



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES ORDINARY

MEETING

TUESDAY 21 APRIL – WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2015

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 9.20am – 5.05pm, Wednesday 22nd April 9.07am – 5.18pm at the TSIRC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Torres Strait Haus, 46 Victoria Parade, Thursday Island.

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2015

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor

Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuig Island

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island

Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island

Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island

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

Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island

Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island

Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island

Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island

Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub Island

Cr William Akee, Division 15 – Mer Island

Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)

Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)

Mr Mathew Brodbeck, A/Executive Manager Engineering Services (A/EMES)

Ms Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)

Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)

Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)

Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)

Apologies

Nil

1. **9.20am – 9.25am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Cr Fell opened the meeting in prayer. There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

Mayor's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Mayor welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land.

2. **9.25am – 9.30am** **Apologies**

Cr Enosa – Approved Council Leave

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Nai

That Council accept the apology of Cr Enosa for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Baira – Approved Council Leave

Morning of 1st day

Moved Cr J Gela, Seconded Cr Gaidan

That Council accept the apology of Cr Baira for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr G Lui – Approved Council Leave

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Sabatino

That Council accept the apology of Cr G Lui for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

9.30am – 9.32am **Late Report: Boigu Advisory Committee**

Report presented by EMCS regarding 2 expressions of interest for the Boigu Island Advisory Committee.

Cr Toby declared his support of the decision to appoint the 2 new members.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr J Gela

That pursuant to the Boigu Island Advisory Committee terms of reference, Council appoint new members Pabai Pabai and Eric Peter to the Boigu Island Advisory Committee effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

Action Item

EMCS to conduct an orientation induction for the 2 new Boigu Advisory Committee members.

13. 9.35am – 9.36am Meeting of Council as Trustee of Community DOGIT

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Akee

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

MOTION CARRIED

13.1 9.36pm – 9.43pm Poruma NPARIH

EMCS discussed the report regarding Poruma Social Housing Leases.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr Fell

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) and subject to satisfaction of native title requirements, the Trustee grant a lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas in part of Lot 6 on Crown Plan TS166, for the Works described in the Lease, Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

- *Lot 47 Maka Esplanade, Poruma (Coconut Island)*
- *Lot 56 Murray Street, Poruma (Coconut Island)*
- *Lots 81, 82 & 83 Sawadgee Road, Poruma (Coconut Island)*

as shown on: -

<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
DRAFT SP270862	Plan of Lots 1-6, 9-36, 38-91 & 900- 901 & Proposed Easement A in Lot 25	No date

MOTION CARRIED

13.2 9.43pm – 9.50pm Warraber NPARIH

EMCS discussed the report regarding Warraber Social Housing Leases.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Nai.

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld) and subject to satisfaction of native title requirements, the Trustee grant a lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over the below Lease areas in part of Lot 4 on Crown Plan TS171, for the Works described in the Lease, Social Housing Purposes and other Government Services Use of and incidental to that purpose, namely: -

- Lot 41 Dabus Street, Warraber (Sue Island)
- Lot 53 James Street, Warraber (Sue Island)
- Lot 79 Phillemon Street, Warraber (Sue Island)
- Lot 80 Phillemon Street, Warraber (Sue Island)
- Lot 86 Esplanade Road, Warraber (Sue Island)

as shown on: -

<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
DRAFT SP270859	Plan of Lots 1–5, 8–92 & 900–906	No date

MOTION CARRIED

9.50am - 9.51am

Re-convene as Local Government

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Enosa

That Council re-convene as Local Government

MOTION CARRIED

5. 9.51am – 10.49am Presentation - Safer Streets, Assistant Commissioner Peter Barron, Safer Streets Project, A/Inspector Tony Ridge, Inspector David Lacey

Mayor Gela welcomed and introduced presenters, Councillors and staff.

Assistant Commissioner Peter Barron introduced the Safer Streets program, noting the importance of Government agencies to working unified to assist the program

It was noted that Cr Enosa left room at 10.00am

It was noted that Cr Enosa re-entered room at 10.07am

A/Commissioner Barron discussed the idea of constructing Police Stations at Saibai and Badu, using pre-existing multi-purpose buildings.

Cr Toby advised a need for relationship between the Region and PNG to prevent further border control issues. A/Inspector Tony Ridge reiterated the importance of building up relationships with PNG, noting twice monthly visits with PNG currently carried out.

