



**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

Tuesday 17 April 2018: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Wednesday 18 April 2018: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Videoconference – VMR - 0392 605 000

**Tuesday 17 April 2018**

**Present**

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor (TI office)  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island (on phone)  
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island (video conference - Saibai)  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island (video conference - Mabuiag)  
Cr Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island (video conference - Kubin)  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island (Cairns office)  
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirriri Island (on phone)  
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island (video conference - Warraber)  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island (video conference - Poruma)  
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island (Cairns office)  
Cr Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (on phone - Ugar)  
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island (video conference - Erub)  
Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (TI office)  
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager, Community Services (EMoCS) (TI office)  
Ms Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (TI office)  
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS) (Cairns office)  
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES) (Cairns office)  
Mr John Coyle, Executive Manager Housing Services (EMHS) (Cairns office)  
Ms Julia Maurus, Manager Legal Services, Office of the CEO (MLS) (Cairns office)  
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns office)

**Apologies**

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama  
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island

1. **9:36am – 9:40am** **Opening Prayer by Cr Fell and Welcome by Mayor Gela**

**Mayor Gela, Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mayor Gela welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land in which we're meeting on across Zenadth Kes and paid respects to elders past, present and future. Mayor Gela also acknowledged the Karareg nation and the traditional owners of the Cairns area. Mayor acknowledged Councillors, Executive Managers and staff, he thanked them for their participation and attendance.

2. **9:40am – 9:47am** **Apologies**

The Councillors named below applied for leave in advance at the OM March 2018.

- Cr Dimus Toby
- Cr Rocky Stephen
- Cr Laurie Nona
- Cr Bob Kaigey

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Elisala; Second: Cr Bosun

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Akiba

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Akiba; Second: Cr Sabatino

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Bosun

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. **9:47am – 9:50am** **Outstanding Strategic Ordinary Meeting Action items**

1. Mooring Fees - CEO to obtain legal advise – committee to be put together to work on this project.

2. House Land Sale price - MLS to provide chronology for the Katter leases. Cr Sabatino also requested information around houses built on the Katter leases and the history behind trenches, treatment and methodology.

4. **9:50am – 9:51am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or Material Personal Interest (MPI)**

- Cr Nai declared a potential conflict of interest (COI) for the TSCHHS Leases
  - COI details: Cr Nai's role with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- Cr Nai declared a potential conflict of interest (MPI) for the TSCHHS Leases
  - COI details: Cr Nai's role with in the Queensland Health Board
- Cr Elisala declared a material personal interest (MPI) for the TSCHHS Leases
  - COI details: Cr Elisala's family are the TO's for the Lease on Dauan.

5. **9:51am – 9:51am** **Confirmation of April 2018 Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

Minutes could not be ratified at this time due to amendments that needed to be changed. Mayor Gela requested that an updated version which had track changes be circulated to Councillors for their review.

SO will accept track changes and send to all Councillors and Executive the final draft for their perusal to be ratified after lunch.

**9:51am** – Councillor Rocky Stephen attends the meeting via telephone.

**9:51am** – Mayor Gela asked Cr Lui, Deputy Mayor to take the Chair role whilst he attends to an urgent pressing matter.

6. **9:51am – 10:30am** **HOUSING – Policies**

EMHS spoke to this report. The purpose of the report is for Council to adopt these new policies as presented;

Council had a robust discussion on SPO26.

**SPO26 - Operating a Business from Rental Premises Policy**

Council is committed to the economic participation and development of its communities as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2014-2019.

For the business to be legal and acceptable, the tenant must ensure that the operation of the business does not breach the terms of their tenancy agreement or local laws.

**ACTION:** SEA – to add this policy to the May Workshop Agenda for Councillors to workshop.

**LEAVE ITEM LYING ON THE TABLE – resubmit at the OM May 2018 in Cairns.**

**10:30am** – Mayor Gela re-joins the meeting and continues to Chair the meeting. Mayor Gela thanked Cr Lui, Deputy Chair for chairing the meeting he attended to an urgent matter.

