



**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER –WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9.22am – 3.37pm, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9.00am – 5.00pm at the Stadium, Boigu Island.

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**Present:** Cr Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan 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  
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 – 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 Chris McLaughlin, A/Executive Manager Corporate Services (A/EMCS)  
Ms Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)  
Ms Julia Maurus, Legal Officer

**Apologies:** Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

**9.22 am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr Gaidan

**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**

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

**CR TOBY'S WELCOME**

Cr Toby welcomed everyone to Boigu and outlined housekeeping rules for the next two days' meetings.

Cr Enosa entered the meeting at 9.27am.

**ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS' ABSENCE**

**APOLOGIES NOTED**

**CR KEITH FELL**

Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island

Reason: Application in advance – family commitments (hosting in his community).

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Nai, that Council accept the apology from Cr Fell for his absence at this meeting.

**Motion carried**

It was noted that Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island was delayed in transit and would join the meeting later today

**AGENDA CHANGES**

CEO noted that Item 11.2 "Kubin Application" had been withdrawn from the Agenda and Item 16 "Annual Report" will be presented at the November 2014 meeting.

CEO also stated that Kenny Bedford, TSRA, would now be presenting at the November 2014 meeting regarding the Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA).

**Item 3**            **BUSINESS ARISING AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Matters raised for discussion and follow up as part of Action Item Summary agenda item.

**Item 3.1.**        **ACTION ITEM SUMMARY – PREVIOUS MEETING**

Previous Action Item 11 (September meeting): Horse program

CEO advised that the current month's Environmental Health Information Report provides information on the horse program.

Previous Action Item 18 (September meeting): TSRA co-contribution

Cr G Lui enquired regarding co-contribution funding.

CEO advised letter has been sent to TSRA chair seeking co-contribution of \$750,000. TSRA has received this letter and is in the process of sending back a response.

Mayor advised that future TSRA funding of \$1.7m (for Engineering) is uncertain.

Previous Action Item 3 (September meeting): Housing

Cr Bosun enquired about housing plans.

CEO advised she is following-up with the building department to get the plans through. Due to annual leave in the building department the, expected date of receipt is mid-November 2014.

Previous Action Item 2 (September meeting): Wireless EFTPOS

Cr Toby requested an update on Action Item 2 from September 2014 meeting "Boigu EFTPOS". CEO advised that WIFI had been tested in Boigu in the last day but it had not resolved the situation. Further investigations will Telstra will continue.

Cr G Lui requested that the minutes should state whether Cr W Lui or Cr G Lui has been referred to.

**ACTION ITEM 1: Ensure minutes state whether Cr W Lui or Cr G Lui has been referred to.**

Previous Action Item 39 (September meeting): Erub landfill

Cr Baira requested an update.

A/EMCS advised he met with EMES, Principal Engineer – Divisional Operations and the Department of Heritage Protection regarding the process for Development Approval. A meeting has been proposed for November 2014.

Previous Action Item (various): Asbestos program

Cr J Gela requested an update on the asbestos project.

CEO advised that the testing has been done and the results of the program were sent out in a report. Not all houses were checked (sometimes access was not possible). Report is going to Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW). There is an intention to advocate for funding to deal with asbestos found.

Previous Action Item 9 (September meeting: Sewerage Treatment Plant / Confined spaces

Cr G Lui requested an update.

CEO advised a safe working practice reminder has been sent out to staff who are working in a confined space (supervision, check for gas, etc.).

Mayor noted the Engineering Officer concern raised at Masig.

CEO referred to page 6 in Action Item Summary – action item no. 9 safety equipment – the equipment has been provided and extra instructions have been provided. Monitoring will also be undertaken by the Manager Safety and Training.

Cr Nai noted that staff need to be fully equipped to deal with the risks.

Mayor stated that gas detectors will need to be provided.

Cr Sabatino stated that the personal gas detectors would not have to be as expensive or comprehensive as the ones currently held at the TI office, simpler versions could be purchased.