Cr Nai queried what the long-term emerging issues are for the Region. A/Commissioner Barron advised, from a general perspective, that the big ticket items are drugs, small arms, contraband and potentially people smuggling.

Cr Fell identified issues with Police response times within communities. Inspector David Lacey advised that response times depend on the seriousness of the event, and assured Councillors that this is the same process for every community in Australia.

Cr Fell queried the authority of TSIPSO Officers on the ground.

Cr G Lui queried performance management procedures for TSIPSO Officers. A/Commissioner Barron advised that all performance issues should be confidentially raised with Inspector Lacey.

Councillors raised issues regarding drug-trafficking throughout communities.

It was noted that Cr Nai left room at 10.34am

It was noted that Cr Nai re-entered room at 10.35am

Cr Sabatino queried the future of QATSIP and the infiltration of refined drugs within the Region. Inspector Lacey advised of current intelligence groups held between agencies regarding the issue. Further, Inspector Lacey placed particular concern around the infiltration of Methamphetamines into the communities due to their concerning side effects.

Mayor Gela questioned the transition of Community Police to Torres Strait Island Police Support Officers (TSIPSO), querying how to grant TSIPSO officers the ability to enforce local laws.

Action Item

EMCS to liaise with Inspector Lacey around local laws & how TSIPSO's can administer these.

Cr G Lui queried registration and licensing in the Region. EMCoS advised of the Indigenous Drivers Licensing Unit. Mayor Gela advised of the Indigenous Drivers Licensing Unit's current funding constraints with visiting Outer Island Communities.

10.49am – 11.20am Morning Break

It was noted MPA entered the meeting at 10.55am

4. 11.20am – 12.00pm Action Item Summary From Previous Meeting

Previous Action item 7 – Cr Toby queried how this will affect the lease. CEO advised of plans to meet with MyPathway and review the list. CEO also noted changes ahead with the RJCP program.

Previous Action item 14 - Waste Removal

Mayor Gela noted the need to present a paper to Council regarding the action item. CEO advised A/EMES to present paper at next month's meeting.

Previous Action Item 34 – Seawalls

Cr Enosa requested an update on the Seawalls Action Item. CEO advised feedback would be provided in closed business.

Previous Action Items 35 – Poruma Resort

Cr G Lui queried the progress of scope of work and costing in regards to the Poruma Resort action item. CEO advised scope of work and costing flagged to be received by end of May, with conversations with Cr Mosby regarding to happen after site visit

Previous Action Item 38 – Assets

Cr Kris queried the status of the sewerage road. A/EMES advised waiting on scope of works. Burnt fence required grass cut to prevent fire damage.

Previous Action Item 39 - Roads

Cr Kris raised concerns regarding power pole and maintenance of roads. Mayor advised discussions regarding performance also needed.

Action Item

A/EMES to send St Pauls water report to Cr Kris

It was noted Cr Enosa left meeting at 11.55am

It was noted Cr Enosa re-entered room at 12.00pm

Previous Action Item 44 – Coming of the Light

Cr J Gela requested clarity around the action item, querying if the action item was in regards to the access road to Kemus Bay or the road at Kemus Bay. Mayor advised the action item is in regards to the access road to Kemus Bay.

Cr Sabatino queried the new Executive Manager Engineering Services (EMES). CEO advised new EMES induction will commence on Monday 27 April and community visits will occur after this.

3. 12.00pm – 12.05pm Confirmation of March Minutes

Cr Mosby queried the Stadiums Report from the March Council Meeting. CEO advised Council is waiting for TSRA to provide a Funding Variation.

Action Item

CEO and EMFS to discuss where stadiums funds are sourced from.

Action Item

EMFS to follow-up TSRA funding variation for stadiums project.

Cr J Gela queried Windsocks accommodation at Darnley. Mayor advised a solution is already identified and will discuss further with Cr J Gela out of session.

Cr Kris queried the RIBS program. CEO advised 6 sites have already been divested from RIBS to TSIMA, with a phased approach to follow for the rest of sites.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr J Gela

That the minutes of Council meeting held March 2015 – be adopted as true and accurate.

MOTION CARRIED

14. 12.05pm – 12.10pm Poruma NPARIH DA

EMCS presented the report regarding 5 Poruma NPARIH Development Applications.

