



## **MINUTES**

### **ORDINARY MEETING**

**TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 9.08am – 5.55pm, Wednesday 19th February 9.10am – 4.40pm at the *Rural Transaction Centre (RTC)*, Iama Island.

## **TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014**

**Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island  
Cr. Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr. Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr. Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa 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, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO)  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)  
Mr Gary Pemberton, Chief Finance Officer  
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer (CLO)  
Ms Katherine Wiggins, Senior Executive Support Officer (SESO)  
Ms Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary (ES)

**9.08am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Lui

**Apologies:** Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
No Rep - Warraber Island  
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Mr Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Officer (EO)

### **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**

- Welcome to Country - Cr. Lui
  - Welcomed Councillors to the Heart of Iama.
  - Stated that he is honoured to hold the first meeting on Iama for the year.
- Mayor
  - Welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners, Members of the Community and Cr. Lui representing the rights and interests within this community.
  - Thanked and acknowledged that a lot of contributions were made by Councillors last year and looks forward to 2014.

**ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE**

**APOLOGIES NOTED**

**CR. RON ENOSA**

Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island (due to cost effective and unavailability of seats on Charters from Horn to Iama, Council was unable to add Cr. Enosa on the Charters)

**RESOLUTION**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**CR. DAVID BOSUN**

Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island (Due to prior commitments - working in Cairns till after 7<sup>th</sup> March as mentor for the trainee's on the Partnership Project for Kubin)

**RESOLUTION**

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Against:** Cr. Fell  
Cr. Sabatino

**CR. PHILLEMOS MOSBY**

Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island (travelling on tour with the Poruma and Warraber Island Team to Brisbane)

**RESOLUTION**

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

**Motion Carried.**

- Apology was also noted from:
  - CEO – conveyed his apologies to Councillors, and Cr. Lui and Community of Iama as he was unable to attend due to medical reasons.
  - Executive Manager Corporate Services – conveyed his apologies to Councillors, and Cr. Lui and Community of Iama as he was unable to attend due to Family Matters.
  - Cr. Lui tendered apology from Traditional Owner (TO) but took full responsibility on behalf of TO in Welcome to Country.

**Action Item:**

Mayor advised will discuss further the outcome of the Remunerations Tribunal especially pertaining to Councillors apology and attendance of meetings.

- Mayor brief introduced and welcomed Mr Gary Pemberton, new Chief Financial Officer.

**DEPUTATIONS** ( held Monday 17.02.14)

**Item 4**

**CAPITAL WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Toby, *Seconded* Cr. J. Gela that Council adopt the formation of a Capital Works Committee and its governing Procedure.

**Motion LOST**

***For: 4 Against: 7***

It was noted that the previous rating project to prioritise the Capital Works may be sufficient, but that refinement of the rating rationale and process was needed, rather than a duplicate committee.

**Action Item:**

1. For EMCS to develop paper around the rating rationale and process for endorsement by Council.
2. Once endorsed use the rating to rate all Capital Works on current list.

**Item 5**

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Nai, *Seconded* Cr. Sabatino that Council:

- Approve the draft format for the Divisional Traffic Management Plans.
- Approve the Consultation strategy proposed.

**Motion Carried.**

***It was noted that Council break for Morning tea 10.15am – 10.45am***

**Item 6**      **CORPORATE PLAN**

It was noted that due to Executive Manager Corporate Services being an apology the Corporate Plan would be discussed at the March Council Meeting.

**Item 9.1**      **SUMMARY ACTION ITEMS**

- Hammond Capital Works Update  
**Action Item:**
  1. DCEO with CFO to provide an update on Hammond Island Capital Works project, including project specifications and progress with borrowing application.
  2. For the Hammond Island Capital Works project to be included as an Agenda Item in next Month's Council Meeting.
  
- Amendment Item 19 – noted that lot 45 is Poruma and not Dauan.  
**Action Item:**
  1. ES to amend and correct previous Council meeting minutes
  2. SESO to amend and correct Action Items register
  
- Healthy Lifestyle Officers (HLO)
  - Major recruitments progress with applications for HLO in communities.
  - At this stage other positions will be filled or is already filled except for Saibai and Darnley.
  