**Action Item 2: A/EMCS and MPA to follow up with EMES on confined spaces safe working practices.**

Previous Action Item (various): Capital Works Program

Cr J Gela raised the Erub stadium and noted that some works have been completed but it needs to be finalised.

CEO advised Masig and lama costings are being finalised. Target will always be the approved Capital Works Program for this financial year. The stadiums are prioritised major projects for the TSRA funding of \$500,000 and any co-contribution would be also considered in delivery of the approved Capital Works Program which includes the Dauan ferry.

**Item 3.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

[As above]

**Item 3.3.**      **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr J Gela, Seconded Cr Akee, that the minutes of Council meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be adopted as true and accurate.

Editing note raised by Cr G Lui – Minutes need to clearly identify Cr W Lui and Cr G Lui.

**Motion carried**

**Item 4**            **Christmas Shutdown**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Nai that Council endorse the closure of all Council offices for Christmas shutdown from noon on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and reopening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for normal operating hours.

**Motion carried**

**Item 5**            **NPARIH – section 24JAA**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr J Gela that:

Council resolve to endorse the use of section 24JAA of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) for validation for Native Title with respect to the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), subject to use at Councillor discretion by Division upon written advice to the CEO.

**Motion carried**

**Item 10**          **Poruma Cover – Capital Works Request**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Sabatino, Seconded by Cr Stephen, that Council resolve to amend the approved Capital Works Budget to allow an additional \$15,000 to address Hazard ID#229 (Poruma Island Mechanics Shed).

**Motion carried**

**Item 6**      **PRESENTATION – Inspector David Lacey**

Inspector David Lacey provided a presentation to update Council on current QPS activities in the region. Inspector Lacey noted:

The Torres Strait Police Support Officer (TSIPSO) position in Hammond will shortly be vacant.

Any performance issues with TSIPSOs should be reported and would be dealt with through training or a review of the incumbent.

Cr Baira noted that issues had been reported to him in relation to police personnel handling of a suspected unregistered vehicle. Cr G Lui noted concerns with police personnel reportedly taking photos of traditional hunting and queried reason for this. Inspector Lacey stated that it was a public right to take photos.

Cr G Lui additionally stated concerns with police personnel's handling of a matter during a recent wedding ceremony.

Other matters raised in relation to TSIPSO's and policing included:

- Alleged driving under the influence and sly grogging;
- Out of hours social behaviours of TSIPSO's and impacts on their professional image in community;
- Concessional registration process – assistance requested from QPS to help educate community members

**It was noted that Cr Toby left the room at 11.12am during item 6 and returned at 11.22am.**

**It was noted that Cr Sabatino left the room briefly during item 6 and returned at 11.51am.**

**It was noted that Cr Nai left the room during item 6 at 11.51am and returned at 11.54am.**

Cr Nai stated that it was vital for Council, the QPS and TSIPSOs to work together to collectively enhance the education and support of communities to reduce offending rates.

**Action Item 3: MPA to coordinate correspondence to Inspector Lacey (with possible follow-up with the QPS and the Attorney General) in regards to:**

- **Incorrect removal of numberplates resulting in damage.**
- **Community members being photographed by QPS officials**
- **That it is not culturally appropriate, nor beneficial to community relations, to approach community members at significant events for questioning – where it could be conducted more privately and respectfully.**
- **The need to reduce offending rates through culturally responsive education and support of communities.**

**Action Item 4: MPA to coordinate correspondence to Indigenous Drivers' Licensing Unit (cc'ing QPS) to encourage more visits to communities and seeking QPS and Unit work in collaboration to reduce the need for fining.**

**It was noted that Council broke for morning tea 11.58am – 12.15pm.**

**Item 7            BUSINESS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORTS**

**HAMMOND ISLAND COUNCIL OFFICE LOAN**

A definitive response is required from QTC so that Council can consider other options as suggested by Cr Sabatino eg. banks.

CEO advised we are awaiting the update from QBC.

**DIGITAL TV INSTALLATION**

A/EMCS advised digital installation is going out to tender.

