



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 21 August 2017 - 9:00am to 2:55pm
Tuesday 22 August 2017 - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Community Hall, Masig

Monday 21 August 2017

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor, Division 8 – Kirriri Island
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Stephen, Division 13 - Ugar
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
Mr Rob Dwyer, Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services (AEMCS)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES)
Mr John Coyle, Executive Manager Housing Services (EMHS)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager, Community Services (EMoCS)
Ms Margaret Rosta, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer

Apologies

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri Island
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island

1. **9:00am – 9:10am** **Opening Prayer by students from the Tagai College – Masig Campus**

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Gela welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional owners on the land in which we were meeting.

Mayor asked for a minute silence to remember the families in mourning and their loved ones who have passed.

Cr Nai addressed the children and thanked them for opening the meeting in prayer. He also stressed the importance of the children being our future and taking time to sit and spend time with them. Cr Nai also stressed the importance of respecting the elders in our communities.

2. **9:10am – 9:11am** **Apologies**

- Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri Island
- Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island

All Councillors above had submitted prior apology at the July Ordinary Meeting.

3. **9:11am – 9:12am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

- Cr Bosun declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Bosun's brother is a subcontractor to Koppens a supplier in the Preferred Suppliers (Civil) report scheduled in the agenda for Closed Business.
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Bosun did not vote.

4. **9:12 am - 9:14am** **Confirmation of July Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

The following amendments are made to the July 2017 Ordinary Meeting:-

Amendments – Daisy Ketchell be added to the list of those present at the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Akiba

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in July 2017 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting taking into account the above amendments.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **9:14 am – 9:20am** **Outstanding Strategic Ordinary Meeting Action Items**

1. Dr Sanders to be engaged for the Alliance workshop in November 2017.
2. Add Community Survey results to the Roles and Responsibilities presentations.
3. Roles and responsibility presentation – Add, Ugar, Erub, Poruma, Dauan, Masig, St Pauls and lama.
4. Consider commercial changes for TIB vessels.

6. **9:20am – 9:23am** **Ugar Island CSP Development Application**

Council received an application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for a 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' for the Community Survey Program which requires a planning approval.

A summary of the relevant matters is provided as follows:

- The proposed development involves 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' which is identified as 'assessable development' under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA).
- Council is the Assessment Manager under SPA and is therefore required to issue a formal Development Permit.
- The applicant has undertaken necessary State agency referrals and obtained relevant Referral Agency Response
- The proposal is considered to be relatively consistent with relevant planning legislation and policies and therefore should be approved by Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Levi

That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a lot' with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 4 of the Agenda Report.

MOTION CARRIED

7. 9:23am – 9:52am ACEO – LGAQ Conference Motions

The LGAQ is calling for motions from Councils to be debated at the upcoming 121st Annual Conference being held in Gladstone Qld, 16-18 October 2017. The deadline for submitting a motion for the 2017 Annual Conference is Friday, 25 August 2017.

ACEO briefed the Council on the following seven of the Ten (10) point plan that was discussed at Strategic Action Reference Group meeting last Friday;

1. One Boat
2. Telecommunication
3. Climate Adaption
4. Water and Waste
5. TIDS increase
6. Local fares Scheme – (to include Dauan and Ugar)
7. Regional economic development

It was agreed the ACEO draft a motion around Climate Adaptation only.

ACTION

ME - LGAQ Motion to be presented to August OM day 2 and to incorporate Paris Accord themes.

ACTION

ME - Paper to be presented to Council summarising the Paris Accord.

Cr Fell added that we should collect data and footage from other agencies to support the Mayor's presentation. The focus should be on our Regions' location and that our islands are being impacted by high tide and coastal erosion.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Fell

That Council support the following motions to be presented at the 121st Annual Conference, 16-18 October 2017 – Climate Adaptation.

MOTION CARRIED

8. 9:52am – 10:58am CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Nai

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

(e) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or

(h) Other business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Housing – Housing Discount

8.2 Housing – Preferred Suppliers (Civil)

10:24 am – 10:42am – MORNING TEA BREAK

8.3 Finance – Trust Fund Divestment

8.4 ACEO – Supreme Court Judicial Review Update

10:58am – 10:58am OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Elisala

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

8.1 Housing – Housing Discount

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tamu; *Second:* Cr Bosun

That Council endorse the proposed strategy to remove the 10% discount on current rental accounts.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

EMHS – Include Housing Discount changes in the Roles and Responsibilities Presentation.