**SPO27 - Notifications Policy**

The Queensland State Regulatory System for Community Housing requires the Local Government wishing to be registered as housing provider to have a notifications policy in place which indicates the types of events that trigger a notification:

- changes in business operations
- incidents threatening the reputation of the community housing sector

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That Council adopts Housing Services Department's policies SPO27 – Notification Policy as presented for a period of two years.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. **10:30am – 10:44am** **OFFICE OF THE CEO – Risk Management Policies**

The CEO spoke to this report. The purpose of the report is that Council adopts a risk policy as presented for a period of one year being:

**Risk Management Policy**

Council is committed to managing risk as an integral part of its core business and to ensuring there is consistency in the methods and processes used in assessing, monitoring and communicating risks across Council.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council adopts the Risk Management Policy as presented for a period of one year.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10:44am – 11:00am- Morning Tea break**

**8. 11:00am – 11:26am**

**FINANCE - Regional Grants**

EMFS spoke to this report. The purpose of the report is to present to Council for decision the Regional Grants applications for Round Four 2017/18. Applications have been received from the following applicants:

1. Barry Nona for the eligible amount of \$500 exclusive of GST
2. Karl Dai for the eligible amount of \$500 exclusive of GST
3. Kearney Bin Awel for the eligible amount of \$500 exclusive of GST
4. Church of the Rock Ministry for the eligible amount of \$2000 exclusive of GST
5. Dhadhin Geai Warriors for the eligible amount of \$1500 exclusive of GST
6. Iama Kurrs Touch football club for the eligible amount of \$2500 exclusive of GST
7. Waibene Netball club for the eligible amount of \$2500 exclusive of GST

**Applicant 1 – Barry Nona**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Stephen

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

1. **Barry Nona for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 2 – Karl Dai**

- Cr Elisala declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Elisala is related to the applicant (cousin).
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Elisala did not vote.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Pearson

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

2. **Karl Dai for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 3 – Kearney Bin Awel**

- Cr Elisala declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)

- COI details: Cr Elisala is related to the applicant (cousin).
- How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Elisala did not vote.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Sabatino; *Second:* Cr Pearson

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

3. **Kearney Bin Awel for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 4 – Church of the Rock Ministry**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Stephen

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

4. **Church of the Rock Ministry for the eligible amount of \$2000.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 5 – Dhadhin Geai Warriors**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Akiba; *Second:* Cr Fell

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

2. **Dhadhin Geai Warriors for the eligible amount of \$1500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 6 – Iama Kurrs Touch Football Club**

- Cr Lui declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Lui may have family in the team.
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Lui did not vote.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Stephen

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

6. **Iama Kurrs Touch Football Club for the eligible amount of \$2500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Applicant 7 – Waibene Netball Club**

- Cr Tamu declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Tamu's granddaughter is in the team.
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Tamu did not vote.
- Cr Fell declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)

- COI details: Cr Fell may have family in the team.
- How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Fell did not vote.
- Cr Lui declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Lui has family in the team.
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Lui did not vote.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Sabatino; *Second* Cr Bosun

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

- 7. Waibene Netball Club for the eligible amount of \$2,500.00 exclusive of GST**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Cr Sabatino raised the issue of multiple applications from the same organisation, this should be considered in the Policy review at the workshop.

**9. 11:26am – 11:33am                      LEGAL SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – Dauan**

MLS spoke to this report. Council received an application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for a 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' to enable leasing for Social Housing which requires a planning approval.

The development will create five (5) lots on Dauan Island as shown on SP287221, as **Attachment 1** and listed below:

- Lot 7 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 701 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 67 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 704 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 9 on SP287221 (Balance DOGIT Lot)

No new development or operational works are associated with this application, which is primarily for the purpose of enabling the lease of the abovementioned lots for future development of social housing.

A summary of the relevant matters is provided as follows:

- The proposed development involves 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' which, under the *Planning Act 2016*, requires Council as the Assessment Manager to issue a formal Development Permit.
- The proposal is considered to be relatively consistent with relevant planning legislation and policies and therefore should be approved by Council.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Elisala; *Second:* Cr Fell

**That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a lot' with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 5 of the Agenda Report. (New Lots 7, 701, 9, 67 and 704 on SP287221)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10. 11:33am – 11:47am                      LEGAL SERVICES – Development Application – Saibai**

MLS spoke to this report. Council received an application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for a 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' to enable leasing for Social Housing which requires a planning approval.

The development will create two (2) lots on Saibai Island as shown on SP296838, as **Attachment 1** and listed below:

- Lot 1 on SP296838 (1258m<sup>2</sup> for Social houses: one 2-bed and one 3-bed) and
- Lot 102 on SP296838 (2437m<sup>2</sup> balance land – no development proposed).