Discussion regarding Skybridge. Cr G Lui raised a question regarding warranty.

CEO advised that Council staff are working to identify all properties which require digital TV and also looking at clarifying warranty arrangements for digital TV.

**It was noted that Cr W Lui joined the meeting at 12.22pm.**

**Item 8            Michael Anderson, Sales Manager, Advantage Sports & Leisure – Court Resurfacing**

Mr Anderson provided a presentation on the resurfacing of court.

Mr Anderson noted that funding could be applied for through the Casino and Gaming Grants, and Government Sport and Recreation.

Mr Anderson stated that Advantage Sports & Leisure can be accessed through Local Buy, and that the local workforce could be utilised to install resurfacing.

Council will consider proposal in line with current capital works.

**Action Item 5: MPA to work with Special Projects Officer Grants to identify if Council are eligible for grants to fund Court Resurfacing.**

**Item 7            BUSINESS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Housing team**

Cr Sabatino requested update on Housing team.

CEO advised that applications had been received and HR and Housing Team are working through the interview process. The Housing Team are looking at two-year positions and secondments and training requirements, and compliance with Council policies and procedures when working on housing matters in the communities.



Digital TV installation

Cr Baira sought clarification regarding digital TV installation and servicing options for community members.

Divestment of Erub freezer

Cr J Gela requested a status update on the Erub freezer divestment.

CEO advised that Council has been working closely with the Erub Fisheries Managing Association (EFMA) regarding grants for fisheries and freezer. The intention has been to divest the freezer to EFMA.

Cr J Gela queried revenue from the freezer.

CEO advised that Council is reporting to EFMA on this and a copy of the report can be made available to Cr J Gela.

CEO noted that in many cases divestment has been approved, but Council is still running them. It is important to set a timeframe for when the applicant can take over operations.

**Item 11**      **Community Grants**

**Item 11.1**      **Argun Warriors Rugby League Football Club**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Baira, Seconded Cr Enosa, that Council agree to provide Community Grants support to the requested amount of \$1,500 available in accordance with the Community Grants policy, to Argun Warriors Rugby League Football Club, for the purposes of NPA Cup 2014 attendance.

**Motion carried**

**Item 11.2**      **Kubin application**

Mayor noted, and Cr Bosun confirmed, that the application was withdrawn.

**It was noted that Council break for Lunch 1.21pm – 2.35pm.**

It was noted that Cr Kris was absent from the rest of the meeting due to illness.

**Item 9**      **General Business**

Seawalls design

Cr Mosby queried the seawalls design plans.

A/EMCS advised that the Development Approval was lodged with RPS about six weeks ago and has gone to all relevant State agencies. The Plans are complete and have been forwarded as part of the Development Approval application. A/EMCS can provide a copy of the plans to Cr Mosby. The Native Title requirements are well progressed. Sand bags have been dispatched in anticipation of king tide in December.

Mayor advised that the designs are still with the Peer Review Committee.

Cr Akee queried short term sandbagging for inundation prone housing at Mer.

**Action item 6: EMES to keep Cr Akee informed regarding sandbagging at Mer.**

Tuberculosis (TB)

Cr G Lui advised that he was unaware of the TB cluster in Iama until it was reported in the media (this month). Cr G Lui expressed concern for his community members where a health threat was unknown or merely suspected. Queensland Health at Iama has verbally advised Cr G Lui, through staff on ground, that reported threat is incorrect. No formal confirmation from Queensland Health management has been received

Mayor stated statistical reporting previously provided to Council should be re-circulated. The number of TB cases in Papua New Guinea has increased but the number of deaths has decreased. Community education workshops and screening programs are important (Boigu, Saibai and other communities).

**Action Item 7: MPA to liaise with Queensland health to obtain current statistics on TB presence in the Torres Strait and action plan to curb the spread of the disease.**

Water tanks at Boigu

Cr Toby indicated tanks (marked with X on the side of the tank) and asked if they can be shipped out to other communities.

