



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 21 January 2019: 9:15am to 12:55pm

Videoconference - VMR #8 - 0299 165 402

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Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor (Hammond office)
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu (Boigu office)
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai (Saibai office)
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuyag (Mabuiag office)
Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Mua Island (Kubin office)
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Mua Island (St Paul's office)
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama (Iama Office)
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Warraber office)
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Poruma office)
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig (Hammond office)
Cr Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Ugar office)
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub (Erub office)
Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Hammond office)
Ms Jan Pool, Chief Operating Officer (COO) (Hammond office)
Mr Jaydip Sengupta, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns office)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Financial Accountant (FA) (Cairns office)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES) (Cairns office)
Ms Julia Maurus, Manager Legal Services (MLS) (Cairns office)
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (Hammond office)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns office)

Apologies

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager, Community Services (EMoCS)

1. **9:15am – 9:18am** **Opening Prayer by Cr Nai and Welcome by Mayor Gela**

Mayor Gela welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and participation. Mayor Gela acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting at Kirirri, the Kaurareg Nation and all traditional owners across Zenadth Kes. Mayor paid respect to spiritual leaders and Councillors as leaders in their communities and elders past, present and future. Mayor acknowledged the CEO and the team and thanked them for their participation and attendance.

2. **9:18am – 9:22am** **Apologies**

- Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirirri
Cr Sabatino applied for leave of absence through Mayor Gela as proxy at the December 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai; Second: Cr Levi

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Sabatino for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr Nona applied for leave of absence at the December 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Bosun; Second: Cr Akiba

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Nona for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Elisala applied for leave of absence at the December 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Akiba; Second: Cr Levi

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Elisala for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Cr Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island
Cr Kaigey applied for leave of absence at the December 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stephen; Second: Cr Thaiday

That Council accepts the apology from Cr Kaigey for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **9:22am – 9:24am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item	COI/MPI
Cr Fell	6. FINANCE – Regional Grant Round 3 – 2018/2019 – Application 1 – Roxin Eagles (R.L.F.C)	MPI – Cr Fell’s daughter is the applicant.

Mayor encouraged Councillors to make their disclosure be known at any time during the meeting.

4. **9:24am – 9:26am** **Confirmation of December 2018 Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Bosun; *Second:* Cr Levi

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on December 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. 9:30am – 9:45am Outstanding Strategic Ordinary Meeting Action Items

1. Meeting Handbook – being workshopped at the May workshop in Cairns

9.27am – Cr Toby in attendance

2. Contractor at Badu – apprentice program – COO to submit a report at the March OM to update Council
3. Social Housing – notifying tenants to cease paying in vacant houses. Update report to go to Feb OM
4. Focus on Host agreement – Update and report being tabled at Feb OM
5. Noise complaint at Warraber – COO to follow up with Housing section. Update at Feb OM
6. Grants officer to work with Sports and Rec regarding funding for minor infrastructure. Update report will be provided at the Feb OM. COO, CFO, CEO and Cr Fell to be part of the discussions.
7. Cr Elisala moving office – COO to liaise with Cr Elisala. Cr Elisala currently on leave. COO will update at the Feb OM
8. EMES to have discussions with Cr Pearson re: airport waiting shed. EMES will make contact with Cr Pearson this week and update at the Feb OM.
9. Staff using private vessels to pick up mail and freight. Currently in progress, COO also reviewing TSIRC vehicle policy. Update at the Feb OM.
10. MLS – action item from September 2018 – Public Works Extinguishment update. Provide update to the Feb OM.

9:37am – Cr Lui from lama joins the meeting.

6. 9:45am – 10:00am FINANCE – Regional Grants Round 3 – 2017/18

- Cr Fell declared a material personal interest (MPI)
 - MPI details: Cr Fell's daughter Annette Fell is the applicant in Application #1 for Roxin Eagles (R.L.F.C).
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the MPI: Cr Fell left the room at 9:45am.

Ms Hollie Faithfull, spoke to the report. The purpose of the report is to present to Council for decision, the Regional Grants Applications for Round Three 2018/19. Eligible Applications have been received from:

1. Roxin Eagles (R.L.F.C)
2. Dhadhin Geai Warriors

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicant in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

1. Roxin Eagles (R.L.F.C) for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

7. 9:53am – 10:11am HOUSING – Social Housing Tenancy Management

9:53am - Cr Fell re-joined the meeting.

COO spoke to this information report. The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update of the status of social housing, tenancy agreements, rent collection and rent arrears management.

Mayor Gela briefly spoke on funding for new housing software to manage tenancy and housing stock. Suggestion made to adopt the Department's system.

Cr Fell asked regarding the figures in the report around GTA dwellings pending.

