



## **MINUTES**

### **ORDINARY MEETING**

**MONDAY 14 APRIL - TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Monday 14th April 9.15am – 3.50pm, Tuesday 15th April 9.15am – 5.05pm at the *TSIRC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Torres Strait Haus, 46 Victoria Parade, Thursday Island.*

**MONDAY 14 APRIL 2014**

**Present:** Cr Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island  
C. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa Island  
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber Island  
Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr Fraser Nai, Division 12 – Yorke 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, Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO)  
Mr Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)  
Mr Gary Pemberton, Chief Finance Officer (CFO)  
Ms Katherine Wiggins, Senior Executive Support Officer (SESO)  
Ms Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary (ES)

**Apologies:** Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)  
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer (CLO)

**9.15am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr G. Lui

**ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

**MAYOR'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE**

**APOLOGIES NOTED**

**CR. DIMAS TOBY**

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island (due to recent commencement of employment with Land and Sea Unit TSRA).

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Fell, *Seconded* Cr J. Gela that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Toby for his absence today at this meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**CR. HORACE BAIRA**

Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island, (Sorry business in Community).

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Stephen, *Seconded* Cr Nai that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Baira for his absence today at this meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**CR. DAVID BOSUN**

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island (Attending funeral Badu Community).

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Enosa, *Seconded* Cr J. Gela that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Bosun for his absence today at this meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**CR. JOEL GAIDEN**

Cr Joel Gaiden, Division 2 – Dauan Island (due to cyclone weather unable to fly).

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Nai, *Seconded* Cr Enosa that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Gaiden for his absence today at this meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4**            **COMMUNITY SURVEY PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Kris, *Seconded* Cr Nai that Council that Council resolve to provide its 'in principle' support to implementing the Community Survey Program in all Torres Strait Island Regional Council communities, to realise subdivision of DOGIT and Torres Strait Islander Land in these communities into manageable lots, and to do all things of and incidental to facilitating lodgement and registration of the plans of subdivision, subject to: -

- a. Trustee consultation and consent;
- b. Councillor consultation
- c. Registered Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate consultation and consent; and
- d. Satisfaction by the State of compliance matters, including but not limited to Development Approvals under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld).

**Motion Carried**

**Item 5**            **PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (DAFF)**

Mr. Danny Mosby and Mr Johnathan Benyie from Bio Security.

Discussions on Bio Security in TSIRC Communities

- Budget Constraints - Bio Security
- Shared responsibilities with Department of Immigration
- Non presence of Bio Security Officers on Ugar, Masig and Warraber
- What will work better in the future
- Ongoing improvements in Communities
- Strategic Planning on movements

Concerns raised:

- Field Treaty visits needs to be effective on the Western Province side with the support from PNG Government.
- Traditional visits should happen only when it's called for or by the season, and not from Monday to Friday that is why there are the issues with over stayers.
- There needs to be education awareness to the community as to why and what the Treaty is there for.
- Still feel the need to have Bio Security Officers in the communities.

Mayor noted the different options pointed out in these discussions and advise DAFF:

- To crunch the numbers around every available option and the rationale behind it, eg cluster – rationale

- a footprint in each community of what's here now with regards to reductions of hours, on call etc.
- acknowledged that it is DAFF budget for them to develop and endorse but need to look at a model that will make us feel basically secured at the end of the day and that it protects our constituents in our community .

***It was noted that Council break for morning tea 10.40am – 11.15am***

**Item 8.1**      **ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY**

ACEO gave a brief update on the action item summary.

- *Proposed Housing Workshop on the Assistance Agreement*
  - ACEO advised looking at presenting at a future Council Meeting either in May or June and do a joint coordinated presentation with the Departmental staff for Housing on:
    1. what the Assistance Agreement means,
    2. what the responsibilities of each parties are; and
    3. the potential outcomes if we are not complying with the assistance agreement.
  - First approach is to contact the Department to see if they have staff available to present at a future Council Meeting.
- *Transition of Cairns Office*
  - ACEO advised awaiting feedback from Councillors on information on what functions they are able to house and accommodate in their community, and specific skill sets by community member - council employees or non council employees.
- *TSRA Response to Cr. Fell's complaint*
  - no response to date – Mayor advised will follow up again with TSRA.
  - Cr. W. Lui to bring up the issue again with the Chair of TSRA when he meets him today.
- *Building - ACEO advised still gathering information on accreditation.*
  - Have had dialogue with Minister Scullion on the issue.
  - Requested the Building team to provide report to not only look at their budget and structure from last year but what the program would look like if no exemption on the accreditation or if partnered by someone who has got that accreditation.