Fencing of lagoon at Boigu

Cr Toby advised that the lagoon remains unfenced and requires fencing.

Boigu assets

Cr Toby flagged certain assets for A/EMCS to review as to disposal or relocation.

Agenda Papers and Reports closing date

Cr Baira requested that closing date for agenda papers be advertised on the website in addition to the meeting dates.

**Action Item 8: CEO to include the deadlines for Agenda Items to be placed on meeting notices.**

TSRA rangers

Query from Cr Baira in relation to authorised persons.

A/EMCS advised that Rangers do not currently have powers. It would be useful to have more Authorised Persons and Council would be responsible for these Authorised Persons. An arrangement could be made with TSRA but this would require a risk analysis.

Cr G Lui suggested extending of Rangers' powers to include compliance powers so that their role can be extended beyond monitoring seagrass.

Funding

Cr Baira queried whether community organisations can utilise the support of the Special Projects Officer – Grants in preparing community grant applications.

CEO advised that the support of the Special Projects Officer – Grants depends on the grant applications pending at the time. Support may also be available from other staff members, depending on the particular grant application proposed.

IBIS

Cr Toby asked for a status update on IBIS.

Mayor flagged this matter for separate discussion..

TSRA Economic Development Summit

Cr Baira raised issue with the date of the TSRA Economic Development Summit.

Mayor noted looking at options to ensure TSIRC is represented, and noted that the 6th November 2014 is still unsuitable.

Development of Freehold Schedule

Cr Sabatino suggested running development of freehold schedule during the meeting in December 2014.

Maritime fees

Cr Sabatino requested clarification as to whether TIB licence holders vessels are commercial vessels and should be subject to maritime fees.

**Action Item 9: A/EMCS to advise if TIB licence holder vessels are commercial vessels and should be subject to maritime fees.**

Dedicated out of hours faults hotline

Cr Sabatino stated that setting up a hotline would take the pressure off Councillors and staff members.

Traffic Management Plans

Cr Sabatino requested that a draft Plan be circulated and noted budgetary issues. Road verges require attention.

**Action Item 10: EMES to circulate draft Traffic Management plans to Councillors**

DOGIT transfer schedule

Cr Mosby referred to previous meeting resolution on DOGIT transfer priority communities and requested an update from the A/EMCS on the steps that a community needs to go through, progress of surveying, etc.

A/EMCS advised that Council sent an invitation to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) to attend a meeting at Poruma regarding the DOGIT transfer. A/EMCS noted that there is confusion about lot numbers due to discrepancies between Council community plans, the State's plans and the surveys currently being undertaken.

**Batching Plant – Iama**

Cr G Lui requested investigation of whether unused batching plant on Iama can be disposed of.

**Action Item 11: A/EMCS to investigate options for unused batching plant on Iama.**

**Powercard shortage**

Cr G Lui queried the reason for Powercard shortages.

CEO noted the higher number of visitors in each community recently. It is for Divisional Managers to order Powercards to keep up with supply. Around Christmas time Powercard shortages also tend to happen. Council staff will need to look into the procedure.

**Action Item 12: Executive Officer to review Powercard procedures to minimise future stock outs.**

Dumping of cars

Cr Akee raised the issue of how to deal with dumped cars.

A/EMCS noted that this question was raised two meetings ago and an advice has been prepared. There are options to address this issue through local laws but this may be politically unpalatable as it may curb car enthusiasts to repair cars at their leisure.

Cr Toby noted the number of cars at the Boigu dump.

Mayor recalled LGAQ assessed funding requirement to remove whitegoods and car bodies from TSIRC and Torres Shire Council area. Council secured \$1m but this was not enough to cover the costs. The Mayor also raised the possibility of purchasing a “big red” (car crusher) through a joint local government arrangement, to be moved from community to community for car-crushing as required. Councillors viewed the YouTube video “Hammel 950 big red car shredder car w/o engine” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DMATmBzVbw>).

Cr Bosun queried whether the crushed car parts were recyclable.

Cr G Lui confirmed that TSRA funding of \$1.1m was carried over and is available.