- External Organisations
  - Cr. Lui raised concerns of visits by other external organisations that travel into the communities at the same time TSIRC staff facilitates workshop etc and the community is unaware of this.
  - Cr. Lui advised should give ownership back to communities to be community driven to deal with external organisations coming into communities.  
**Action Item:** DCEO to flag this issue with external organisations.
  
- Mobile Coverage  
**Action Item:**
  1. For DCEO to task the Executive to provide a submission into the Mobile Phone Coverage Consultation
  2. For DCEO to correspondence to the Communications Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, in regards to the ongoing poor telecommunications coverage in the region.
  
- Satellite Phones  
Cr Fell raised that he had difficulty in contacting staff in charge of Disaster Management.  
**Action Item:** For the DCEO to raise the need to be able to contact Disaster Management staff with the Executive.

- Council Charters  
Cr. Fell requested a motion be put to the floor to be able to assist travel for TSIRC Constituents to travel on Council Charters between communities and TI.  
**Action Item:** DCEO to task Executive to provide a report on constituents travelling using Council Charters for the next Council meeting.
- Joint Sitting
  - Council is still in the process of coordinating a joint sitting with Northern Peninsula Area Council (NPARC) and Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)  
**Action Item:** Mayor will circulate via email calendar of dates to Councillors once confirmed.
- Rental Arrears  
Further discussion required on developing a rental arrears repayment procedure.  
**Action Item:** For Executive to consider the development of a rental arrears repayment procedure.
- Dump Sites  
EMES provided update or progress on this issue in communities.
- Guest House/motels – installation of Digital TV  
**Action Item:** Paper to be provided to Council as part of the Capital Works Program.
- Control of horses straying in Communities  
**Action Item:** Animal Management to talk to owners
- Update Dog Attack Poruma  
With regards to the dog attacks last year, noted that one dog was put down, need to follow up if the 2<sup>nd</sup> dog was put down.  
**Action Item:** DCEO to follow up on the matter.
- Action items Register  
The Action Item register needs to be “cleaned” to clear out duplication and updated according to current status.  
**Action Item:**
  1. DCEO to review Action Item register
  2. DCEO to email to Councillors prior to Council meeting the action items of what has been completed, what is to complete etc.
- TSRA Board
  - TSRA members Cr. Fell, Cr. Lui and Cr. Sabatino will table at TSRA next Board Meeting to invite and include Mayor Gela on the Agenda for TSRA Board Meeting.

- Mayor added he will discuss further when he meets with Mr Joseph Elu at their forthcoming meeting whether he could be put on the Agenda for the next TSRA Board.

**Item 9.2**      **BUSINESS ARISING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Amended spelling error Housing - page 4
- Update on vacant derelict buildings submission of \$50000 - DCEO advised still subject to Budget which Council do not have.
- Digital TV Ugar – Confusion with Clients thinking they have to pay to have it installed.  
**Action:**  
DCEO to follow up as clients may have not understood the issue between the installation Digital TV and Austar (where payment is involved.)
- Helicopter Subsidy – Ugar  
**Action:**  
Mayor to discuss with Howard Hobbs on the Charter Subsidy for Ugar.
- Fuel Prices/use of card – look at prices with Toll Marine Logistics as well.
- RIBS –DCEO briefed members with an update.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Cr. J. Gela that the minutes of Council held 10-11 December 2014 be adopted as true and accurate.*

**Motion Carried**

**COUNCIL MEETING CLOSE**

**Item 7**      **MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, 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**

***It was noted that Council break for Lunch 1.30pm – 2.35pm***

**MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT  
RESOLUTION (CONT'D)**

**Item 7.1 FREEHOLD PROPOSAL**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Moved Cr. Akee*, that the Trustee resolve to provide its 'in principle' written support to the State making available, by way of Act of Parliament, individual freehold for grant in remote Indigenous Communities in the Torres Strait ("the Freehold Proposal"), subject to: -

1. the State providing appropriate financial resources and support to enable the Trustee to: -
  - a. consult with its beneficiaries in accordance with the requirements of the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) and Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld); and
  - b. undertake necessary Survey work, prepare Freehold Schedules and ancillary contractual documentation, navigate and negotiate the Freehold Pathway and undertake all tasks of and incidental to effecting the Freehold Proposal.
2. the State providing sufficient legislative flexibility in the Freehold Proposal to give the Trustee sole discretion as to its Freehold Schedule, following consultation with its beneficiaries, that is providing no preconceived statutory impediment to a Trustee declaring, for example: -
  - a. extent of land to be made available for individual freehold;
  - b. categories of persons and/or entities eligible for a initial grant and/or subsequent transfer of individual freehold; or
  - c. purchase price.