No new development or operational works are associated with this application, which is primarily for the purpose of enabling the lease of the abovementioned lots for future development of social housing.

A summary of the relevant matters is provided as follows:

- The proposed development involves 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' which under the *Planning Act 2016* requires Council as the Assessment Manager to issue a formal Development Permit.
- The proposal is considered to be relatively consistent with relevant planning legislation and policies and therefore should be approved by Council.

Cr Akiba raised the issue regarding the squatter on Lot 102 and asked who was going to deal with him. It was suggested that the squatter is notified of the development by people on ground i.e. PBC and Cr Akiba. Provide the level of support to Cr Akiba and let the authorities deal with the squatter. The approach will be as a Local Government and endorsing a Development Application.

**ACTION:** CEO, MLS and Cr Akiba work together to develop a plan to deal with the issue.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Akiba

***That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a lot' with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 6 of the Agenda Report. (New Lots 1 and 102 on SP296838)***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. 11:47am – 11:47am COUNCIL MOVE INTO TRUSTEE**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Fell

**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**

**12. 11:47am – 11:57am TRUSTEE – Development Application - Dauan**

MLS spoke to this report. The purpose of the report is for Council as Trustee received an application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for a 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' to enable leasing for Social Housing which requires a planning approval.

The development will create five (5) lots on Dauan Island as shown on SP287221, as **Attachment 1** and listed below:

- Lot 7 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 701 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 67 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 704 on SP287221 (for Social House lease)
- Lot 9 on SP287221 (Balance DOGIT Lot)



No new development or operational works are associated with this application, which is primarily for the purpose of enabling the lease of the abovementioned lots for future development of social housing.

A summary of the relevant matters is provided as follows:

- The proposed development involves 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' which, under the *Planning Act 2016*, requires Council as the Assessment Manager to issue a formal Development Permit.
- The proposal is considered to be relatively consistent with relevant planning legislation and policies and therefore should be approved by Council.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Sabatino; Second: Cr Levi*

***That Council as Trustee issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a lot' with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 5 of the Agenda Report. (New Lots 7, 701, 9, 67 and 704 on SP287221)***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**13. 11:57am – 12:12pm TRUSTEE – Development Application - Saibai**

MLS spoke to this report. The purpose of the report is that Council as Trustee received an application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for a 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' to enable leasing for Social Housing which requires a planning approval.

The development will create two (2) lots on Saibai Island as shown on SP296838, as **Attachment 1** and listed below:

- Lot 1 on SP296838 (1258m<sup>2</sup> for Social houses: one 2-bed and one 3-bed) and
- Lot 102 on SP296838 (2437m<sup>2</sup> balance land – no development proposed).

No new development or operational works are associated with this application, which is primarily for the purpose of enabling the lease of the abovementioned lots for future development of social housing.

A summary of the relevant matters is provided as follows:

- The proposed development involves 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' which under the *Planning Act 2016* requires Council as the Assessment Manager to issue a formal Development Permit.
- The proposal is considered to be relatively consistent with relevant planning legislation and policies and therefore should be approved by Council.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Akiba*

***That Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a lot' with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 6 of the Agenda Report. (New Lots 1 and 102 on SP296838)***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**14. 12:12pm – 12:53pm TRUSTEE – Land Price**

MLS spoke to this report. Council had a robust discussion around the paper presented and various issues were raised by different Councillors.

**THIS ITEM IS LEFT LYING ON THE TABLE PENDING FURTHER WORK BY MAYOR AND MANAGEMENT**

**ACTION:** Mayor and MLS to make further inquiries and advocacy into this item.

15. 12:53pm – 12:55pm TRUSTEE – TCHHS Leases

- Cr Bosun declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Bosun is the Director of their PBC.
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Bosun did not vote.
- Cr Tamu declared a potential conflict of interest (COI)
  - COI details: Cr Tamu is and employee of Queensland Health.
  - How the Councillor proposed to deal with the COI: Cr Tamu did not vote.

16. 12:55pm – 12:56pm COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

Mayor Gela checks quorum – 10 Councillors present.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Bosun

That Council move into closed business.