8.2 Housing – Preferred Suppliers (Civil)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That pursuant to section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council resolves to enter into Preferred Supplier Arrangements with the preferred suppliers for the categories listed in Schedule A of this report for a period of two (2) years. That Council delegate all power, financial and otherwise, to the Chief Executive Officer to execute agreements and approve purchase orders in accordance with adopted budget.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

EMHS – Poor performing contractors are continuing to score well in preferred supplier's contests (civil). Needs to be investigated.

8.3 Trust Fund Divestment - Item left laying on the table

10:58 am – 11:00am

MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD) management of Community Development of Grants in Trust, the meeting of the Trustee of Community DOGIT be convened and conducted as separate meetings from the Indigenous Regional Council.

MOTION CARRIED

9. 11:00pm – 11:38am

Enterprise Divestment Leases

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Recommend that Council resolve to grant Trustee Leases and enter into Conditional Agreements to Lease to facilitate enterprise divestment to approved entities; and
2. Confirm the ownership of the Poruma Resort; and
3. Provide clarification to Council regarding cost recovery in enterprise divestment licences, as requested at the July 2017 Ordinary Meeting.

ERUB Daido Tavern

- Cr Thaiday declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Thaiday is a member.
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Thaiday did not vote.

ACTION

SEA - Include Enterprise Divestment in the November Workshop.

ACTION

ME- Include Enterprise Divestment as part of Roles and Responsibilities slides.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Akiba

Erub Daido Tavern

That the Council as Trustee grant a Trustee Lease for commercial purposes to the Ged Erub Trading Homeland Enterprise (TSI) Corporation for up to 99 years for the Erub Daido Tavern, comprising Lot 76 on SP270873 Erub Island Rd Medige Village, Erub (Darnley Island), Parish of Umaga, County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to Community Consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

MASIG - Lowatta Lodge

- Cr Nai declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Nai is a board member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Nai did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Pearson

Lowatta Lodge (Masig):

That the Trustee grant a Trustee Lease for commercial purposes to Kailag Enterprises Ltd for up to 99 years for the Lowatta Lodge, comprising Lot 186 on SP277431 Dans Rd, Masig

(Yorke Island), County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to Community Consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

PORUMA – Poruma Resort

- Cr Pearson declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Pearson is a board member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Pearson did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell *Second:* Cr Lui

Poruma Resort:

That the Trustee enter into a Conditional Agreement to Lease for up to 99 years for commercial purposes to Poruma Zagethau Lag Torres Strait Islander Corporation or related party for the Poruma Resort, comprising Lot 39 on SP270862 Olandi St, Poruma (Coconut Island), County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to Community Consultation

MOTION CARRIED

ST PAULS – St Pauls Old Childcare Centre

- Cr Stephen declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Stephen is a family member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Stephen did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Toby

St Pauls Old Childcare Centre:

That the Trustee enter into a Conditional Agreement to Lease for up to 99 years for commercial purposes to Isobel Stephen or related party for the St Pauls Old Childcare Centre, comprising Lot 47 on SP256048 Levi St, St Pauls Community, Moa Island, County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to community consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

ST PAULS – St Paus Block plant

- Cr Stephen declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Levi is a family member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Levi did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Pearson

St Pauls Block Plant:

That the Trustee enter into a Conditional Agreement to Lease for up to 99 years for commercial purposes to George Saveka or related party for the St Pauls Block Plant, comprising Lot 83 on SP256048 Oza Bosun Rd, St Pauls Community, Moa Island, County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to community consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

ST PAULS – St Pauls Mechanical Workshop

- Cr Stephen declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Levi is a family member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Levi did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Bosun; *Second:* Cr Fell

St Pauls Mechanical Workshop:

That the Trustee enter into a Conditional Agreement to Lease for up to 99 years for commercial purposes to Fred Erra Wapau or related party for the St Pauls Mechanical Workshop, comprising Lot 62 on SP256048 Oza Bosun Rd, St Pauls Community, Moa Island, County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to community consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

ST PAULS – St Pauls Main Road Contractors' Camp

- Cr Stephen declared a conflict of interest (COI).
 - COI details: Cr Levi is a family member
 - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Levi did not vote.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Kaigey

St Pauls Main Road Contractors' Camp:

That the Trustee enter into a Conditional Agreement to Lease for up to 99 years for commercial purposes to George Saveka or related party for the St Pauls Main Road Contractors' Camp, comprising Lot 77 on SP256048 Oza Bosun Rd, St Pauls Community, Moa Island, County of Torres, subject to native title future act validation, development approval and Ministerial consent (if required). Subject to community consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

10. 11:38am – 11:41am

Saibai Social Housing Lease

Relevant Chronology is as follows, namely:-

1. Council resolution 23 June 2010 to approve entry into Deed of Agreement to Lease and Deed of Agreement to Construct with respect to any interested division under the *National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing*;
2. An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) has been signed by the Saibai Mura Buway (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC on 21 July 2017 and is awaiting signing by Council and the State of Queensland before being lodged with the National Native Title Tribunal for registration to validate the leases as Future Acts under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

The proposed term of the lease is: -

TERM: 40 years

OPTIONS TO RENEW: NIL

RENTAL: Deferred to RNTBC under ILUA

USE: Social Housing

AREA: 1,953 metres squared

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Akiba; Second: Cr Elisala

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant, subject to registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, development approval and survey, a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas on SP267944, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

PLAN/DOCUMENT NUMBER	SP LOT NUMBER	LOT NUMBER IN ILUA
SP267944	LOT 107	LOT 107
SP267944	PART OF LOT 102	LOT 1

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Enterprise Divestment to be placed on Roles and Responsibilities Presentation.

ACTION: Session on Enterprise Divestment to be included in November Councillor's Workshop.

11. 11:41am – 11:58am Boigu Island Housing Lease

Relevant Chronology is as follows, namely:-

1. Council resolution 23 June 2010 to approve entry into Deed of Agreement to Lease and Deed of Agreement to Construct with respect to any interested division under the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing;
2. Council signed a Deed of Agreement for Lease and a Deed of Agreement to Construct on 10 July 2017. Those Deeds included Lots 75 and two areas over part of Lot 83. Council has now been informed that the Department of Housing and Public Works wishes to gain a lease over Lot 75, only one of the areas over part of Lot 83 and a new area comprised of Lot 63 and part of Lot 62 on SP273190. Council now has a new Deed of Agreement for Lease and a Deed of Agreement to Construct for signing, for the three updated Lots. Council is also awaiting the ILUA for signing.
3. The Boigu Community Survey Plan (SP) requires Development Approval, following Council and Trustee approval.

The proposed term of the lease is: -

TERM: 40 years

OPTIONS TO RENEW: NIL

RENTAL: Deferred to RNTBC under ILUA

USE: Social Housing

AREA: 2,561 metres squared

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Toby; Second: Cr Bosun

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant, subject to registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, development approval and survey, a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas on SP273190, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

PLAN/DOCUMENT NUMBER	SP LOT NUMBER	LOT NUMBER IN ILUA
SP273190 (UNREGISTERED)	LOT75	LOT 75
SP273190 (UNREGISTERED)	PART OF LOT 83	LOT 831
SP273190 (UNREGISTERED)	PART OF LOT 63	LOT 631

With inclusion also of an additional 4th lot – Lot 832 on SP273190.

MOTION CARRIED

12. 11:58am – 12:05am**Iama Social Housing Lease**

Relevant Chronology is as follows, namely:-

1. Council resolution 23 June 2010 to approve entry into Deed of Agreement to Lease and Deed of Agreement to Construct with respect to any interested division under the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing;
2. Council signed a Deed of Agreement for Lease and a Deed of Agreement to Construct (Attachment 2) in relation to the abovementioned sites on 7 July 2017 and the Department of Housing and Public Works signed both Deeds on 17 July 2017.
3. An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) has been signed by the Magani Lagaugal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC on 7 July 2017 and is awaiting signing by Council and the State of Queensland before being lodged with the National Native Title Tribunal for registration to validate the leases as Future Acts under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth);
4. The site plan for the Lots are defined in the ILUA.

