.

Action Item

EMCoS to investigate whether Hammond EHW's entitled to TOIL or over-time when attending Community Meetings outside normal Council working hours

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Fell

4.45pm Council Meeting Close

Wednesday 20th May 2015

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor

Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island

Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island

Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

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Ms Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)

Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)

Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)

Apologies

Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island

Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)

Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)

10. 9.04am – 9.06am Opening Prayer and Welcome

Cr Nai opened the meeting in prayer. There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

11. 9.06am – 10.16am Presentation: Max Smith, Ranbury Consultant, Building Services Review

It was noted CEO left room at 9.05am

It was noted CEO re-entered room at 9.13am

Max Smith, Ranbury consultant, presented the Building Services Review to Council.

Action Item

MPA to distribute Building Services Review to Councillors with contact details for Max Smith

It was noted Cr Enosa entered room at 10.15am

12. 10.16am – 10.52am Presentation: Ella Kris, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator (HWC) - Happier, Healthier Workplaces

HWC presented Councillors with information on the Healthier, Happier Workplaces program, urging Councillors to become 'Champions' for their divisions. HWC also discussed other health and wellbeing programs run through Council such as Strait Smile and Rescue Roo's.

Cr W Lui blessed Morning Tea

10.52am – 11.21am Morning Break

13. 11.21am – 12.19pm Presentation: Ross Duncan, Director Regional Access – Indigenous Library Services

It was noted Cr Sabatino entered room at 11.24am

It was noted Cr Fell entered room at 11.26am

It was noted Cr Bosun left room at 11.59am

It was noted Cr Bosun entered room at 12.09pm

Ross Duncan, Director Regional Access, presented to Council on Indigenous Library Services, in particular Indigenous Knowledge Centres, in the Torres Strait.

Discussion was raised regarding increasing stimulus in IKC's. Mayor Gela suggested partnering with Tagai State College to increase stimulus for students.

12.19pm - All staff except CEO asked to leave room

It was noted Cr Toby left the room at 12.25pm

It was noted Cr Kris left the room at 12.25pm

It was noted Cr Kris entered the room at 12.30pm

1.10pm – 2.10pm Lunch Break

14. **2.11pm – 3.21pm**

Presentation: Ned David, Malu Lamar

Action Item

TAO to provide correspondence back to Malu Lamar thanking them for presenting and advising that they are invited to any future Council Meeting to provide updates

Mayor stated that we all should aim for 100% fisheries ownership.

Cr Sabatino stated it is important that Malu Lamar is not viewed by State and Federal Government as the Key Torres Strait PBC to consult with, barring all others.

Cr Mosby blessed Afternoon Tea

3.21pm – 3.40pm Afternoon Tea

15. **3.41pm – 5.50pm**

Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Bosun

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

- (a) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
- (b) Industrial matters affecting employees; or
- (c) The local government's budget; or
- (d) Rating concessions; or
- (e) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or
- (f) Starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or
- (g) Any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or
- (h) Other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Further the public and all staff except CEO, EMES and Principal Engineer Capital Works in attendance are asked to leave.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted Cr Kris left the room at 3.43pm

It was noted Cr Kris re-entered the room at 3.47 pm

It was noted Cr Stephen left the room at 3.47pm

It was noted Cr Stephen re-entered the room at 3.48pm

5.40pm It was noted that EMES and Principal Engineer Capital Works were asked to leave.

5.49pm

Moved out of Closed Business

Moved Cr J Gela, *Seconded* Cr Nai

That Council move out of Closed Business

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed in prayed by Cr Mosby

5.50pm Council Meeting Close

Friday 22 May 2015

Present

Cr Keith Fell, A/Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island
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Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)

16. 9.15.am – 9.20am Opening Prayer and Welcome

Cr Akee opened the meeting in prayer.

A/Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

A/Mayor welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

17. 9.20am – 11.32am Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Baira *Seconded* Cr Sabatino that in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

- (i) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
- (j) Industrial matters affecting employees; or
- (k) The local government's budget; or
- (l) Rating concessions; or
- (m) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or
- (n) Starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or
- (o) Any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or
- (p) Other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Further the public in attendance are asked to leave.

MOTION CARRIED

10.45am – 11.20am Morning Tea

11.32am Move out of closed business

Moved Cr W Lui, *Seconded* Cr Sabatino
That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

St Paul's Water Shortage Report

Discussion was raised regarding report.

Action Item

EMES to review report findings in consultation with various staff covered in report

Travel and accommodation

Councillors reiterated importance of their travel and accommodation requirements.

Action Item

TAO to prepare a register of travel requirements for Councillors and all bookings for travel to factor in preferences

Action Item

CEO to schedule future workshops to minimise costs of travel and accommodation of Councillors

Action Item

TAO to prepare correspondence to Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) service in regards to delays in flights connecting to QANTAS flights at Horn Island and consequent impacts on passengers as a result of missing connecting flights. Correspondence also to cover changes without notice in advertised routes for RPT flights

RIBS divestment

Discussions relating to RIBS divestment.

Action Item

CEO to arrange information to divisional staff to advise on divestment process for RIBS facilities including management of keys, cleaning, management and administration responsibilities resulting from the divestment

Action Item

CEO to consider relocation of existing lease within lama RIBS facilities

Asset Management Plans

Asset Management Plans discussion on community consultations.