**MOTION CARRIED**

17. 12:56pm – 1:05pm LEGAL SERVICES – TRUSTEE – TCHHS Lease Update

1:05pm – 2:10pm - Lunch Break

17. 2:10pm – 2:26pm LEGAL SERVICES – TRUSTEE – TCHHS Lease Update

18. 2:26pm – 3:00pm LEGAL SERVICES – Maritime Fees

19. 3:00pm – 3:30pm ENGINEERING – Seawall Project Funding Allocations

20. 3:30pm – 3:35pm COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Bosun; *Second:* Cr Fell

That Council move out of Closed Business and Trustee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**17. LEGAL SERVICES – TRUSTEE – TCHHS Lease Update**

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Akiba

1. That, further to the Trustee's February and March 2018 resolutions for the grant of leases to Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service at Poruma, St Pauls, Masig, Dauan, Kubin and Ugar, the Trustee authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into those leases on the terms proposed in TCHHS's letter dated 12 April 2018, notwithstanding inconsistency with the Trustee's rent methodology resolution in February 2018.

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Price per m2</i>
<i>Residential/ Community</i>	<i>\$4</i>
<i>Commercial/ Government*</i>	<i>\$10.80</i>

\*Minimum charge of \$6,000p.a shall apply.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **18. LEGAL SERVICES – Maritime Fees**

### **RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Sabatino; Second: Cr Fell*

1. That Council issue Sea Swift Pty Ltd with a compliance notice pursuant to section 26 of Model Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2010, directing the vessel operator to provide documentation/information necessary to substantiate actual commercial use of Council infrastructure.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTION:** MLS to bring all the material to the table.

**ACTION:** MLS to prepare a paper for the May OM – to make changes to the Local Law – TIBS having exception from maritime fees.

## **19. ENGINEERING – Seawall Project Funding Allocations**

### **RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Tamu*

That Council makes a formal request to the Seawalls Project Governance Committee to vary the Seawalls Funding agreement to include the following works to be done subject to budget available:

1. Boigu - design and scope confirmation, and independent construction cost estimate for full project completion.
2. Poruma - design and scope confirmation, and independent construction cost estimate for full project completion.
3. lama - detailed design works including survey and geotechnical, and construction cost estimate.
4. Warraber - detailed design works including survey and geotechnical, and construction cost estimate.
5. Masig – study and options of coastal works defence options and cost estimates for defence works.

Upon confirmation of costings to undertake the proposed works within the surplus “Seawalls Project” budget availability, Council enters into agreement to undertake the works as per a revised funding agreement.

The ‘urgency ranking’ of works is as per the order 1 to 5 as noted, and extent of items covered will be subject to the budget available.

Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Office in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into a funding agreement under this arrangement.

## 21. **3:35pm – 3:36pm**                      **COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND TRUSTEE**

### **RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Bosun; Second: Cr Fell*

That Council move out of closed business and Trustee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 22. **3:36pm – 3:37pm**                      **Confirmation of April 2018 Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Cr Fell; Second: Cr Levi*

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in March 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**23. 3:37pm – 4:43pm**

**SARG Update – Mayor Gela**

1. CDP update – face to face with Region 57, engaging a consultant. An option paper to go to SARG and Council for consideration. Cr Lui stated to drive it from the bottom up. Restore not refresh
2. June OM – Erub – no accommodation
3. Mayor will on leave from 28<sup>th</sup> June – first week in August. Cr Lui will be doing the mayoral role in his absence.
4. Mayor and Cr Lui will go through the Budget
5. Cr Nai as alternate Deputy Mayor
6. Potential visit to Hammond by Minister Mick di Brenni for the official subdivision opening on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018, subject to the availability of Cr Sabatino and Cr Lui as Acting Mayor
7. Deputation in Brisbane – formal announcement of \$1b in housing funding. Focus on R&M and upgrades. With by partisan support from the Commonwealth
8. Four strategic topics;
  - Container Refund Scheme
  - Whole of government Investment – TWG
  - Regional Waste Management
  - Presentation on Renewable Energy – Solar thermal power
9. Cr Fell - Master Planning – Update – Poruma and Masig are out for tender.
10. Cr Sabatino – Container Refund Scheme – Containers to be stored in an area for biosecurity. Imposed by the State. The entity will be addressing SARG and then full Council.
11. Housing Authority Update – whether TSIRC manage or go through an agency. Alternate – financial support – June 2017 - \$3m over three years. Stalled. Cr Sabatino suggested a third option, we don't have to transition to the State.

