

**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**APRIL 2020**

**MINUTES**

**STATUTORY MEETING**

Tuesday 21 April 2020 10:22am – 3:46pm

Video Conference

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**Present**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor (Poruma Office)  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu (Boigu Office)  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan (Dauan Office)  
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai (Saibai Office)  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag (Mabuiag Office)  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu (Badu Office)  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Moa Island (Kubin Office)  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Moa Island (St Pauls Office)  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Hammond Island (Hammond Office)  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Iama Office)  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Warraber Office)  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Poruma Office)  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Masig Office)  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Ugar Office)  
Cr Boggo Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Erub Office)  
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Mer Office - phone)  
Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Cairns Office)  
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns Office)  
Mr Peter Krebs, Manager Legal Services (MLS) (Home Office)  
Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement (HCAE) (Cairns Office)  
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (Home Office)  
Ms Mette Nordling – Contracts Manager (Cairns Office)

**Apologies**

1. **10:22am – 10:26am**                      **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and Staff to the Ordinary Meeting and opened the meeting in prayer. A minute silence was observed by Council.

CEO addressed the new Council in both English and his Maori language. He acknowledged and paid respect to:

- The custodian and traditional owners and elders past and present for the land on which we meet throughout the Zenadth Kes Region and Cairns Region.
- The new Mayor and Councillors elect and
- Staff

2. **10:26am – 9:30am**                      **Notice/ Purpose of Meeting**

CEO gave a brief overview of the meeting process.

3. **9:30m – 9:32am**                      **Local Government Act 2009 – Principles**

CEO addressed Council and spoke on

1. Transparency
2. Sustainability
3. Democracy
4. Good Governance and
5. Ethical Behaviour

4. **9:32am – 12:00noon**                      **Councillor and Mayors' Roles and Responsibilities (induction)**

**Declaration of MAYORAL office – Cr Phillemon MOSBY**

Cr Phillemon Mosby took his declaration of office as Mayor.

CEO officially welcomed and congratulate Cr Phillemon Mosby as the Mayor of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Mayor Mosby addressed the meeting and mentioned how he is honoured and privileged to be walking in the footsteps of his forefathers and acknowledges his ancestors and leaders. He announced the platform of his focus in the words of Abraham Lincoln "Of the people, by the people and for the people"

**Declaration of DIVISION 1 Councillor – Boigu Island - Cr Dimas TOBY**

Cr Dimas Toby took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 1 – Boigu Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Toby and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 2 Councillor – Dauan Island – Cr Torenzo ELISALA**

Cr Torenzo Elisala took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 2 – Dauan Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Elisala and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 3 Councillor – Saibai Island – Cr Conwell TABUAI**

Cr Conwell Tabuai took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 3 – Saibai Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Tabuai and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 4 Councillor – Mabuiag Island – Cr Keith FELL**

Cr Keith Fell took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 4 – Mabuiag Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Fell and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 5 Councillor – Badu Island – Cr Laurie NONA**

Cr Laurie Nona took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 5 – Badu Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Nona and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 6 Councillor – Kubin Community, Mua Island – Cr Lama TRINKOON**

Cr Lama Trinkoon took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 6 – Kubin Community, Moa Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Trinkoon and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 7 Councillor – St Pauls Community, Mua Island – Cr John LEVI**

Cr John Levi took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 7 – St Pauls Community, Moa Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Levi and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 8 Councillor – Hammond Island – Cr Seriako DORANTE**

Cr Seriako Dorante took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 8 – Hammond Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulate Cr Dorante and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 9 Councillor – Iama – Cr Getano LUI Jnr**

Cr Getano Lui Jnr took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 9 – Iama

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Lui and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 10 Councillor – Warraber Island – Cr Kabay TAMU**

Cr Kabay Tamu took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 10 – Warraber Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Tamu and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 11 Councillor – Poruma Island – Cr Francis PEARSON**

Cr Francis Pearson took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 11 – Poruma Island

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Pearson and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 12 Councillor – Masig – Cr Hilda MOSBY**

Cr Hilda Mosby took her declaration of office as Councillor – Division 12 – Masig

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Mosby and afforded her an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 13 Councillor – Ugar – Cr Rocky STEPHEN**

Cr Rocky Stephen took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 13 – Ugar

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Stephen and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 14 Councillor – Erub – Cr Boggo GELA**

Cr Boggo Gela took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 14 – Erub

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Gela and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

### **Declaration of DIVISION 15 Councillor – Mer – Cr Aven NOAH**

Cr Aven Noah took his declaration of office as Councillor – Division 15 – Mer

CEO officially welcomed and congratulated Cr Noah and afforded him an opportunity to give a brief speech.

