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JUNE 2021

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday 18th June 2021

Video Conference

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SPECIAL Meeting – 18th June 2021

PRESENT:

Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu (phone – Darwin)
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – KIRRIRI (phone)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – UGAR (Cairns)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Chief Engineer (ACE)
Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)
Ms Kathy Cochran, Secretariat Officer (SO)

APOLOGY:

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Torengo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub

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1. 10:00am – 10:05am Welcome and Opening Prayer

Cr Lui, Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting and informed he will Chair the meeting as the Mayor has given an apology, he is attending to another commitment.

Cr Lui invited Cr Fell to open the meeting in prayer.

2. 10:05am – 10:10am Apologies (Cr Tabuai, Cr Elisala)

Apologies received from the following Councillors;

- Cr Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan (other commitments)
- Cr Toby, Division 1 – Boigu (other commitments)
- Cr Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (other commitments)
- Cr Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (other commitments)
- Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (sorry business)
- Mayor Phillemon Mosby (other commitments)

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Noah

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Torenzo Elisala, Cr Dimas Toby, Cr Francis Pearson, Cr Kabay Tamu, Cr Jimmy Gela, and Cr Phillemon Mosby for their absence at this Special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. 10:10am – 10:20am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) Prescribed / Declarable

- Cr Tabuai declared a declarable conflict of interest in the application from Thugarr Warriors – Cr Tabuai is the Coach.

4. 10:20am – 11:55am Community Grants Applications

Applicant 1 – Urab Dart Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Tabuai

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

- Urab Dart Team for the eligible amount of \$1,819.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 2 – Thugerr Warriors RLFC

- COI - Cr Tabuai declared a declarable conflict of interest as he is the coach of the team. Council agree for Cr Tabuai to remain in the room for the discussion but not vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Fell

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Thugerr Warriors RLFC for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 3 – Dauan Community Group

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Noah

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Dauan Committee Group for the eligible amount of \$10,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 4 – Boeygu Ekalasiyaw Buway

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Trinkoon; Second: Cr Fell

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Boeygu Ekalasiyaw Buway for the eligible amount of \$7,320.94 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 5 – Gelam Youth Sports and Rec

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Trinkoon

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Gelam Youth Sports & Rec for the eligible amount of \$4,939.80 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 6 – Simon Naawi

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Mosby; *Second:* Cr Tabuai

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Simon Naawi for the eligible amount of \$1,547.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 7 – Saibai Stags

- COI – Chief Engineer, Mr Adeah Kabai declared a declarable conflict as he is a member of the Saibai Stags organising committee. Council allows Mr Adeah Kabai to remain in the room as he is not deciding or voting on the matter.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Nona

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Saibai Stags for the eligible amount of \$3,465.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 8 – TSI Anglican

Council had a robust discussion about the Community Grants Policy. Senior Legal Counsel provided legal advice to Council around the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Noah

Council resolves to delegate the matter to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to decide the application.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Council to review and have further discussion regarding the Community Grant Policy

Applicant 9 – Kigu Dance Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Noah

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Kigu Dance Team for the eligible amount of \$4,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application subject to confirmation by close of business on 25th June 2021 that the Zenadth Kes Festival is still happening.**

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Community Grants to get confirmation from the Festival committee of the Zenadth Kes Festival that the event is still proceeding by close of business Friday 25th June 2021.

Cr Hilda Mosby raised a point regarding a previous community grant application being granted and then the event got cancelled and the money was paid back to Council from the supplier and Cr Mosby was not notified of this process. Suggested the process be amended to include keeping the Councillor informed if the money is refunded back into the community grants total and provide the reason.

ACTION: Chief Financial Officer to take on notice and have the discussions with the Community Grants Team and Cr Mosby to have the process changed to include notifying the Councillor of any changes to funds be refunded etc.

Applicant 10 – Besi Darts Team

- COI - Cr Fell declared a prescribed conflict of interest as he is a member of the Besi Darts Team. Cr Fell left the room at 11:13am.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; Second: Cr Mosby

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Besi Darts Team for the eligible amount of \$2,916.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

11:15am - Cr Fell back in the room

Applicant 11 – St Mary’s Church

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; Second: Cr Noah

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **St Mary's Church for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 12 – Sania Whap

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; Second: Cr Tabuai

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Sania Whap for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 13 – Bau Au Stingers Womens Rugby League Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Trinkoon; *Second:* Cr Nona

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Bau Au Stingers Womens Rugby League Team for the eligible amount of \$4,700.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 14 – Goemu Bau Raiders Rugby League Team

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Levi

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Goemu Bau Raiders Rugby League Team for the eligible amount of \$4,700.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 15 – Dauan Campus Sport Carnival

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; *Second:* Cr Nona

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Dauan Campus Sport Carnival for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 16 – Boigu Community

Note: Cr Toby requested the amount be increased to the remaining amount available in Funds. Advice received; the Policy states the amount that can be granted can only be the amount stated on the application.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Noah

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Boigu Community for the eligible amount of \$900.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 17 – Ugar Community

Cr Stephen informed Council the funds are for the charter of four helicopters to take community members to Erub for the 150th Coming of the Light celebrations. Council had a robust discussion regarding the Community Grants Policy and Procedures

Chief Financial Officer noted that the increased amount of \$17700 is outside of Policy and it may be raised at Audit. Chief Financial Officer explained the Audit process around deficiency, significant deficiency, and other matter.

ACTION: CFO to bring the Community Grant Policy and Procedure to SARG for review to capture and recognise Island Kastom.

- COI – Cr Stephen declares a declarable conflict of interest as some of the community members travelling are related. Council allows Cr Stephen to remain in the room and participate in the discussion and allow to vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; *Second:* Cr Noah

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy to Ugar Community for the eligible amount of \$17,700.00 exclusive of GST, Council notes that this grant is outside of Council Community Grants Procedure, but due to the significance of the Coming of the Light 150th anniversary celebrations under Ailan Kastom resolves to make the grant as an exception to the policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Applicant 18 – Ms Maryanne Barsa

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Tabuai

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Ms Maryanne Barsa for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.**

MOTION CARRIED

5. 11:55am – 12:00noon Closing Remarks and Prayer

Deputy Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and Cr Tabuai for his flexibility and invited Cr Levi to close the meeting prayer.

Meeting Closed – 11:56am