**ACTION:** EMHS to email Mayor and CEO with our options.

12. NRS – maintain that course
13. Housing Authority – How much the system cost, what's factored into the half a million dollars, pursue the establishment of a housing authority, our team looked at another system – look at what it cost, plus the resource needed. Cr Sabatino – How far are you from accreditation, position hasn't changed, and Cr Lui mentioned it at the Mayor Housing Summit. EMHS not looked at the system, looked at high end. No procurement process at this stage. Cr Sabatino asked if we are going to get the system for free and how will it improve our collection rate. With 280 repayment plans, with a system will it tell you when there's a breakdown. EMHS informed Council our team have been nominated for an award – more for less.

**24. 4:43pm – 4:55pm**

**Next Ordinary Meeting Date**

Next meeting to be held face to face in Cairns 15 & 16 May.

June OM – Cr Lui to Chair – Acting Mayor. Cr Thaiday has advised the accommodation is not available at Erub Island.

Cr Fell mentioned Cr Nona has expressed previously an interest to have a face to face meeting at Badu.

**ACTION:** Staff to email Cr Nona and check with him regarding the June OM.

Budget for 2019/2020 – 6 on ground face to face and 2 times two week workshop in Cairns.

**ACTION:** IT department to visit communities to check out all the video conference facilities. On budget for extra band width. Splitters and mics at each division.

EMFS informed Council that in the 18/19 budget – 8 sites will be increased to 10meg. It is suggested that the IT department and the Divisional staff do a dry run the day before the meeting to check the video and or teleconference facilities are in working order prior to the meeting.

The question was raised as to why the workshops are being held in Cairns. The response being, it is cheaper to hold them in Cairns. Cr Sabatino requested a cost comparison for holding meetings in the Region verses being held in Cairns.

**ACTION:** SEA to do a cost comparison for holding meetings in the Region verses being held in Cairns.

**25. 4:55pm – 4:57pm Leave in Advance**

The following Councillors applied for leave in advance;

- Cr Tamu
- Cr Sabatino
- Cr Fell
- Cr Stephen

**26. 4:57pm – 5:03pm Business arising from Information Report**

Cr Thaiday asked for a status update on the sewerage treatment plant #2 at Erub. EMES gives a brief update and shares the Councillors frustration. The project is funded under MIP6 and that TSRA is the project manager.

**27. 5:03pm – 5:13pm Signatory – North Queensland Agreement – **BobRebbie** Katter**

Mayor Gela spoke to this paper. Establish a separate State. Inequity in investment.

- TSIRC Governance vision
- If we pledge our support to send a letter by 1 May 18
- Bill to be put forward
- Sentiments shared by Council in the far north

Cr Fell supported the CEO view point of supporting the submission for the \$250k to go towards setting up the independent body to investigate the underinvestment, However don't support a separate State.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Akiba; *Second:* Cr Pearson

**That Council support the Katter's Australian Party petition requesting the Government provide an initial funding commitment of \$250,000 for the establishment of an independent body to investigate the social, cultural, legal and economic benefits and costs of creating a separate Australian state (North Queensland) within the existing borders of Queensland.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Against: - Cr Sabatino and Cr Thaiday**

**ACTION:** ME to obtain copy of other reports. PBC at Port Douglas.

**ACTION:** MLS to send a formal letter to the Katter Australian Party.

**28. 5:13pm – 5:36pm General Business**

Cr Pearson asked about the airport waiting shed at Poruma. EMES informed Cr Pearson that the funding was for the design of the waiting shed only. Other work being done at Poruma by the Engineering department are the wharf and clean-up of the landfill.

**ACTION:** SEA/ SO - Add to future meeting Agendas as standing items - \$6.2m beautification update.

**ACTION:** CEO – to send out to Executives details of what each Community get out of this money.

**ACTION:** EMHS to send out to each Councillors the scope of works for each Division.

**ACTION:** EMOCS to follow with the Indigenous Drivers Licencing Unit regarding visits to the Outer Islands

Cr Sabatino asks about our WHS officer that we have working in house, suggested the CEO review and clarify their role. In relation to general community health and safety, anything external doesn't get looked at seriously.

**5:18pm** Cr Fell leaves the meeting.

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Cr Lui asked about driving test for the outer islands – they keep going in to TI.  
Power cards – is there a cost recovery for the new system being put in. Concerns that Ergon has done it with no consultation or effective consultation. Emergency credit is increased, Orange card – rebate for Pensioners, Green card – can be used anywhere when visiting other Divisions. Ability to recharge online.

