

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CULTURE, ARTS, LAND AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Date: 27th August 2021
Time: 10:11am to 12:19pm
Venue: VMR #6 – 0292 970 558

Present:

Cr Aven Noah (Chair)
Cr Torenzo Elisala (Member)

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel
Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement
Ms Kathy Cochran, Secretariat Officer

Apology:

Cr Laurie Nona

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Aven Noah welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged traditional owners on the land we meet both in Cairns and across Zenadth Kes. Cr Aven Noah also paid respects to family that are in sorry business.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Aven Noah invited Cr Torenzo Elisala to open the meeting in prayer.

3. Apologies

- Cr Phillemon Mosby
- Cr Laurie Nona

Committee notes and accepts the apology of both Cr Phillemon Mosby and Cr Laurie Nona.

4. Conflict of Interest (COI)/ Material Personal Interest (MPI) Declaration

No declaration made. Senior Legal Counsel provided advise to the committee on prescribed conflict of interest.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – 25th June 2021

No Minutes available.

ACTION: Secretariat to have minutes available for endorsement at the October 2021 committee meeting.

6. Action Items

Acting Chief Executive Officer, provided committee with an update on all outstanding action items.

7. Trustee Policy Review - Legal

Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Peter Krebs spoke to the report and provided the committee with a brief update.

8. TSIRC Branding – Business Cards

Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement, Mr Luke Ranga provided committee with an update on the status on the TSIRC branding.

Cr Elisala commented there should be “one mark” across Council. Cr Aven Noah also commented, we should get it right from the start when developing the website and focus on language and cultural protocols.

ACTION: Committee to meet on Monday 20th September 2021 on TI before the Council meeting.

9. Intranet Naming

Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement, Mr Luke Ranga provided committee with an update, there were different phases to the process, and they are all completed, and a report will be tabled at the October Ordinary meeting to resolve the Intranet Name.

10. Torres Strait Flag

Council has a position and the Namok family have sought legal advice as well.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That in accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

MOTION CARRIED

- Torres Strait Flag

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

That the SARG Committee move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; *Second:* Cr Torenzo Elisala

That the Committee resolves to wait for the team to meet with the Namok family on Thursday Island on 20th September 2021 and will put this matter over for further consideration in October 2021 Ordinary meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Draft 2021/22 DOGIT Transfer Project – Ugar and Saibai

Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Peter Krebs provided the committee with an update.

- State not resourcing appropriately (learnings from Mer and Badu)
- TSRA stopped funding the project
- Goal to have both Ugar and Saibai done by July 2022
- NTO will no longer exist but handed to GBK
- Funding will continue – post 2022
- Aim is to have two DOGITS every two years.

ACTION: Secretariat to have this item to be a standing agenda item for the committee and Senior Legal Counsel to provide regular updates.

12. Protocols – Entering Trust Land (GBK, PBC’S and TSIRC)

Head of Corporate Affairs and engagement provided the committee with an update on the online visitor’s application. Committee had a robust discussion on the following;

- Last minute request
- Covid passport – (local law and risks)
- Signing in at council offices – QR code, DM and Councillors and LDGM point of view. Capture departure dates too as part of the function.
- PBC Chairs to be kept in the loop
- Flight booking tool
- Time frame to change the software – 3 weeks
- Reminders in calendars to Councillors (email generated)

Acting Chief Executive officer also raised the issue regarding responding to visitors request and some Divisions not allowing contractors into communities and the impacts on contracts and projects. The need to have a common approach. Risks around possible complaints.

General/ Other Business (on notice)

Cr Elisala raised, and email sent to Acting Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Mayor, Mayor and Councillors regarding Community grants.

13. Next meeting date – Friday 29th October 2021

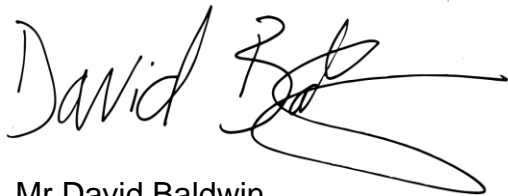
Cr Aven Noah confirmed the next meeting date and requested for Head of Corporate Affairs and engagement to be present at the next meeting.

ACTION: Workshop Policy at the November 2021 workshop in Cairns – send out background briefing paper to Councillors. Councillor specific to their Division and include eligible and non-eligible list.

14. Closing Prayer

Cr Aven Noah thanked everyone for their time and contribution and closed the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 12:19pm



Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
20th October 2021



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
20th October 2021