



Climate Change Adaptation & Environment Committee Meeting

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Date: 19 February 2024

Time: 10.00am to 12.00nn

Venue: **TEAMS MEETING**
Meeting ID: 451 948 283 089
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1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation (Chair)

The Chairperson welcomed Committee Members and TSIRC staff.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Dorante delivered the opening prayer.

3. Attendance / Apologies

Cr Kabay Tamu was an apology for this meeting.

The following attendances were noted:

Chairperson & Committee Members

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Cr Hilda Mosby

Member

Cr Seriako Dorante

TSIRC Officers

Executive Director – Engineering Services

Mr David Baldwin

Engineer, Waste & Sustainability – Engineering Services

Mr Jarrah Doran-Smith

TSIRC Secretariat

Darryl Brooks

- *Cr Dorante advised the Chairperson that he can only participate in the Committee meeting until 11.00am due to his other work commitments.*

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) – Declarable/Prescribed

The Chairperson invited Committee Members to make any relevant conflict of interest declarations. No declarations were made.

5. Ratified Minutes of Meeting held on 14 September 2023

The Committee noted the Ratified Minutes from the 14 September 2023 which were provided for background/reference purposes.

6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding action items for the Committee.

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7. Priority Recommendations for Incoming Council

The Chairperson advised the Committee that at the January 2024 SARG meeting, the Mayor requested feedback from all Council committees on the following matters:

- What has worked/not worked for the individual committees and their members in terms of progressing strategic matters assigned to the committees;
- Suggested improvements to committee processes for incoming Council consideration;
- Current and future priority projects, status, and next steps for incoming Council consideration; and
- Challenges.

The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) suggested that the Committee consider as part of its deliberations on this matter the information report to be discussed at Agenda Item 8 of this Committee meeting, as it highlighted various ongoing projects and initiatives and also highlights key actions and next steps required for those projects.

The Committee identified the following issues and considerations as priorities for the incoming Council:

- Waste Management/Biosecurity
- Erub Landfill Project
- Zenadth Kes Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) – Progressing with Outcomes
- Renewable Energy Solutions
- Development of holistic/long-term strategies to address the impacts of climate change (building homes on locations that are safe from rising water levels, i.e. planning for staged housing and infrastructure redevelopment, etc.)
- Council must also prioritise funding for appropriate TSIRC staffing resources for positions with expertise in town planning/strategic planning as well as overall strategic policy expertise to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The Chairperson also suggested that any future Committees that are established by the incoming Council be able to draw on appropriate TSIRC resources to build the Committee's capacity to have access to as much information as possible across all Council operations.

8. Information Report – Environmental Initiatives & Projects

The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) spoke to this report. The Committee noted the report.

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9. General / Other Business (on notice)

The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) asked the Committee to note that a current and ongoing risk for the work of the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee is the limited staffing resources and expertise currently available within TSIRC to effectively address climate change challenges. TSIRC would benefit from a Town Planning/Land Use professional to assist longer term planning and actions to address climate change impacts to communities.

- *Cr Dorante advised the Chairperson at 11.00am that he had to be excused from the meeting to attend to his work commitments.*
- *The Chairperson therefore noted that Cr Dorante's departure meant that the Committee meeting would lack a quorum and would need to conclude.*
- *The Chairperson thanked Cr Dorante for his attendance and then delivered the closing prayer, before formally closing the meeting at 11.02am.*

10. CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

N/A

11. Information Update: Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project *(verbal update)*

N/A

12. REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

N/A

13. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

N/A

14. Next Meeting Date: N/A

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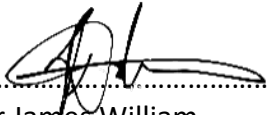
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15. Closing Remarks & Prayer

N/A (see Agenda Item 9)



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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
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