**Item 8.2**      **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- *Minor issues to be dealt with via email to ACEO for action*  
**Action Item:** ACEO to circulate email to Councillors to emphasize the criteria for general business discussions.
- *Agenda Reports – Mayor requested that not only the minutes be uploaded to the website but the agenda reports itself as well.*  
**Action Item:** ACEO to follow up on uploading agenda reports to the website

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Kris, *Seconded* Cr Stephen that the minutes of Council held 18 -19 March 2014 is adopted as true and accurate.

**Motion Carried**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Housing Rental Issues**

Warraber

Cr. W. Lui raised issues that his constituents who are pensioners paying higher rent for a five (5) bedroom house.

It was noted that:

- maximum rent are based on number of bedrooms per house
- income below threshold less rent paid but tenant must provide income detail.
- use of centrepay for rental deductions

Erub – Cr J. Gela advised his community is querying why people are paying higher rent but still waiting for maintenance to be carried out on their house.

It was noted that some Officers are not acquainted to customer service and needs to be to help provide information to constituents in their community

**Action Item:** *ACEO to put a small team together to visit communities to do consultation/workshop on rental issues and housing information.*

- **HACC – duplication of Service Delivery by Mura Kosker**

**Action Item:**

1. *Acting CEO to invite Mura Kosker to attend next Council Meeting*
2. *Cr. W. Lui suggested waiting for a report from TSRA on Mura Kosker before inviting them to the Council Meeting.*

- **Communication between Upper Management and Middle Management on ground in communities.**

**Action Item:** *Acting CEO will take the communication issue on board and talk to the Executive Managers.*

- **Mechanic visits** – Procurement Manager Kevin Wheeler will be present at the meeting tomorrow to discuss any concerns regarding mechanic issue.
- **Quad Bikes** – do have tenders out to dispose of them as it is a health and safety issue to use them on the sealed roads.
- **Digital TV** – Guest Houses/Motel – need to have a budget to have them installed back at Guest houses or motels.
- **My Pathways**
  - Working with My Pathways on projects Council engaged some RJCP participants to work on the fencing program, but were not able to engage them as RJCP participants as expectation was that if they are doing proper work then they should be paid proper wages.
  - Engaged eight (8) participants under a different process called Remote Staffing Solutions
  - Council has a contract with My Pathways for those participants for a period of project (6 months).
  - Council pays My Pathways an amount and My Pathways pays the participants.
  - Whilst on this project they are off RJCP but doesn't stop them to go back on RJCP once that project is completed.
  - There is a placement fee by My Pathways to Council should Council employ the participant and offer them full time employment after project.

***It was noted that Council break for lunch 12.30pm – 1.30pm***

## **COUNCIL MEETING CLOSE**

### **Item 6**

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Enosa, Seconded Cr. Sabatino that in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD), Management of Community Development of Grant in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings of the Indigenous Regional Council.*

**Motion Carried**

**MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

**RESOLUTION**

**Item 6.1 COMMUNITY SURVEY PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Moved Cr. Akee, that the Trustee resolve to provide its 'in principle' support to implementing the Community Survey Program in all Torres Strait Island Regional Council communities, to realise subdivision of DOGIT and Torres Strait Islander Land in these communities into manageable lots, and to do all things of and incidental to facilitating lodgement and registration of the plans of subdivision, subject to: -*

- a. Trustee consultation and consent;
- b. Councillor consultation
- c. Registered Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate consultation and consent; and
- d. Satisfaction by the State of compliance matters, including but not limited to Development Approvals under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld).

**Motion Carried**

- 1.55pm** *Cr Kris declared both Material Personal Interest and Conflict of interest and left the meeting room for Item 6.2*
- 1.58pm** *It was noted Cr. W. Lui was excused from the meeting to attend a meeting with the TSRA Chair.*
- 2.02pm** *It was noted that Agenda Item 6.2 is parked at this time to refer to report 7.1 in Closed Business in the first instance.*
- 2.03pm** *It was noted Cr Kris was called back to the meeting room.*



**Item 6.3**      **LAND TRANSFER PRIORITIES**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Akee, Seconded Cr. Sabatino, that the Trustee resolve to notify the State of Queensland (as Represented by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines) that the following communities should be prioritised for grant of Aboriginal Land under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld) and Torres Strait Islander Land under the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) for the 2014/15 financial year, namely: -*

1. HAMMOND ISLAND
2. ST PAULS COMMUNITY, MOA ISLAND
3. PORUMA ISLAND

**Motion Carried**

**Action Item:** *ACEO to have discussions with CLO on Councils who have Deed of Agreements.*

**RESUME ORDINARY MEETING**

**2.14pm**      *Cr Kris declared both Material Personal Interest and Conflict of interest and left the meeting room for Item 7.1 Closed Business.*

**2.14pm**      **CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Stephen, Seconded Cr J. Gela that in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss s275*

- (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 in attendance are asked to leave.