The proposed term of the lease is:-

TERM: 40 years

OPTIONS TO RENEW: NIL

RENTAL: Deferred to RNTBC under ILUA

USE: Social Housing

AREA: 6,941 metres square

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lui; *Second:* Cr Tamu

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant, subject to registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, development approval and survey, a standard lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas on SP270867, for Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

PLAN/DOCUMENT NUMBER	SP LOT NUMBER	LOT NUMBER IN ILUA
SP270867	PART OF LOT 54	LOT 541 (AREA C)
SP270867	PART OF LOT 58	LOT 581 (AREA A)
SP270867	LOT 605	LOT 605 (PART OF AREA D)
SP270867	LOT 606	LOT 606 (PART OF AREA D)
SP270867	PART OF LOT 13	PART OF AREA D

MOTION CARRIED

12:06am – 12:07am**MOVE OUT OF TRUSTEE****RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Elisala; *Second:* Cr Toby

That Council move out of Trustee

MOTION CARRIED

12:07pm – 12:40pm LUNCH BREAK

13. 12:40am – 1:08pm**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mayor Gela presented to Council a letter from Taiwanese Investment Zone and discussed the Sister City relationship proposal regarding Dr Ali Khan and the Australia/ China relationship. Council to consider a plan to;

1. Meet and Greet
2. Invite to visit Communities
3. Draft a Legal MOU involving the Legal team

Cr Toby – Divestment – Economic opportunity for fisheries. Mayor advises we'll be having a forum on this discussion.

1:08pm – 1:11pm

MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Elisala

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss:

(e) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or

(h) Other business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local Government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

MOTION CARRIED

1:11pm – 1:12pm

OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nai; *Second:* Cr Levi

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

1:12pm – 1:15pm

Taiwanese Investment Zone

ACTION

AEMCS – Letter of invitation to meet with Council at November Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lui; *Second:* Cr Bosun

That Council resolves to commence discussion with the Taiwanese Investment Zone, to consider a Sister City relationship with the intention of procuring mutual economic development/ investment opportunities.

MOTION CARRIED

1:15pm – 1:12pm

General Business

Cr Toby raised some concerns around Aged Care and notification to Elders. EMCoS advise this was due to the lack of available workers in communities.

ACTION

EMoCS to provide update to Cr Toby regarding progress on Aged Care on Boigu.

Cr Toby asks who identifies the plug-ins in communities. EMHS advised that it should go via himself and that there was very little money left in the housing plugin funds.

Cr Elisala – raised the issue of no Registered Nurse situation on Dauan. Permanent appointment for one is needed on the island. It is suggested that Cr Nai note for their Health Board meeting. Mayor Gela briefed Council on his meeting with Michel Lok (CEO) and the staffing issues at the Health Centres were raised.

Cr Elisala seeks advice in regards to the Dauan ferry.

ACTION

SEA - Draft a letter to Hammond Ferry on behalf of Dauan Community for an in-person update on the Ferry service.

Cr Lui raised concerns around the Montessori Program on Iama and the lack of support from Tagai College.

ACTION

EMoCS - Draft a letter to Education Queensland regarding lack of Montessori opportunities on Iama and elsewhere.

Mayor briefed Council on his meeting with Christine Castley, Deputy Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works and Mayor Lacey regarding housing.

ACTION

AEMCS (MLS) - S24JAA – Draft a letter to Minister for DATSIP/ Local Government – when we say use s24JAA, it is expected it is used.

2:53pm – 2:55pm

Leave in Advance

The following Councillors applied for leave in Advance;

Cr Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island
Cr Stephen, Division 13 - Ugar
Cr Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island

2:55pm – 2:57pm

Erub Trust Fund

Left laying on the table

ACTION:

Cr Thaiday to meet with the community to consider community request for use of trust funds for upcoming recreation carnival, rather than divestment of the trust fund at this time.

Meeting closed at 2:57pm - Prayer by Cr Toby

Tuesday 22 August 2017

Present

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Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island
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Apologies

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri Island
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14. **9:05am – 9:06pm** **Opening Prayer by Cr Nai**

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Gela welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional owners on the land in which we were meeting.

15. **9:06am – 10:06am** PRESENTATION: Department of Agriculture and Water Resource And Biosecurity Work Group – Dr Ron Glanville, Consultant, Laurie Mosby, TSI & NPA Operational Coordinator and Patrick Nai, Biosecurity Officer, Masig – Development of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Biosecurity Working Group (BWG) and the development of a proposed Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Strategy through consultation with the community including Councils and PBC's/ Traditional Owners.

10.06am-10:30am - Morning Tea

16. **10:30am – 11:35am** PRESENTATION: Torres Strait Fisheries Infrastructure and Services Audit Project commissioned by TSRA – Kenny Bedford, Director, Debe Mekik Le Consultancy.