CEO Congratulated Mayor Mosby and all Councillors and stated how special also to have family here to witness this occasion.

**12:00noon – 12:20pm – Lunch**

**5. 12:20pm – 2:07pm                      Election of Deputy Mayor**

CEO did a roll call. All Councillors were present.

CEO went through the process of electing the Deputy Mayor Position.

**Declaration of the office of the Deputy Mayor open.**

Cr Levi nominated Cr Fell – Cr Toby Second

Cr Fell accepted the nomination

Cr Mosby Nominated Cr Lui – Cr Pearson Second

Cr Lui accepted the nomination

No further nomination.

**12:36pm** – Cr Lui was asked to leave the room and Cr Fell addressed Council.

**1:00pm** - Cr Fell was asked to leave the room and Cr Lui was welcome back to the meeting to address Council

**1:45pm** – Cr Lui was asked to leave the room.

**VOTING – Nomination of Cr Keith Fell**

Moved: Cr Levi; Second Cr Toby

Votes for – 4

**VOTING – Nomination of Cr Getano Lui**

Moved: Cr Mosby; Second: Cr Pearson

Votes for - 12

**2:01pm** – Cr Lui and Cr Fell came back into the room. Mayor thanked them both for their willingness to take on the role of Deputy Mayor and advised that Cr Lui had been voted in as

Deputy Mayor. Cr Fell congratulated Cr Lui as Deputy Mayor. Cr Lui thanked Cr Fell for putting his hands up and thanked everyone for the opportunity. CEO congratulated Cr Lui and thanked Cr Fell for his work in the last term as Deputy Mayor.

7. **2:07pm – 2:23pm**                      **Date and Time of Ordinary Meeting**

CEO spoke and mentioned due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the restrictions in place a face to face meeting may not be possible until September. However, if things change then an update will be provided.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Stephen

**That Council resolves to**

1. **Hold its first Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 28 April 2020 via video conference at 9am.**
2. **Schedule one Ordinary Meeting per month thereafter commencing at 9am unless otherwise determined: and**
3. **The public be notified accordingly of the new meeting dates and venues**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Cr Noah put forward for Mer to hold a Council Meeting in August if out of COVID restrictions.

8. **2:23am – 3:43pm**                      **Council Appointment to the Local Disaster Management Group**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Noah

**That Council appoints Mayor Phillemon Mosby to the Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group Executive to fulfil the role of chairperson or deputy chair depending on the bi-annual rotation set forward in the Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Plan and prepared in accordance with the *Disaster Management Act 2003*.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Mosby; *Second:* Cr Pearson

**That Council resolves to appoint Cr Getano Lui Jnr as Deputy Mayor.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTION: HOCE to circulate contact list to all Councillors**

Team went over some housekeeping around the Declaration of office and other administration requirements. Councillor were given the opportunity to ask question of the team.

**ACTION: Councillors to sign their Declaration of Office and send through to Kathy Cochran**

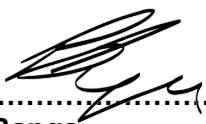
Next LDMG Meeting – Thursday and Mayor will provide Councillors with update on Friday.

16. **3:43pm – 3:46pm**                      **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

CEO congratulated Mayor Mosby, Deputy Mayor Lui and Councillors on behalf of his team and advised that he is looking forward to working as “One” team to fulfil Council’s adopted Corporate Plan for the betterment of our region

Mayor Mosby thanked everyone, their family, and guests for being part of the occasion. Acknowledging the upcoming Mabo and NAIDOC celebrations, and paying reference that today we turn a new page in our history. Mayor invited Deputy Mayor Lui to close the meeting in Prayer.

**Meeting Closed at 3:46pm - Prayer by Cr Lui**



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**Bruce Ranga**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Torres Strait Island Regional Council**  
**23 June 2020**



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**Phillemon Mosby**  
**Mayor**  
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