**Motion Carried**

**2.35pm**      **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**Item 7.1**      **ST. PAULS EOI CHILD CARE CENTRE**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Nai, *Seconded* Cr Sabatino that Council resolve to select Wug Danalaig Incorporated as Preferred Tenderer for divestment of the St Paul's Old Childcare Centre and support grant of a formal Lease by the Trustee to the Preferred Tenderer, subject to Native Title consent (if applicable), Ministerial consent (if applicable) and Development Approval under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld) (if applicable).

**Motion Carried**

**COUNCIL MEETING CLOSE**

**Item 6.2**      **MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Enosa, *Seconded* Cr. Nai that in accordance with *Section 83* of the *Local Government Act 2009 (QLD)*, Management of Community Development of Grant in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings of the Indigenous Regional Council.

**Motion Carried**

**MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

**RESOLUTION**

**Item 6.2**      **ST. PAULS OLD CHILDCARE CENTRE**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Sabatino, *Seconded* Cr Nai, that Trustee resolve, pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) and Land Act 1994 (Qld), to grant a lease to Wug Danalaig Incorporated over the St Paul's Old Childcare Centre, St Pauls Community, Moa Island in the State of Queensland, for commercial use, subject to:-

1. Survey at the successful tenderer's costs;
2. Native Title consent (if applicable);
3. Ministerial consent (if applicable); and
4. Development Approval under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld) (Costs borne by the successful tenderer) (If applicable)

**Motion Carried**

**2.48pm** *Cr Kris returned to the meeting after the Close of Trustee Meeting.*

**Item 7**  
**2.50pm**

**CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr J Gela that in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss s275*

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- (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 in attendance are asked to leave.

**Motion Carried**

**3.20pm** **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**2.50pm** *All staff were requested to leave the room prior to Closed Business Session*

**2.55pm** *All staff were requested to return to the meeting room during Closed Business Session*

**3.16pm** *Noted that Cr. W. Lui returned to the meeting room during Closed Business*

**Item 7.2** **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Sabatino , Seconded Cr Mosby that Council appoint Ms Dania Ahwang as Chief Executive Officer from date of resolution in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed by Council.*

**Motion Carried**

**LATE REPORT FOR CLOSED BUSINESS**

**Item 7.3**      **TENDER EVALUATION TSIRC2014-36 SUPPLY OF ROADBASE MATERIAL  
MOA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr J Gela, *Seconded* Cr Akee that for Council to award the Contract for Supply of Roadbase material to Carpentaria Contracting subject to:

1. Undertakings to check and confirm the roadbase material comply with the specification prior to delivery of material.

**Motion Carried**

**Against:** Cr Nai  
Cr. Sabatino  
Cr. Kris

**Item 7.4**      **TENDER EVALUATION TSIRC2014-37 CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT TOP  
SLABS MOA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Sabatino, *Seconded* Cr Nai that Council award the Contract for Construction of Culvert Top Slabs and Road Pavement to Torres Strait Island Homes subject to:

1. Finalisation of outstanding technical issues to improve methodology and work operations.

**Motion Carried**

**Action:**

1. CEO Ms Dania Ahwang to arrange media release of her new position as CEO of Torres Strait Island Regional Council.
2. CEO to allocate 1hr to 1 ½ hours in Cairns during Budget Meeting for discussions with herself and Councillors regarding KPI's

**Seaswift**

- Cr Sabatino raised the concerns with Seaswift taking water off communities and not being charged for it

**Action:** CEO to talk to EMES on his return from leave on the issue of charging Seaswift for water from communities.

**P & C Mabuiaq**

- Cr Fell tabled a letter from P & C at Mabuiaq requesting donation of \$100 from Councillors Discretionary funds.
- Noted that Cr. Fell donated \$100 and Mayor Gela \$500 to P & C from their Discretionary funds.