Cr Mosby queried Lot 47 being conditioned in relation to the Erosion Prone Area. EMCS advised the condition is enforced by an external referral agency around erosion prone areas whereby structures and buildings must be outside the erosion prone area.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr W Lui

That, subject to satisfaction of native title requirements, Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings:

<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
DRAFT SP270862	Plan of Lots 1-6, 9-36, 38-91 & 900- 901 & Proposed Easement A in Lot 25	No date

2. This approval is valid for two (2) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.
3. New buildings and structures on proposed Lot 47 should be located outside of the erosion prone area, where possible. New buildings and structures on proposed Lot 47 should not locate any further seaward than the existing established building line.
4. The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing any necessary services to the proposed lease area.

MOTION CARRIED

15. **12.10pm – 12.12pm** **Warraber NPARIH DA**

EMCS presented the report regarding 5 Warraber NPARIH Development Applications for leases granted earlier in Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Gaidan

That, subject to satisfaction of native title requirements, Council issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' with the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. The proposed development is to be undertaken in accordance with the following approved drawings:

<i>Plan/Document Number</i>	<i>Plan/Document Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
DRAFT SP270859	Plan of Lots 1–5, 8–92 & 900–906	No date

2. This approval is valid for two (2) years. A plan of survey must be lodged with Council for endorsement within this time, otherwise the approval will lapse.
3. The applicant is responsible for the cost of providing any necessary services to the proposed lease area.

MOTION CARRIED

13. 12.12pm – 12.23pm Meeting of Council as Trustee of Community DOGIT

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr J Gela, Seconded Cr Nai

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

MOTION CARRIED

16. 12.19pm – 12.23pm Saibai Health Lease

EMCS provided report in regards to the lease of land for Queensland Health Staff accommodation on Saibai Island to the Queensland Government.

It was noted MPA left room at 12.21pm

It was noted MPA re-entered room at 12.22pm

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Enosa, Seconded Cr Bosun

That pursuant to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Qld), the Trustee grant a lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Health) over the below Lease area in part of Lot 3 on Crown Plan TS157 (Saibai Island), for staff accommodation, namely: -

Plan/Document number	Lease Description
SP276432	Lease W

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted Cr Mosby entered the room at 12.22pm

12.23pm – 12.24pm Re-convene as Local Government

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Akee

That Council re-convene as Local Government

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted Cr Enosa left the meeting at 12.24pm

12.24pm – 1.44pm Lunch Break

6. 1.45pm – 4.40pm Closed Business Reports

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Stephen

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

- (a) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
- (b) Industrial matters affecting employees; or
- (c) The local government's budget; or
- (d) Rating concessions; or
- (e) Contracts proposed to be made by it; or
- (f) Starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or
- (g) Any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or
- (h) Other business for which a 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.

Further the public in attendance are asked to leave.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 1.47pm – 2.51pm Dauan Ferry

EMCS discussed the report in regards to the Dauan Island Ferry.

It was noted Cr Toby left room at 1.48pm

It was noted EO left the room at 1.49pm

It was noted Cr Toby re-entered room at 1.50pm

It was noted EO re-entered the room at 1.51pm

Cr Baira joined the meeting via videoconference at 1.57pm and confirmed confidentiality.

It was noted MPA left room at 2.04pm

It was noted MPA re-entered room at 2.05pm

It was noted Cr Stephen left room at 2.09pm

It was noted EMCoS left room at 2.09pm

It was noted Cr Stephen re-entered room at 2.13pm

It was noted EMCoS re-entered room at 2.14pm

It was noted EO left the room at 2.31pm

It was noted EO re-entered the room at 2.39pm

It was noted EMCoS left room at 2.35pm

It was noted EMCoS re-entered room at 2.36pm

It was noted Cr Mosby left the room at 2.50pm

6.1 2.51pm – 3.46pm Cultural Festival

MPA presented report on the 2015 TSIRC Cultural Festival.

It was noted CEO left the room at 2.52pm

It was noted CEO re-entered the room at 2.56pm

It was noted Cr Bosun left the room at 2.55pm

It was noted Cr Bosun re-entered the room at 2.58pm

It was noted Cr Mosby re-entered the room at 2.56pm

It was noted Cr Kris left the room at 3.07pm

Cr Kris re-entered room at 3.17pm

EO left room at 3.16pm

EO re-entered room at 3.22pm

EMCS left room at 3.22pm

EMCS re-entered room at 3.23pm

6.3 3.46pm – 3.57pm Enterprise Divestment

EMCS presented report in relation to Council enterprises advertised for divestment.