Palm Island Centenary celebration – asked at the Summit if the Torres Strait was sending any representation. June is the date encouraged to attend. Budget dependant – Mayor and CEO to attend.

Cr Bosun gives his apology for tomorrow's meeting.

**Meeting Closed at 5:36pm - Prayer by Cr Levi**

## **Wednesday 17 April 2018**

### **Present**

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor (TI office)

Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island (video conference – Saibai)

Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island (video conference - Mabuiag)

Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island (VC) left the meeting at 11am

Cr Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (on phone - Ugar)

Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island (video conference – Erub)

Mr Bruce Ranga, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (TI office)

Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMoCS) (TI office)

Ms Ursula Nai – Senior Executive Assistant, Office of the CEO and Mayor (SEA) (TI office)

### **Apologies**

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island

Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island

Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Kirirri Island

Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island

Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island

**21. 9.15am – 9.25am Opening Prayer by Cr Fell and Welcome by Mayor**

Mayor Gela welcomed and acknowledges the traditional owners of the land in which we meet.

**22. 9.25am – 10.25am PRESENTATION: Mura Kosker Sorority**

Regina Turner, President of Mura Kosker Sorority (TI Office) and Latoya Nakata, Manager of Mura Kosker Sorority (Cairns Office) presented on Mura Buai Torres Strait Family Wellbeing Service for the Torres Strait Region.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services is to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities services to improve the wellbeing and safety of families, children and young people.

Mura Kosker Sorority successfully won the tender to deliver the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services for the Torres Strait Region namely the Mura Buai Torres Strait Family Wellbeing Service. It will partner with Lena Passi Women's Shelter and The Benevolent Society to deliver the service through the Torres Strait.

The new service will make it easier for families in communities to access culturally responsive support to improve their social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing, and build their capacity to safety care for and protect their children. Mura Kosker Sorority ensure that the service is easily accessible, culturally safe and a responsive service with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

The service will offer a coordinated mix of services to address multiple levels of need and build family and community capacity to safely care for and protect their children. From early intervention responses through to supporting children where ongoing Child Safety intervention is required.

It will be an integrated service and holistic strength responses to:

- Family's needs will be assessed and practical services that address a specific need in the family will be delivered.
- Families will have assistance to build capabilities and connections.
- Holistic Case Management that is culturally appropriate to coordinate services for families.
- There will be stronger support for a family from multiple service providers
- There will be more collaboration, information exchange, joint planning shared resourcing and development of formal (and informal) partnerships amongst community controlled and mainstream services.
- Personal support and development including information and advice, parenting skills development, kinship connections, budgeting and household management skills development will be offered.
- Cultural framework will consist of direct clinical and/or therapeutic counselling, emotional support and healing practises.
- Support community leadership, participation, networks and actions.



Mura Kosker can best service the Torres Strait by:

- It is anticipated that the Service will have “Family Wellbeing Positions” which will be case workers and be less reliant on fly in and fly out service delivery and will hopefully have island based case workers.
- Some elements of the service such as the Specialist Services (counsellors) will continue to be a fly-in and fly-out services.
- The family wellbeing positions will continue to work with families and provide on-going support on the ground in community.
- It is anticipated that the positions will be supported by already established local community groups such as community justice groups, women’s and men’s group, youth groups etc.
- These positions will also work closely with the key stakeholders including but not limited to Health Centres and School in each community. They will work in collaboration with a wide range of cultural appropriate universal, secondary and specialised services with each individual family, to plan and provide a tailored, holistic and coordinate responses to their specific needs.
- These position will work with families with diverse needs – from prevention and early intervention support to help families at the earliest possible opportunity to prevent concerns and worries from escalating to the child protection system.

The family wellbeing positions will be provided with training, support and supervision by qualified practitioners.

The family wellbeing positions will provide an on-going service with the family/children in community through:

- Case Management
- Care Coordination Approach
- Support Linking
- Referring
- Practical Family Support
- Build on Family Strengths

Mura Kosker Sorority will be rolling the program out in 2 stages. Stage 1 is the Consultation Phase. Due to timing from the Department and recent election care taking mode the funding received for this financial year has been significantly reduced. This will have a massive impact on this project and Mura Kosker Sorority would like support from TSIRC to seek this money be re-invested back into Community. Mura Kosker Sorority will engage a specialised consultant who will engage with each community on what services are required. They will also work with documents such as the ISD. The Mayor would encourage Mura Kosker Sorority to consult with either the CEO or the Executive Manager Community Services to see what services TSIRC currently provide and are delivering and for Mura Kosker Sorority to try and fill in the gaps in services.