Action Item

CEO to consider process and timing for community consultations on Council's asset management plans.

It was noted Cr Mosby left the room at 9.38am

It was noted Cr Mosby re-entered the room at 9.44am

It was noted Cr W Lui left the room at 9.40am

It was noted Cr W Lui re-entered the room at 9.41am

IBIS Report

Report is available for review.

Action Item

Council to consider report and any actions to be taken in consultation with constituents

Council website

Cr Sabatino noted the improvements in Council's website and the level of detail now available and encouraged other Councillors to review the good ideas that had arisen from Council discussions but may have been not progressed given various other commitments.

Action Item

MPA to review status of ideas raised by Council via Action Items Register

Seaport Fees

Discussions regarding follow up of Seaport fees collection from all passenger operators

Action Item

CEO to follow up with EMCS to approach all passenger operators to address permit applications and self reporting

Assets training for Councillors

Cr Nai enquired when Audit Committee member, Mr David Edgerton, may be able to have further discussions with Council on asset management.

CEO advised that, as outlined in its Asset Management Plans, Council would first assess its asset management maturity at all levels ie. Leadership with Council, Executive Team, Asset Managers, Asset Users/Operators. On the basis of this assessment, Council would then develop a plan to address any issues or concerns with asset management capability at all levels of Council.

Freight

Cr Sabatino asked when Council would go to market for its freight requirements.

CEO advised Council was awaiting the outcomes of the ACCC decision.

Follow up of queries to administration

Cr Baira noted the strong working relationship with the PBC at Badu and requested support of Council administration to address queries in a timely manner in supporting this going forward. CEO notes that the Manager Legal Services position will strengthen the legal area of Council and was much needed given the significant growth in work in that area as well as the recent transition of EMCS.

Schedules of Fees

Council discussed the need to consider the emerging fee schedules of Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) and Native Title Office (NTO) with a paper to the June meeting as to how to address and a way forward

Action Item

EMCS to prepare a paper for Council's consideration on the legal position of PBC and NTO fee schedules

Water supply

Cr Mosby requested review of desalination units and water supply at Poruma given the addition of 5 new homes.

Action Item

EMES to progress investigation and advise Cr Mosby on capacity of desalination units and water supply to cover the increase in 5 new homes

Cr W Lui followed up the removal and disposal of mobile desalination unit from Warraber

Action Item

EMES to follow up previous commitment by Engineering Department to action the removal and disposal of the mobile desalination unit at Warraber

Power supply

Cr Mosby reported community use of external power points at Council facility and queried impact on costs to Council.

Action Item

EMCS to progress program of securing or disabling external power points at all Council facilities to reduce electricity costs to Council

MIP priorities

A/Mayor reminded Councillors to provide their top 3 priorities for future MIP programs

Action Item

CEO to provide already collected priorities to Engineering Department to prepare draft MIP priorities list for Council

Grass Cutting

A/Mayor enquired where the 2 mobile slashers were and whether there was any solution to grass cutting at Mabuiag with whipper snippers.

Action Item

EMES to consider options for grass cutting at Mabuiag airport

Staff exits

A/Mayor noted various ex-employees still listed in Council's email address book.

Action Item

EMCS to request review of email address book and removal of all ex-employees

Cr Sabatino enquired where we are at with staff exits.

Action Item

EMCS to follow up with HR to progress exit interview procedure

Digital TV

Corporate Buildings roll out program requested.

Action Item

EMCS, in consultation with Executive, to provide schedule for roll out of digital television installations at Council's corporate facilities

Saibai matters

Cr Enosa requested follow up on a number of matters for Saibai.

Action Item

EMCoS to follow up and advise Cr Enosa on timelines for National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) tender.

Action Item

EMCoS to follow up and advise Cr Enosa on timelines for Rural and Remote Program (RRP) Plug Ins

Action Item

MPA to include Saibai Councillor office renovations including painting on projects list.

Action Item

MPA to include Saibai Council office fencing on projects list

Action Item

Current Seawalls program of works and timelines to be provided to Cr Enosa by EMES

Action Item

EMCoS to follow up on social housing properties with only one external door at Saibai, assess and health and safety implications and consult with Department on any programs available to address

Action Item

Council to continue to assess options for increasing capacity and engagement of local tradesmen in the proposed capital works program

Warraber Wharf Damage Repairs

Cr W Lui enquired on progress of repairs on Warraber Wharf Damage.

Action Item

EMES to provide update on progress to Cr W Lui of Warraber Wharf Damage repairs

Project Scheduling

Cr Sabatino requested scheduling of NPARIH subdivision projects for delivery as soon as possible to enable roll out of following housing programs.

Action Item

CEO to confirm scheduling of NPARIH subdivision works with Building Department

Badu Stadium

Cr Kris enquired on status of Badu Stadium works and potential impacts on upcoming sports carnival.

Action Item

CEO to work with Building Team to assess options and costs including barricading and demolition

Next Meeting

Location of Erub to be confirmed with Cr. J. Gela, otherwise meeting will revert to Thursday Island.

It is noted that the following Councillors requested leave from the next Council Meeting:

- Cr W Lui
- Cr Bosun

It was noted Cr Mosby left the meeting at 12.52pm.

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Enosa
12.55pm - Council Meeting Close