3.57pm – 4.00pm End of Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr J Gela

Dauan ferry

RESOLUTION

Option 1.

To seek to carry forward the unspent 14/15 capital works budget of \$200,000 into 15/16 for the replacement Dauan Ferry and to seek sufficient grant funds for any project shortfall in 15/16.

Moved Cr Gaidan, Seconded Cr Fell

MOTION LOST

Option 2 & 3.

To reallocate unspent 14/15 capital works budget of \$200,000 for the replacement Dauan Ferry into operational costs for placing back into service, the current Dauan Ferry in 15/16 and to seek to divest the current Dauan Ferry to community organisation.

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr J Gela

MOTION CARRIED
2 Against

Cultural Festival

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Mosby

That Council postpone the planning of the Cultural festival until an additional \$846,500 is sourced.

MOTION CARRIED
Cr Baira Against

Enterprise Divestment

Cr J Gela declared a conflict of interest
Cr Mosby declared a conflict of interest
Cr Bosun declared a conflict of interest – no vote

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr Akee

1. That in accordance with sections 227, 228 and 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council enter into negotiations with the following entities (or related parties) with a view to those entities acquiring the following businesses and associated valuable non-current assets

and staff on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, and recommend to the Trustee, that grant of trustee leases to each entity over relevant land as presented:

Enterprise	Entity
Boigu Motel/Guesthouse	Malu Ki'ai (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Boigu Crab Farm	Malu Ki'ai (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Boigu Fuel Bowser	Malu Ki'ai (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Dauan Guesthouse	Dauanalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Dauan Kiosk	Dauanalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Dauan Fuel Bowser	Dauanalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Erub Ocean View Lodge Accommodation	Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Kubin Arkal Kaziw Childcare Centre	Mualgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Kubin Lizzie Nawia Motel	J & N Enterprise (Josie and Naton Nawia)
Kubin Mualgal Minnaral Artists' Collective	Mualgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Mabuiag Guesthouse/Motel	Goemulgaw (TSI) Corporation RNTBC (Mabuiag PBC)
Mabuiag Donga Accommodation	Goemulgaw (TSI) Corporation RNTBC (Mabuiag PBC)
Poruma Lodge (Sawagee Donga Accommodation)	Porumalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Poruma Kiosk	Porumalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC
Poruma Fuel Bowser	Porumalgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Sabatino, Seconded Cr J Gela

2. That Council include the Hammond Island Nursery and Arts Centre on the Enterprise Divestment List and seek expressions of interest.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr Akee

3. That Council include the Dauan ferry on the Enterprise Divestment List and seek expressions of interest.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr G Lui advised Council of lama wharf damage.

Action Item

A/EMES to follow-up lama wharf damage

Torres Strait Island Regional Council Meeting April 2015

Cr G Lui queried the dates of the May Council Meeting. CEO advised the dates of the May Council Meeting as 19th and 20th. Further, Cr G Lui requested that the May Council Meeting be relocated due to health clinics at lama at the same time being of priority. CEO accepted the suggestion for re-locating the May Council Meeting to Thursday Island.

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Nai

5.05pm Council Meeting Close

Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Present

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island
Cr Joel Gaidan, Division 2 – Dauan Island
Cr Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island
Cr Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island
Cr Willie Lui, Division 10 – Warraber Island
Cr Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub Island
Cr William Akee, Division 15 – Mer Island
Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr David Abednego, Executive Manager Community Services (EMCoS)
Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Mr Mathew Brodbeck, A/Executive Manager Engineering Services (A/EMES)
Ms Katherine Wiggins, Manager Performance and Advocacy (MPA)
Ms Melissa Barmettler, Executive Manager Financial Services (EMFS)
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Jessica Cox, Travel and Administration Officer (TAO)

Apologies

Cr Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island

9.07am – 9.09am Opening Prayer and Welcome

Cr Fell opened the meeting in prayer. There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

9. 9.11am – 10.48am Presentation – The Hon Leeanne Enoch, State Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation,

The Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation, and Neil Castle, Director General with Departmental Officers raised discussions with Council regarding the following topics:

- Home Ownership and Legislation;
 - o Land Holding Act
 - o National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH)
- Indigenous Employment
- Social Housing
- Regional Development
- Building and Asset Services (BAS)

Action Item

CEO to furnish Director General with issue that Mayor Gela flagged in Brisbane.