Cr Lui commended the Housing staff on the work done for the Badu and Hammond communities

ACTION: COO to furnish Councillors with information about abandonment and present a discussion paper to the February OM.

6. 10:11am – 10:30am FINANCE – Regional Grants Round 3 – 2018/2019

Ms Hollie Faithfull continued with this report. Council had a discussion around how Council can assist and or encourage applicants to promote TSIRC at their events.

Cr Fell suggested banners with TSIRC logo be made up for applicants to use at their events.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That Council resolves to provide Regional Grants support to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy:

2. Dhadhin Geai Warriors for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: ME to prepare a strategy around promoting TSIRC as part of the Regional Grants application and together with the COO review the Grants application, process and expectations of applicants. Promoting dates for Regional Grant rounds.

10:30am – 10:50am – Morning Tea Break

8. 10:50am – 11:23am ENGAGEMENT – TSIRC Core Brand Update

Manager Engagement (ME) spoke to this report.

The following changes needs to be made;

In Item 3 - Naming convention table;

- Division 6, column three heading - traditional name "Kubin" – should read "Arkai"
- Division 8, column three heading - traditional name "Kiriri" - correct spelling "Kirirri"
- Division 13, column four heading – Other Used Names "Stephens" should read "Stephen"
- Division 10, "Coconut Island" should read "Warraber Island" "Warraber" "Sue Island"
- Division 11, "Warraber Island" should read "Coconut Island" "Poruma"

ACTION: ME to ensure the electoral roll am updated through this exercise

ACTION: ME to present the amended report to Council at the February OM.

ACTION: ME to confirm with Philemon Cr Pearson's concerns regarding Kulkalgau.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Nai

That council resolve the following:

1. Amendment to the current TSIRC Vision Statement;
2. Amendment to the current TSIRC Values;
3. Agreement of consistent Naming Conventions of TSIRC Islands/Divisions taking into account the above changes;
4. Amendment to the current TSIRC Logo; and,
5. Delegation of authority to CEO to pursue formal registration of Organisation Name amendment with relevant authorities.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **11:23am – 12:16am** **COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Nai; Second: Cr Bosun

The Council move into Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **ENGINEERING – Emergency Desal Purchase**

10. **12:16pm – 12:16pm** **COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Nai

That Council move out of Trustee.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **12:16pm – 12:16pm** **ENGINEERING – Emergency Desal Purchase**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Bosun; Second: Cr Nai

That Council resolves to

- Pursuant to section 235 © of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), emergency source a 190kL/day Desal unit from Northern Water for the cost of \$234,005.30

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: EMES to prepare a closed business report on the seawall work and present to the February OM.

11. **12:16pm – 12:16pm** **Business Arising from Information Report**

12. **12:16pm – 12:47pm** **General Business**

Cr Stephen asked if CEO/COO could follow up on the following items;

- aircon in the Cr office being repaired.
- Mail service delivery to Ugar and
- Barge service
- The one bedroom unit on Ugar up to a rentable state.
- MLS to speak with Cr Stephen re: Lot 59 access

COO to speak with Remote Tech.

Cr Lui would like the following matters attended to;

- Aircon in Councillors and main office not working – asap
- Rubbish truck out of action
- Treaty – Cr Lui is meeting with PNG in March

Cr Toby wanted to raise a couple of issues;

- Bins on Boigu not being collected
- Proper PBC approval not sought for work on trees at the airstrip
- Request for middle management to be on ground for at least 2 weeks
- Have information sessions with Managers re policy changes and operations
- With LDI working on the roads do we have any staff doing the physical inspections and follow-ups?
- 30 pax restrictions – have had request on what the end date is.
- Accommodation at contractors camp

Cr Bosun asked for an update on the community hall doors and the roof needs to be accessed too. CEO will have Andrew Hay make contact.

Cr Fell – urgent request to have office lighting fixed. CEO and COO have been emailed.

Cr Lui – Asked for Qld Health info on Polio outbreak – Education and awareness and screening on top western islands. CEO to contact Ben Hamilton.

Cr Pearson – asked re: signage in public place for no drinking.

Cr Thaiday – EMES to contact Cr re: the tip controls. TIB licences – send to Mayor.

13. 12:47pm – 12:55am Leave in Advance

The following Councillors applied for leave in advance;

- Cr Sabatino through Mayor Gela as proxy
- Cr Nona through MLS as proxy
- Cr Bosun
- Cr Nai
- Cr Levi
- Cr Tamu
- Cr Lui
- Cr Toby
- Cr Pearson
- Cr Stephen

14. 12:55pm – 12:55pm Next Ordinary Meeting Date

Date: 19 & 20 February 2019 Video Conference

Meeting Closed at 12:55pm - Prayer by Mayor Gela