17. **11:35am – 12:23pm**

PRESENTATION – Masig Elders as follows:

1. Mr John Morris – PBC Chair
Erosion - Mr Morris raised concerns regarding erosion at the south eastern end of the island – Mayor explained the Council position on the money that is available for the erosion from the government. Mayor also advised Elders on the work being done in the space of negotiating with both state and federal government.
Housing – Mr Morris raised the issue of social housing on Masig. Lease arrangement is \$800 per annum for the lease of their land. Mayor informed Elders that the amount for the lease arrangements have been determined by the State and Federal /government not by council.
Wharf at Masig – Mr Morris asked for the wharf to be fixed and lights be put up for safety reasons. Mayor informed the Elders of the \$6.2m funding and what the funds will be spent on in each communities.
2. Pastor Moses Mene
Survey Feed back – Pastor Moses Mene asked for Council to give feedback on the Survey.
My Pathway Service Provider – Pastor Mene raised concerns regarding My Pathway not allowing their participants to take time off work for when sorry business is announced.
Pastor Mene asked if SeaSwift were paying any money to Council for when they use the wharf facility. Mayor informed Elders of the fee for service arrangement
3. Mr Simon Naawi
Water – Mr Naawi raised the issue of water restrictions on the island. It was suggested the solution was to install tanks and pumps to all houses. Out of the 40 houses on Masig only 9 have a pump. Mayor –advised this Program is from the state and has asked for the pump system to be put back in place.
4. Mr Michael Nai – August 23rd Celebration – Mr Nai proposed to Council to make the date a gazetted bank holiday right across our Region and to educate the next generation on the importance of this date. He also suggested the day should be celebrated on a different Division each year.

5. Mr Percy Misi - Airfares
Mr Misi raised the issue of lowering airfares from outer islands to Horn Island. He also asked about traineeships in the Aviation industry, funded through My Pathways training funds.
6. Mrs Maree Mosby
Funeral Funds – Mrs Mosby asked if Council had this fund available and how community can access these funds. Requested for Council to have promotional material at the Council Office and on their website. The material should contain the following information; amount that can be accessed and the eligibility criteria. EMFS informed Mrs Mosby of what funds Council currently provide and noted the suggestions of providing the promotional materials to our communities.
7. Mr Eric Nai – Council Feedback to Community
Mr Nai asked for how Council gives feed back to the communities. Cr Fell advised on his community of Mabuiag the community arrange with the DM to hold meetings they don't wait for the Councillor to be present. You can have a meeting when you want. ACEO will have conversations with the Divisional Managers throughout the region, regarding the updates from all our departments at Community meetings.

ACTION

EO – to ensure that Divisional Staff are provided with Grafton Street notes to be used to give information back to regional offices on updates.

ACTION

Mayor to raise Boundary Mapping at Warraber Allen Cunneen at upcoming TWG.

12:23pm – 1:30pm Lunch Break – with Elders

18. **1:30pm – 2:00pm** **PRESENTATION: Project Information on Remote and Isolated Communities Essential Service focus on community – based Water and energy management – Melissa Jackson, PhD Candidate, Cities Research Institute and School of Engineering, Griffith University**

19. **2:00pm – 3:00pm** **Councillors and Masig Elders inspect erosion site on Masig**

Mayor Gela, Councillors and the Masig Elders walked to the South eastern beach to inspect the coastal erosion from wind and tidal influences.

3:00pm- 3:30pm - Afternoon Tea

20. **3:30 – 3:39pm** **LGAQ Motion – Climate Adaptation**

ACEO presented the LGAQ Motion

LGAQ Title of Motion – That LGAQ seek joint State Federal policy and funding commitment for the protection and remediation of coastal public infrastructure in the Torres Strait at immediate threat of damage or loss due to tidal and storm surge inundation and erosion.

Motion - That the Federal government (lead via Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development) and the Queensland government (lead via Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) establish a 50/50% policy and funding program for the protection and remediation of coastal public infrastructure on Boigu, Poruma, Iama, Warraber and Masig in the

Torres Strait at immediate threat of damage or loss due to tidal and storm surge inundation and erosion.

MOTION CARRIED

21. **3:39pm – 4:50pm** PRESENTATION: Queensland Police Service , Inspector David Lacy – Provided an update to Council on Community Policing including recruitment.

22. **4:50pm – 5:10pm** **General Business**

Mayor made special mention and thanked Chris McLaughlin for a job well done in the Acting CEO role over the last 12 months. Mayor acknowledged that Chris really proved himself, together with the staff that supported him.

23. **5:10pm – 5:13pm** **Next Meeting Date**

Date: 18 & 19 September 2017
Venue: Video Conference

Meeting closed at 5:13pm - Prayer by Cr Nai