**Action:**

CEO will circulate via email the letter tabled by Cr. Fell to Councillors and that they contact the CEO to advise of their donation towards the P & C from their Discretionary funds.

**Office Lease Warraber Community Hall**

- Cr. W. Lui queried on leasing offices to PBC, Rangers and Immigration with the Community Hall Warraber.
- Community wants a peppercorn lease drawn up for PBC within the Hall because of financial situation with PBC.
- CEO advised Council is commitment to giving an office space for the Rangers as TSRA gave Council extra funds to build the office space for them.
- With the PBC and Immigration Council could negotiate with them directly.

**Community Hall Building**

- Cr Kris followed up on the Block Plant Insurance Funds and if it could be released to their community organisation to purchase building materials etc for the St. Pauls Building team to build the Community Hall.
- Mayor advises Council hold the money, just a matter for the Building team to provide a quote/price to actually build it.
- In the first instance Council will need to look at every angle to see how Council could potentially release the funds to the community organisation without breaching Legislation.
- Action:
  1. Cr Kris to supply CEO with copy of Plan
  2. CEO/Cr Kris to engage with CLO to look at every legislation on how to go about releasing the money to Community Organisation without any breach.

3.50pm

**MEETING CLOSED FOR DAY 1**

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Mosby

## **TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014**

**Present:** Cr Fred Gela, Mayor  
C. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr John Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa  
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber Island  
Cr Fraser Nai, Division 12 – Yorke 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 Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)  
Mr Gary Pemberton, Chief Finance Officer (CFO)  
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Ms Katherine Wiggins, Senior Executive Support Officer (SESO)  
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Cr Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island \*  
Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island  
Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island \*  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)

It was noted that:

- *Cr Fell and Cr Mosby attending the funeral today at Badu Island.*
- *Cr Kris joined the meeting during morning tea break.*

### **Item 10**      **PRESENTATION – TROPICAL HEALTH INSTITUTE**

Mr Phillip Mills presented a PowerPoint presentation on university campus called Tropical Health Institute on Thursday Island.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Nai that Council endorses the establishment of a Torres Strait Tertiary Institute to recognise and support Torres Strait Islanders intellectual sovereignty as part of Greater Autonomy in the Torres Strait.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Action:** CEO to draft a letter to Mr. Phillip Mills supporting the establishment of a Torres Strait Tertiary Institute and include in context of the letter the endorsement of Council's support.

\* Partial Attendance

***It was noted that Council break for morning tea 10.30am - 11.10am***

*Cr Enosa left the room at 11.14am – 11.20am*

**Item 11**      **PRESENTATION – KEY POLICING AREAS IN THE TORRES STRAIT REGION**

Inspector David Lacey, Torres Patrol Group, Queensland Police, Far Northern District.

Discussions included:

- *QPS needs to address Torres Strait Islander Police Support Officer (TSIPSO)*
  - *The importance of creating that partnership with TSIPSOs and Council*
  - *Application of basic common sense when dealing with issues happening in communities.*
- *Education to Community on the roles, functions and responsibilities of TSIPSOs so that people are well aware.*
- *Vehicle Licensing in Communities.*
- *QATSIP to be incorporated to TSIPSO model.*
- *Operational issues or concerns to be reported to Jaime Horne.*

*Mayor thanked Inspector Lacey for his time in discussing the policing issues in our Region.*

***It was noted that Council break for lunch 12.24pm – 1.45pm***

**1.45pm**      *With the exception of the CEO, Staff were asked to leave the meeting room.*

*Chief Legal Officer joined meeting via video conference.*

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr J Gela that Council resolve pursuant to section 276(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (QLD), to allow Mr Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer of Council to attend the closed business session by teleconference*

**Motion Carried**

**1.45pm**      **CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

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

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- (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 in attendance are asked to leave.

**Motion Carried**

**2.26pm**      **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO THE FLOOR**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Nai, *Seconded* Cr. Akee that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to notify and request assessment as to whether the Minister considers it necessary, for the purposes of section 122 of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), to recommend to the Governor in Council the suspension of Councillor Ron Maxwell Enosa from attending official duties, pending outcome of criminal charges laid against him on Sunday 13 April 2014.

**Motion Carried**

*Noted* Cr Enosa abstained from voting.