Mayor flagged this issue for December meeting and noted that the funding will have an expiry date and will be moved on if unused.

CEO advised that if this funding cannot be used for this purpose then Council can apply for a variation for that funding arrangement.

**Action Item 13: CEO, EMES and A/EMCS to investigate car waste management options.**

**Council Meeting Close for Day 1**

**3.37pm Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Mosby.**

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**Present:** Cr Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan 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  
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 – 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 Chris McLaughlin, A/Executive Manager Corporate Services (A/EMCSMs Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)  
Ms Julia Maurus, Legal Officer

**Apologies:** Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island  
Mr Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

**9.22am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr Enosa

**Item 13**      **CORPORATE PLAN**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved by Cr Bosun, Seconded by Cr Akee that Council resolve pursuant to section 165(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), to adopt its Five-Year Corporate Plan, as presented.

**Motion carried**

**Action Item 14: CEO to provide regular report via website of tracking against Corporate Plan delivery**

**Item 14**      **BUSINESS ARISING FROM INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Cultural Festival**

Cr Sabatino requested an update.

MPA advised that the position of Community Engagement and Media Officer has been recruited to and Bianca Barling commenced in this position on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

MPA advised that the Community Engagement and Media Officer has practical experience in organising community festivals. Mario Soki (Special Projects Officer) is also assisting with this project.

Mayor noted the importance of having a community engagement officer who understands Torres Strait Islander culture and unique community identities.

Cr Sabatino noted that we are bringing the Cultural Festival back to the islands; it should not be held at Thursday Island. Mayor referred to previous Council discussion regarding the Cultural Festival being held at Badu in September / October 2015.

MPA stated that a Cultural Festival Working Party would be established with the Inaugural meeting to occur the next few weeks and that it would be the role of the working party to work through these ideas and challenges. MPA stated that it would be beneficial to have Councillors sitting on the Cultural Festival working party.

Mayor suggested the Councillor representation on the Working Party will be by cluster, as follows, with the Mayor also sitting in the working party:

- Eastern Island representative: Cr Stephen
- Western Island representative: Cr Baira
- Top-western Island representative: Cr Toby
- Inner Islands representative: Cr Sabatino
- Central Islands representative: Cr Mosby

CEO advised time will be set aside as part of the Councillor workshop meeting in Cairns to discuss the Cultural Festival.

### Regional Health

Cr G Lui asked for an update on dog management.

CEO referred to the Domestic Animal Management Plan, which is being developed. Local laws will be discussed at the Cairns workshop. Once the Plan is in place, it will be every Environmental Health Worker's responsibility to implement it.

### Rainwater (tank water)

Cr Baira raised a query in relation to rainwater tanks program.

CEO said the Department has identified which rainwater tanks need to be replaced from a public safety point of view, but although this is the Department's responsibility, the replacement is subject to funding.

### Building Team Terms of Reference

Cr G Lui requested an update.

CEO said this would be discussed at the Cairns workshop.

**It was noted that Council broke for morning tea 10.18am – 10.35am.**

### **Item 15      My Pathway, Patrick Mau, Acting Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) Regional Manager, and Rita Kebisu, My Pathways**

Cr Sabatino expressed concern that My Pathway clients are not attending to work on projects, and the lack of enforcement.

Cr G Lui asked what practical results have been achieved. Patrick Mau advised that activities are taking place but as far as what has been delivered 'that you can see and touch' there have not been any results to date.

Mayor noted Councillors' concern that they have not been privy to My Pathways activity plans for their respective communities. Council's Corporate Plan has outcomes and budget items which can be aligned with My Pathway priorities. Results and priorities can be discussed on a community-by-community basis.

Cr Nai asked how many clients My Pathways has in the region. Patrick Mau advised that the current case load is 832 (this excludes Thursday Island), with attendance of 419.

Cr Nai questioned how many My Pathways clients move from the program onto real jobs. Patrick Mau said there have been some clients who have obtained employment in the region but everyone wants it to be more.