Mura Kosker Sorority will employ and would like work agreements with the HLO and Aged Care Workers to allow for better working arrangements and also the possibility of leasing physical office space. Mura Kosker Sorority will employ 1 x Part-time Officer on every island working 20/week or 40hrs/fortnight. At this stage Mura Kosker Sorority has a budget of \$1,000.00/week per cluster or approximately \$250.00/week per island for leasing agreements. Mura Kosker Sorority has also been in contact with Qld Health and TAGAI and are yet to have discussion with TSIRC and PBC's on all islands. The CEO would like to have cross function training be provided with staff of both organisations.

The Mayor and CEO feel it is imperative that the service delivery is completed right and the audit of what services are on ground what services are required in each division. This will target all gaps that are not being delivered in community. This will also use encompass entities that have assets that TSIRC has divested money to.

**ACTION: Mura Kosker Sorority to meet with Executive Manager of Community Services to undertake service mapping and tailor services to families to meet the gaps in services not currently provided for by TSIRC, prior to the consultant travelling out to the Outer Islands.**

**ACTION: Mura Kosker Sorority provide TSIRC with information on the funding agreement and the cut back in funding for this financial year and include the implication this reduction in funding has to the service delivery.**

23. **10.25am – 10.27am** **PRESENTATION:** Australian National Audit Office  
This deputation did not proceed

24. **10.27am – 10.30am** **PRESENTATION:** Skytrans and West Wing Aviation  
This deputation did not proceed

**10:30 am – 11:00am – Morning Tea**

25. **11:00am – 11:00am** **General Business**

**Ugar Helicopter Subsidy**

Cr Stephen would like the Helicopter Subsidy re-visited as the current service operates only one a week,. This service does not cater for the needs of the community if families on Ugar are sick or there is a cultural activity taking place on other islands. CEO advised that the letter to TSRA seeking a reduction of fees to \$250.00pp has just been sent to TSRA for approval. CEO advised Engagement Team was tasked to draft letter a letter to TSRA requesting additional flights for community attendance at funerals. The CEO will place this letter on holding pending further discussions with Cr Stephen. The Mayor advised Cr Stephen that if the frequency is increased the timeframe of the existing subsidy would decrease.

**ACTION:** ME along with Cr Stephen to compile a proposal to TSRA to increase the frequency of flights provided and include the decrease to the existing timeframes.

#### Mail Service to Ugar

Cr Stephen would like to know what has happened with the Mail Service to Ugar. This issue was tasked to the Executive Manager of Corporate Services to find out what were the issues with insurance on the mail delivery between Erub and Ugar. The CEO will work with the Executive Manager of Community Services to try and rectify.

**ACTION: Executive Manager of Community Services to follow up with Legal regarding the Ugar Mail Service.**

#### Emergency Work in Community on Ugar

Cr Stephen would like all repairs and maintenance work conducted at Ugar to be planned properly so that all materials are on ground in community before works are started. Ugar does not have a freight service every week and sometime the Sea Swift barge may load and unload every couple of months. Cr Stephen would like education for all contractors who are awarded contracts with TSIRC prior to their arrival at Ugar.

**ACTION: CEO to follow up with BSU and all departments with TSIRC to facilitate this request that all building material has landed on Ugar prior to any work commencing.**

#### Ugar Community Hall

Cr Stephen has sent an invitation to the Mayor and Chair of TSRA to attend the official opening of the Community Hall at Ugar. As the Mayor and Chair of TSRA are unable to attend during the dates requested the Mayor would like Cr Stephen to conduct the blessing in his absence so that community are able to use the hall and if required another blessing will be conducted when both the Mayor and Chair of TSRA are available.

**ACTION: SEA to send out email to Cr Stephen to conduct the official opening of the Community Hall at Ugar on behalf of the Mayor and if required another blessing will be conducted when both the Mayor and Chair of TSRA are available.**

#### Leasing Kitchen and Office at Ugar

Cr Stephen would like to if it is a possibility to lease the kitchen and office to community members. The CEO will have a discussion with our legal department and report back to Cr Stephen.