**Motion Carried**

**RESUME ORDINARY MEETING**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Baira, Seconded Cr. Nai* that the Ordinary meeting be resumed.

**Motion Carried**



## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### ▪ ***Complaint of Cr Fell***

- Cr. Fell requested that this discussion be noted for the record of an incident that happened during the Sea Claim Meeting held in January 2014 of which a disgruntled member of the PBC requested a motion on the floor and had our TSIRC's CLO dismissed from the meeting by a majority vote.
- It was noted that Cr. Fell left the meeting voluntarily with the CLO as he and the CLO was invited as TSIRC Representatives to the meeting by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)
- It was also noted that the incident has been documented by the CLO.

*Deferred for further discussions after General Business and formal resolution of proposed course of action by Council.*

### ▪ ***Hosting of Council Meeting on Communities***

- For other communities to note that key Council staff such as DEO and DM must be on ground in the Community during Council Ordinary meeting to ensure that due to lack of communication and organising of Council Ordinary Meeting in the Communities.

#### **Action:**

1. *DCEO to ensure that key staff such as DEO and DM is on ground in their Community during preparation of Council Ordinary Meeting.*
2. *DCEO to provide to Councillors a list of all Managers/DEOS etc in their Community for their information.*

***It was noted that Council break for Afternoon tea 3.30pm-3.50pm***

**Item 10**  
**3.50pm**

## **CLOSED BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Gaiden 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**

**4.30pm** It was noted that during the discussions on Litigation staff with the exception of the CLO and DCEO was asked to leave the room

**5.53pm** **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**Item 10.1** **PARTIAL REVOCATION OF SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAW 7 (LL7)**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Nai, *Seconded* Cr. Akee that Council resolve to retain LL7 and SLL7 “as is” and amend Council Divisional signage to comply with Ministerial Partial Revocation of 18 October 2013 and consider alternate informal means of obtaining compliance of target groups (ie. Memorandum of Understanding etc).

**Motion Carried**

**Against:** Cr. Kris

**Item 10.2** **LATE CLOSED BUSINESS REPORT**

**TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HAMMOND ISLAND ROADS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Kris, *Seconded* Cr. Gaiden that Council award the Contract for Hammond Island Roads to Torres Strait Island Homes (TSIHs) subject to:

1. *A financial check of TSIH*
2. *Finalisation of outstanding technical issues*
3. *Finalisation of outstanding measurement issues*
4. *Reference Check*

**Motion Carried**

**5.55pm** **MEETING CLOSED FOR DAY**

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr. Fell

**WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014**

**Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island  
Cr. Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr. Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr. Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa 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, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO)  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)\*  
Mr Gary Pemberton, Chief Finance Officer  
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer (CLO)  
Ms Katherine Wiggins, Senior Executive Support Officer (SESO)  
Ms Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary (ES)

**9.10am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Fell

**Apologies:** Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
No Rep - Warraber Island  
Mr John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Mr Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)  
Mr David Abednego, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer (EO)

**9.10am** **CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Lui, *Seconded* Cr Fell 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**

**10.30am**      **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

*It was noted that Council break for Morning tea 10.30am-11.00am.*

*It was noted at this time that Inspector Lacey, Torres Strait Patrol Group, Queensland Police Northern Region conveyed his apology due to the weather, could not travel to Yam.*

**Item 12**      **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Boigu**
  - Cr. Toby raised the following issues that he requests Admin Staff to follow up on:
    - Parks and Gardens – need to look at clean up around the Community.  
**Action Item:** EMES to follow up
    - Zar Zar – CLO to visit Boigu to discuss this issue with the Community members as they are aware of the Local Law on the Zar Zar issue but still needs visit by CLO to explain further.  
**Action Item:** Request for CLO to visit Boigu
    - Environment Health Worker (EHW )  
**Action Item:** Ewan Guan (Environment & Health) to visit his community and work closely with the EHW on ground.
    - TAGAI School  
**Action Item:** invitation to TAGAI School representatives to do a presentation to Council Meeting.
    - Movement of Staff and Approval of Leave  
**Action Item:** requests Information on who approves movement and approval of leave of staff on Ground off the Community.
    - Councillor's access to use of Divisional Office when visiting other Communities
      - Noted that when Councillors visits other communities to liaise with the Councillor or Divisional Manager of that particular community in accessing the use of admin office.

