



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

POST ELECTION MEETING 15TH MARCH 2008

Monday 31st March 2008

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on 31st March 2008 at 1.00pm at the Joey Nona Conference Room, Office of Torres Strait Regional Authority, Victoria Parade, Thursday Island.

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Held at the Joey Nona Conference Room,
Office of Torres Strait Regional Authority, Thursday Island
31st March 2008

Present: Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 - Boigu
Cr. Raymond Soki, Division 2 - Dauan
Cr. Ron Enosa – Division 3
Cr. Keith Fell – Division 4
Cr. Wayne Guivarra – Division 5
Cr. David Bosun – Division 6
Cr. Toshie Kris – Division 7
Cr. Nancy Pearson – Division 8
Cr. Walter Mackie – Division 9
Cr. Willie Lui – Division 10
Cr. Phillemon Mosby – Division 11
Cr. John Mosby – Division 12
Cr. Florianna Bero – Division 12
Cr. Kenny Bedford – Division 14
Cr. Ron Day – Division 15
Mr. John Scarce – Acting Chief Executive Officer,
Mrs Tania Sailor – Executive Secretary.

Meeting opened in prayer at 1.10pm.

3. Apologies: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Welcome by Mayor – Cr. Fred Gela

4. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

1. Acting CEO confirmed all forms received and signed by the Mayor and each Councillor of the 15 Divisions, (*Form 1 - Candidate Disclosure of Election Gifts and Loans Return*) before commencement of Declaration of Office of the Mayor and each Councillor of the 15 Divisions.
2. Declaration of office of Mayor and all 15 Division Councillors – Acting CEO presiding.

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5. MATERIAL OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

In accordance with Section 427 of the Local Government Act 1993 the Chief Executive Officer must keep a register of the interests of a Councillor and a person related to the Councillor.

Councillors must complete a Statement of Interests Form 1 and all related persons are to complete Statement of Interests Form 2. These forms are to be returned as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days from the Post Election Meeting.

Copies of these forms and Part 4 Registers of Interests of Local Government Councillors and Related persons (guide) are attached to this report.

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations:

Cr. Banu nominated Cr. Walter Mackie	Cr. Mackie accepted.
Cr. Day nominated Cr. Kenny Bedford	Cr. Bedford accepted.
Cr. Fell nominated Cr. Toshie Kris	Cr. Kris declined.
Cr. Bero nominated Cr. P. Mosby	Cr. P. Mosby Declined.

Nominations seconded by Cr. Toshie Kris (Cr. Walter Mackie) and Cr. Ron Enosa (Cr. Kenny Bedford).

Nominations put to the vote and results were as follows:

Cr. Walter Mackie	5 votes	Cr. Kenny Bedford	9 votes
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With a majority of 9 votes, Cr. Kenny Bedford was appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

7. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Deferred to general meeting on 23rd April 2008 with two options:

1. Bring down the composition to just 6 committee members?
2. Need a commitment from the Minister that there is money there to support the 3 standing Committee and the composition of 5 different Councillors inclusive of 1 Chairperson for each committee.

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8. REMUNERATION

Moved Cr. Toshie Kris, Seconded Cr. David Bosun that the Council adopts the remuneration Policy as per appendix:

Councillors	35%	\$44,300
Deputy Mayor	40%	\$50,620
Mayor	55%	\$69,610

plus an amalgamation allowance (determined as a fixed amount) as per below, to be paid in equal monthly instalment:

Mayor

- 15 March 2008 to 30 June 2009	\$6,010
- 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010	\$4,510
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011	\$3,010
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012	\$1,500

Deputy Mayor

- 15 March 2008 to 30 June 2009	\$3,800
- 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010	\$2,850
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011	\$1,900
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012	\$ 950

Councillor

- 15 March 2008 to 30 June 2009	\$3,160
- 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010	\$2,370
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011	\$1,580
- 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012	\$ 790

Motion carried.

9. EXPENSE POLICY

Require feedback from Councillors on developing a new policy. It was noted that the policy is valid until a new policy is adopted.

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10. GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Moved Cr Walter Mackie, Seconded Cr. Toshie Kris that the General Meeting and Standing Committee dates, places and times be set and advertised in accordance with Sections 443, 444 and 445 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
23 rd April 2008	Hammond Community	Hammond Community Hall
21 st May 2008	Boigu Community	Boigu Sporting Complex
25 th June 2008	Poruma Community	Olandi Pearson Memorial Hall
23 rd July 2008	Mer Community	Mer Community Hall
20 th August 2008	Kubin Community	Kubin Community Hall
24 th September 2008	Dauan Community	Dauan Community Hall
22 nd October 2008	Iama Community	Iama Community Hall
19 th November 2008	Badu Community	Badu Community Hall
17 th December 2008	Warraber Community	Warraber Community Hall
21 st January 2009	Mabuiag Community	Mabuiag Community Hall
18 th February 2009	Ugar Community	Ugar Community Hall
18 th March 2009	St. Pauls Community	Office Conference Room
22 nd April 2009	Saibai Community	Saibai Community Hall
20 th May 2009	Masig Community	Community Covered Area
24 th June 2009	Erub Community	Saam Karem Beizam Sporting Complex

Further that only one meeting be held on Moa Island in turn between Kubin and St. Pauls per Calendar Year and that the Standing Committees will take place two weeks prior to the General Meeting at a time and place to be determined.

Motion Carried.

5.20pm Meeting closed with a prayer.


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Cr Fred Gela
Mayor


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Mr John Scarce
Acting Chief Executive Officer