**ACTION: CEO will follow up with MLS regarding the possibility to lease the kitchen and office space to community members at Ugar.**

#### Council Meeting Attendance

Cr Lui would like Councillors to attend both days of the monthly council meeting and not just when resolutions are required. Cr Fell feels this is disrespectful to community members who attend for deputation with Council. Mayor agreed all Councillors must prioritise their time for the important role that they have in the community and one which they were elected by the community for and this will be discussed at the May Workshop.

**ACTION: SEA to allocate time in the Agenda for "Council Meeting Attendance" discussion at the May Workshop**

Cr Lui would like in-kind Support to be discussed at the May Council Workshop.

**ACTION: SEA to liaise with EMFS to include In-Kind Support to the Regional Grants allocated timeslot during the May Workshop**

#### Protocols for liaising with Staff

Cr Lui would like to know what the protocol for Councillors to liaise with Staff is. CEO would like all Councillors to email the Executive and cc CEO and/or Mayor and the Executive will discuss the email with relevant staff

**ACTION: Councillors to email relevant Executives who will follow up email with staff members involved.**

#### Kiosk on Poruma

Cr Pearson would like assistance from IBIS to be able to buy goods directly from IBIS rather than community members having to purchase goods from the mainland and pay freight. The CEO advised that CEQ allows community members to purchase goods from TI and if asked to deliver the goods they will organise the freight to each island. Community Members will only have to pay the freight cost that CEQ is charged from Sea swift and not the cost that Sea swift would normally charge making it a saving for the community member.

**ACTION: Mayor will write a letter to CEQ to promote within communities the cost of freight of goods is purchased at either TI Hardware, IBIS or Col Jones on Thursday Island.**

**ACTION: CEO to organise a meeting between CEQ and Councillors to discuss the cost of freight of goods that are purchased at either TI Hardware, IBIS or Col Jones.**

#### ANZAC Celebrations

Cr Akiba would like to know who is responsible for organising ANZAC celebrations in each community. Cr Lui advised the day is for everyone and that all community and relevant stakeholders should come together, assist and celebrate this important day. Saibai Island is very fortunate to have a surviving member and this should be celebrated as pride in the community.

#### OM Meeting – June

Cr Fell suggested that Mabuiag would like to take the meeting in June and hand over the September Meeting as there are a few community events such as wedding happening in September.

#### HLO Officer at Mabuiag

Cr Fell is aware that the HLO officer at Mabuiag has resigned. Executive Manager of Community Services advised that he is waiting on the advice from Prime Minister and Cabinet as the current funding is only until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. He is also waiting on Torres Strait Youth Sporting Association to provide another Service Agreement. The position has been placed on hold until confirmation of new funding agreement has been received. The CEO would like this position to be advertised as Casual until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**ACTION: Executive Manager of Community Services to organise the vacant HLO position on Mabuiag be advertised as casual until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### Cleaner on Poruma

Cr Pearson has some concerns that the cleaning staff on Poruma has decreased from 2 to 1 cleaner. Executive Manager of Community Services advised that he is working with Cluster DM's to review all cleaning positions and their role descriptions. He is also looking at Host Agreements with My Pathways to assist our current cleaners with their roles. The CEO advised he is looking at different options for community member's start their own businesses such as cleaners, yard maintenance services and then TSIRC engaging them as sub-contractors

### Emergency Relief – Iama

Cr Lui requested advice on what to do with the excess clothing donation that was provided to Iama due to tidal inundation. Councillors were in agreeance that some of the goods could be relocated to other communities impacted by the weather events.

**ACTION: CEO will discuss with Sea swift the possibility of providing free freight to relocate goods to other islands.**

**ACTION: Cr Lui to email SEA with recommendations**

### Staff Leave

Cr Thaiday discussed staff leave provisions. Mayor advised that this discussion is better suited offline and with relevant Executive Manager and staff members affected.

### Staff Travel to Ugar

Cr Stephen would like it noted that all staff travel to and from Ugar should be via helicopter.

### Indig Design

The Mayor advised that Indig Design will be seeking to liaise and consult with all Councillors for input on the proposal of a 24 bed extension of Kuzi Meta College on Thursday Island. The Mayor would like all councillors to engage with Indig Designs and discuss your future visions.

## **26. 12.25pm Closing Remarks**

Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance especially Cr Stephen for attendance over the two days via mobile phone, the CEO and administration staff.

**Meeting closed at 12:27pm – Closing prayer by Cr Thaiday**