- Noise Level in Communities  
**Action item:** Request Workplace Health and Safety to visit his community to discuss and put something in place with regards to level of noise in his community.
- Issuing of Alcohol Permit - still have issues with this do not want be responsible person in sign alcohol permits.  
**Action Item:** Requested Administration Staff to look at providing other options.

**Item 14**

**PRESENTATION - MY PATHWAY**

Presentation by Mr Paul Francis, Mr. Patrick Mau, Ms Michelle Cochran

- Two papers presented to full Council:
  1. Remote Job Community Plan - My Pathway Community Action Plan (CAP) for Torres Strait Region
  2. ISD Initiatives to link to CAP priorities for the Torres Strait.
- It was noted that the endorsement principal is due by mid next week.

***It was noted that Council break for Lunch 12.40pm – 1.30pm***

**1.30pm**

**CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Baira , Seconded Cr. Stephen 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**

**1.35pm**      *Staff with the exception of the DCEO and CLO, were requested to leave the meeting room.*

**2.50pm**      All staff re-enter the meeting room

**2.50pm**      **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

### **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Fell, *Seconded* Cr Kris that Council resolve to make a Statement affirming its commitment to Confidentiality and maintain Legal Profession Privilege protections attaching to closed business discussions including but not limited to those of 18 and 19 February 2014 and that Council expressly condemn any unauthorised disclosure outside closed business and authorise all investigations and/or action necessary to resolve alleged breaches in accordance with statutory requirements.

**Motion Carried**

#### **CENSURE**

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Fell, *Seconded* Cr. Sabatino, On verbal complaint of Deputy Mayor, Cr Keith Fell, at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 February 2014, that Council resolve to formally censure Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and TSRA Member for Ugar, Mr Jerry Dixie Stephen Jnr, for the conduct complained of, and that Council make formal written Complaint to appropriate person(s) and / or entity(ies) and / or take any other appropriate action reasonably available to it.

**Motion Carried**

### **Item 12**      **GENERAL BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

- **Badu**
    - Tagai Zubugal (Under 15 Torres Strait Rugby League Team)
      - Tabled letter to Council for sponsorship to assist financially for the Under 15 Torres Strait Rugby League Team - Tagai Zubugal, to participate in the Murri Carnival.
      - The team consists of players from within the TSIRC Communities.
- Action Item:** *DCEO to provide report to be included at next Council Meeting Agenda.*

- Badu DOGIT Transfer Ceremony
  - Cr Baira expressed his Thanks to all Councillors for their support and contributions and their attendance in making the ceremony a successful one during that time.
  - Special Thanks mentioned also to the CEO and CLO for their assistance.
- Ugar
  - Cr Stephen queried on the latest project developments with the landslide.
  - Cr Stephen noted the ongoing issues with telecommunications
- Mayor gave update on the Star of the Sea Homes on Thursday Island.
  - Very much rundown and is hazardous for families residing there.
  - There needs to be significant investment into SOS to be upgraded.
  - New building in a new site but must create an environment for the elderly to have that feeling that it is home away from home.
  - Should look at having aged care homes in communities so that families could visit their elderly on ground in the communities.

**3.30pm** *At this time Cr Baira, Cr. Kris and Cr. Sabatino left the meeting for the Airstrip.*

**3.31pm** *Mayor advised will be leaving to attend to Deputation appointments along with DCEO and requested Deputy Mayor to Chair the Meeting.*

**3.32pm** Deputy Mayor, Cr. Fell presiding as Chair.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS (CON'T)**

#### **Cr Lui**

##### **Action Item:**

- Council to plan for the impact of Young people transiting to Year 7 at High School 2015?
- Council to provide input into Joint Parliamentary Committee on Northern Australia Consultation.

#### **Boigu – Cr. Toby**

- Public Toilet facilities in Communities, DAFF may be able to assist with funding
- Airport Fencing - missed out on funding round.
- Lagoon Fencing – not satisfied with it.