Cr Baira enquired regarding duration of placements.

Cr Stephen requested to not put Ugar under the umbrella of another community (i.e. Darnley).

Cr Kris enquired regarding eligibility.



Cr Sabatino enquired about training current employees where the My Pathways program has capacity.

Cr Baira highlighted the importance of direct engagement.

Rita Kebisu advised that the program is seeking to overcome the “one week on, one week off” mentality of community development programs, to emphasise that the workers are expected to attend every day.

Cr Toby enquired regarding community events as community projects. Patrick Mau advised regarding weekly work hours for placements.

Mayor noted Council’s responsibility to provide Indigenous employment opportunities as part of seawalls projects, and that Council aims to exceed the mandatory requirement. Concerns were also raised in relation to the removal of participants due to reported breaches of the Remote Staffing Solutions (RSS) program conditions.

Mayor also stated that My Pathway offices for the Torres Strait region need to be based in the region, not in Cairns, otherwise the program will not work.

Patrick Mau introduced Gwion Cain to present on the Mensheds Indigenous Shed Framework (MISF). The MISF is a framework and set of resources to guide Indigenous men’s own ideas, projects and community leadership. It provides structure, support, mentoring, guidance and access to the Mensheds Australia Ltd network of partners and supporters Australia wide.

Mr Cain explained that funding is sought to trial the program in two clusters:

- Thursday Island; Hammond; and Horn
- St Pauls and Kubin at Moa; Badu; and Mabuia

Cr Toby sought clarification that the MISF program is separate from My Pathways. Mr Cain explained that the projects are completely separate from My Pathway and are not controlled by MSA. MSA does not dictate community needs; the Menshed does.

Cr Sabatino asked whether sheds are provided as part of the program. Mr Cain clarified that in other communities, sheds had been provided by Council or another local entity.

Mr Cain explained the aim is that after five years each Menshed is sustainable: incorporated, with its own board and controlling its own finances.

Cr Bosun questioned the structure and management of projects. Mr Cain advised that there will be an on-the-ground supervisor and coordinator (independent from My Pathway). These positions will be recruited within the community but have not yet been advertised.

Cr Bosun asked what the age minimum is to participate in the Menshed. Mr Cain advised that at this stage 16 years old has been identified as the minimum age.

**Action item 15: MPA to work with Mr Cain, MISF, to distribute Menshed sign-up sheet to Councillors.**

It was noted that Cr Mosby left the room at 11.03am during the My Pathways presentation and returned at 11.46am.

It was noted that Cr Enosa left the room at 11.01am during the My Pathways presentation and returned at 11.36am.

It was noted that Cr G Lui Jnr left the room at 11.50am during the Mensheds presentation and returned at 11.54am.

It was noted that Cr Nai left the room briefly during the Mensheds presentation and returned at 12.06pm.

**Item 16**      **ANNUAL REPORT**

Mayor advised that the Annual Report has been held back to the November 2014 meeting.

CEO advised that the financials are currently with the Queensland Audit Office.

**Item 17**      **Enterprise Bargaining Agreement**

Cr G Lui expressed a preference that Single Bargaining Unit (“SBU”) be conducted in the Torres Strait, as a more inclusive option, rather than in Cairns.

Mayor noted that based on the exposure draft there are wage increases for almost all conditions. Mayor expressed a preference that the first SBU be held in Cairns, to enable convenient attendance by the unions.

Cr Kris queried funding for wages.

CEO advised that funding for wages comes from multiple sources (State and Federal funding, and Council revenue). We make assumptions based on the information that we currently have.

Mayor raised the issue of Council revenue and how the wage increase will be funded. Mayor sought clarification that the Certification Agreement is merely a basis for negotiation. A/EMCS confirmed.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr G Lui , Seconded Cr Kris, that Council resolve to endorse the Certified Agreement Proposal dated 10 October 2014, as presented, to replace the Certified Agreement strategy endorsed at the May 2013 Ordinary Meeting.