**Action:**

1. PBC Warraber licence agreement to be raised with CEO and CLO;
2. Masig lease on house to be followed up by CEO and CLO and further follow up of reported use of contractor camp by Council contractors



3. St Paul's Deed of Agreement presentation at April Workshops – Council can commence one of its sessions at 8.30am instead of 9am to cover
4. Proposed closure of road at Warraber to address land needs of Education Department for staff housing – CEO to follow up

**2.26pm** Staff returned to the meeting room. CLO left the Meeting.

**Item 13**      **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Mayor brief discussions on**

1. Joint Meeting:
    - For all three organisations to come together to develop a model in going forward.
    - Look at establishing a committee to look at functions, roles, responsibilities etc
    - Develop sequencing in terms of timeframe.
    - Venue of Joint Sitting Meeting at the TAFE Campus, Thursday Island

**Action Item:** CEO to draft letter of invite to NPARC as common courtesy to attend Joint Sitting and as agreed by the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), Torres Shire Council (TSC) and Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)
  2. Meeting with Minister Scullion
    - Accreditation National Partnership Agreement Housing
    - Seawall
    - Accessing ongoing commitments of funding from State and Commonwealth Government.

**Action Item:** CEO to email to all Councillors copy of the submissions
  3. Community Visits by CEO and Mayor
    - Briefing of populated calendar dates of community visits by Mayor and CEO. (handout given to Councillors)
  4. 14-15 May - Seawall Inundation Consultation visit to the six (6) Communities.
  5. 15-16 May – Indigenous Leaders Forum, Thursday Island.
- Action Item:** EMCoS to send Calendar dates for Community visits to Councillors.

**ILF**

- Mayor outlined proposed agenda items:
  1. ICCEO shared services initiatives
  2. IR Harmonisation Bill
- Councillors requested to forward any other proposed agenda items to Mayor.
- The late Bernard Namok Anniversary 29 May 2014.

**Backhoes**

- Cr W. Lui requested 'local rate' for backhoe hire. Mayor advised in-kind support can be made available. Further, any review of hire fees should take into consideration Total Asset Management Plan information.

**Mechanic**

- Works from Monday to Saturday, Sunday day of rest for Church Day.
- Mayor advise if Councillors would like Sunday to work:
  1. Iama 12.00pm onwards after church service
  2. Hammond 12.00pm onwards after church service
  3. Mer 12.00pm onwards after church service
  4. Masig 12.00pm onwards after church service
  5. Warraber 12.00pm onwards after church service
  6. Saibai 12.00pm onwards after church service
  7. Ugar 12.00pm onwards after church service

**3.05pm**

*Noted that Cr. Fell and Cr. Mosby joined the Meeting.*

- Ugar – Cr Stephen raised the following issues:
  - Builders
    1. not in community – comes in 4-5 months. People agree to pay rental council applies, but no maintenance done to houses that needs things like solar etc
    2. Need to plan and work around the delivery when barges arrives at Ugar on a monthly basis.
    3. Builders needs to be more regularly visiting.

**Action Item:** CEO to follow up and liaise with Building Manager

***It was noted that Council afternoon tea 4.15pm - 4.30pm***

**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- Garbage Truck
  1. Needs a garbage truck in the Ugar Community.
- Masig – Cr Nai raised the following issues:
  - Airstrips
    1. Inventory of Community airports
    2. Grass needs cutting, lights needs repairing, windssocks needs replacing etc

**Action Item:** CEO to follow up on inventory, what can be delivered, timeframes for delivery, what extra is needed.

- **Seaport and Airport Landing Fees**
  - Seaport and Airport Landing fees
  - Action Item:** CEO to provide report to next Council Meeting on the Seaport and Airport landing fees.
  
- Mayor advised possible training in August for Director course.
- Councillors requested if Director's Training can be delivered locally.
  
  
- **Hammond**
  - Hammond wharf lights
  - Hammond Child Care
  - IKC hours
  - Cemetery plans - look at working with program office in using specialised equipment to identify and locate burial sites not marked.
  - Advertisement of Jobs - look at salary package that lines up with the job descriptions
  - Action Item:** CEO to follow up issues raised by Cr Sabatino.
  
- Cr Fell raised the issue of Mobile Coverage – joint approach with TSRA.
  - Mayor and CEO advised nothing received to date
  - Action Item:** CEO to include as topic for joint sitting discussions.

**Mayor closing remarks**

- Thanked Councillors for their attendance
- Welcomed Ms Dania Ahwang on board in her position as CEO

5.00pm

**COUNCIL MEETING CLOSE**

With no further discussions the Council meeting closed in prayer by Cr. Fell.