**Action Item:** *EMES to work closely with Cr. Toby on the toilet facilities, Airport fencing and lagoon fencing.*

**Erub - Cr. J, Gela**

- Noted that Contractors are only removing the asbestos in public housing; there is a need for it to also be removed from private housing and other facilities, such as churches.  
**Action Item:** Deputy Mayor to discuss with DCEO to follow up on the issue.
- Grass needs cutting at the accommodation facilities, it has not been cut for six months since the whipper snipper went missing.  
**Action Item:** EMES to follow up
- The water truck is 11 years old and not to standard. Could EMCS add to the wish list  
**Action Item:** EMES to follow up the issue with EMCS.
- Residence Lot 146 – concerns of a home patient living there and is carried down the drive way to visit the health centre because of the bad state of drive way leading up to the house. Needs to have it done up for that resident.  
**Action Item:** EMES to follow up this up with Building Manager to have it done
- Recruitment Application Process
  - Community concerns that the recently recruited HLO is not an Erub local.
  - Application process took a long time, and the first advertisement was taken down resulting in locals getting frustrated and not applying to the second advertisement. Some locals were not able to apply as they did not have the required qualifications,.
  - Cr Gela enquired if in the future on the job training could be provided instead to help with locals being able to apply.**Action Item:** Deputy Mayor to take the matter up with DCEO to follow up and respond to Cr. Gela.
- Blue Phone – the receptionists are not always polite or considerate, and do not seem to understand that English maybe a second language. Also enquiring if we are going to develop a leaflet on “What to expect when using the blue phone”, for the community.  
**Action Item:** DCEO to liaise with Department to note concerns and request that the receptionists are trained in cultural competency.
- Rubbish Tip  
This year is the last year for the current rubbish tip site, needs update on what’s happening with the allocation of the new tip site  
**Action Item:** CLO to work closely with EMES to work out the appropriate site and liaise with the PBC. Regulator visiting in March and EMES will take its recommendations with respect to proposed site.



**Ugar - Cr. Stephen.**

- Community raised concerns that certain parts of the community is not cleaned with shrubs growing thick, needs clearing, trimming etc.

**Action Item:** EMES to follow up.

**Yorke - Cr. Nai**

- Information on scheduled plan of removal of Asbestos

**Action Item:** EMES to take the matter up with the Building Team Manager to email information to Councillors.

- Cr. Nai raised concerns of boating and safety during travel between Communities – suggested Letter of Support from Councillors in promoting awareness on Boating & Safety. Cr. Nai requires VMR Letter of support.

**Action Item:** Deputy Mayor liaise with DCEO in requested that this discussion be on the agenda for next Council meeting in March.

**Mer - Cr. Akee**

- Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Strategy (RIBS)

- Requested information on how soon RBS could be invested into Community at Mer.

**Action item:** Deputy Mayor to take up the issue with the DCEO to follow up.

- Mer Airstrip

- Noted that no funding available – it was withdrawn by National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement ( NDRRA. )

- Requested update on progress needed.

- Raised the idea of a temporary waiting shed to be provided to My Pathways as a potential project.

**Action Item:** EMES to follow up.

**Erub Sports Stadium - Cr. J. Gela**

- Needs to be upgraded before the July Council Ordinary Meeting at Erub.

**Action Item :** EMES to take up the issue with the DCEO to follow up and liaise with the Building Team Manager.

**Capital Works Prioritisation List**

- Councillors requested an update on what happened as a result of the project prioritising and whether work can start to go ahead for the top rated projects.

**Action Item:** SESO to follow up and email updated list to Councillors.

**Port Kennedy Associated Incorporated Social Services Regional Hub Planning Workshop.**

- Letter tabled regarding a two (2) day workshop to be hosted by Port Kennedy Association to develop a business case for the establishment of a Torres Strait Regional Service Hub

**Action Item:** Deputy Mayor to discuss further with the Mayor.

**Funding – Urab & Zogo Tudi Dancers**

- Letter tabled regarding Cr. Mosby's request seeking additional funding assistance from Council of \$2,200.00 to assist with an additional charter for Urab & Zogo Dances attending the Clancestry Festival in Brisbane.
- The additional charter with Observair was brought on due to weight load with Cape Air Transport and scheduled to depart on Wednesday 19 February 2014.

**Action item:** *Deputy Mayor to discuss further with the Mayor and DCEO.*

4.40pm

**COUNCIL MEETING CLOSE**

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