**Motion carried**

**Action Item 16: Letter to be sent to TSRA requesting Mayor’s attendance at the next Board meeting to discuss funding and other matters.**

It was noted that Cr Sabatino left the room at 12.35pm and was not present for the resolution.

It was noted that Council broke for lunch 12.46pm – 2.12pm.

**Item 18**      **Boigu Development Application**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Toby, Seconded Cr Baira that Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings:

<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
SP267922	Plan of Leases AA - AH	4/3/2014

2. This approval is valid for two (2) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.
3. The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing any necessary services to the proposed lease areas.

**Motion carried**

**2.16pm General business**

Phone lines, computer

Cr W Lui raised issue of phone lines, computer connection and fuel. Mayor instructed A/EMCS to note this.

Waterfront areas

Cr Kris raised a policy issue regarding public access to waterfront areas, for discussion at next meeting (or Cairns workshop).

Barge mail service

Cr Stephen raised the issue of mail service and sought advice from the CEO.

Community Grant Application – Neguam Dance Team

**Action Item 17: CEO to follow up on grant application.**

Uniforms

**Action Item 18: CEO to follow up on polo shirts**

**Economic Development Summit**

Date: 6 November 2014

Mayor posed question of whether a delegation of three or four Councillors should be sent to the Economic Development Summit, and called for Councillors to self-nominate.

Delegates: Cr Sabatino, Cr Baira, Cr Nai, Cr Bosun

**Next meeting: 18 – 19 November 2014**

Scheduled to be held at Kubin. Cr Bosun to advise whether the meeting can take place at Kubin.

**Action item 19: CEO to seek suggestions for alternative meeting location.**

**Leave of absence applications in advance**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Nai that Council accept **Cr Kris'** absence from the November meeting.

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr J Gela, that Council accept **Cr Toby's** absence from the November meeting. (Business commitments)

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Nai, Cr Sabatino, that Council accept **Cr Stephen's** absence from the November meeting. (Cr Stephen is still awaiting his exam dates.)

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Baira, Seconded Cr Kris, that Council accept **Cr G Lui's** absence from the November meeting.

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Stephen, Seconded Cr Nai accept **Cr W Lui's** absence from the November meeting. (Graduation)

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Kris, that Council accept **Cr Bosun's** absence from the November meeting. (Graduation)

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Stephen, Seconded Cr J Gela, that Council accept **Cr Baira's** absence from the November meeting.

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Baira, Seconded Cr Enosa, that if the next meeting be moved to 25 – 26 November 2014, Council accept Mayor Gela's absence from the November meeting. (To attend son's 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Motion carried**

**It was noted that Cr G Lui and Cr Enosa returned from lunch at 2.28pm.**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Nai 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**

**2.51pm End of closed business.**

**Malu Lamar**

Cr J Gela declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 2.54pm.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Bosun, that Council resolve to write to Malu Lamar and TSRA Native Title Office advising of Council's position that Council is unable to recognise Malu Lamar as peak body for traditional sea management, as not endorsed appropriately for the Region.

**Motion carried**

Against Cr Mosby

Cr J Gela did not vote.

**Action Item 20: MPA to coordinate letter to Malu Lamar and Native Title Office regarding Council's position.**

Cr J Gela returned to the meeting.

**Meeting of Council as Trustee of Community DOGIT**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Baira Seconded Cr Enosa that in accordance with Section 83 of 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**

**3.09pm Council meeting Close**

**3.09pm Council meeting resume as Trustee**

**Item 19**      **Boigu Development Application**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr Toby, Seconded Cr Baira that pursuant to the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* (Qld), the Trustee grant a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas in part of Lot 4 on Crown Plan TS159, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely:-

<b>Plan/Document number</b>	<b>Plan/Document name</b>	<b>Date</b>
SP267922	Plan of Leases AA - AH	4/3/2014

**Motion Carried**

**3.10pm Meeting Close as Trustee**

Mayor thanked Cr Toby, families and staff for their hospitality during the Council Meeting.

**3.12pm Council Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Gaidan**