Action Item

CEO to liaise with Director General regarding the formation of a Technical Working Group.

Action Item

CEO to organise for Director General and Minister to visit communities regarding programs and construction.

It was noted Cr Nai left the room at 10.00am

It was noted Cr Nai re-entered the room at 10.01am

It was noted Cr Nai left the room at 10.44am

It was noted Cr Nai re-entered the room at 10.45am

10.48am – 11.22am Morning Break

10. 11.24am – 12.12pm Presentation – Max Smith, Ranbury, Building Services Review

Max Smith presented his draft report in regards to the Building Services Review, covering the following topics:

1. TSIRC Financial Reports - detailing revenue, direct costs, gross margins, indirect costs and net profits of the Building Services Unit.
2. Full Cost business financial report
3. Benchmarked financial report
4. Observations
5. Governance options
6. Next steps
7. Questions

It was noted MPA left room at 10.40am

It was noted MPA re-entered room at 10.43am

It was noted EO entered meeting at 11.01am

Action Item

MPA to provide Max Smith with May Council Meeting dates.

It was noted Cr Sabatino left room at 11.20am

11. 12.15pm – 12.50pm Presentation – Romina Fujii

Romina acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. Romina presented a report on Access and Engagement to Social Services in the Torres Strait. Romina requested that TSIRC endorse the development of a Health Hub. Mayor Gela stated that further information was required and a response would be provided back to Romina once a decision had been made.

It was noted Cr Sabatino entered room at 12.28pm

It was noted Cr Baira left the meeting at 12.30pm

It was noted Cr W Lui left the room at 12.43pm

It was noted Cr W Lui re-entered room at 12.51pm

Action Item

TAO to provide presentation slides to Councillors.

Action Item

EMCoS to prepare paper regarding Governance Committee for May meeting.

12.55pm – 1.14pm Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fell, Seconded Cr Mosby

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or (b) the industrial matters affecting employees; or (c) the local government budget; or (d) rating concessions; or (e) contracts proposed to be made by it; or (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or (g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or (h) other business for which a 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.

In addition all staff except CEO and EMCS were asked to leave the room.

MOTION CARRIED

1.14pm – 1.15pm **End of Closed Business**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Bosun

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted Cr F Gela left meeting at 1.15pm

1.15pm – 2.06pm Lunch Break

12. 2.09pm – 3.04pm Presentation – MIP – Brian Riley, Program Manager, TSRA

Brian Riley, Program Manager, Mary Bani and Alex Harrington provided Council with a Torres Strait Major Infrastructure Program (MIP) update and advised on processes for seeking future funding.

It was noted EMCS left room 2.11pm

It was noted EMCS re-entered room at 2.15pm

CEO queried whether MIP funding will be increased with the added communities (NPARC). Program Manager advised talks underway.

Program Manager raised the following key issues in the presentation:

- State and Commonwealth budget pressure for savings
- Provision of evidence of ongoing regional need
- Current significant investment in regional infrastructure yet to be delivered
- The importance of a coordinated regional approach.

Cr Sabatino queried the prioritisation of projects within the MIP program. Program Manager advised Council on the weighting key used to prioritise projects, noting that 3 weighting options were presented to the Technical Working Group to choose from.

CEO queried whether projects funded will be assessed on their whole of life costing, and whether projects will have priority if sustainable. Program Manager advised that for MIP 6 whole of life costing will come into play.

It was noted Cr W Lui left the room at 2.45pm

It was noted Cr W Lui re-entered the room at 2.51pm

Cr Stephen raised the issue of Ugar access, requesting that it be considered for MIP 6.

It was noted that Cr Bosun left the room at 2.45pm

It was noted that Cr Bosun re-entered the room at 2.56pm

3.13pm – 4.25pm Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr W Lui, Seconded Cr J Gela

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or (b) the industrial matters affecting employees; or (c) the local government budget; or (d) rating concessions; or (e) contracts proposed to be made by it; or (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or (g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or (h) other business for which a 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

3.37pm all staff except CEO asked to leave room

It was noted Cr W Lui left room at 4.15pm

4.19pm – 4.20pm Move out of Closed Business

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr J Gela

That Council move out of closed business.

MOTION CARRIED

4.20pm staff re-enter room

6.5 3.15pm – 3.30pm Late Report: Tender Evaluation Report Poruma Island Seawall material supply contract TSIRC2014-63

A/EMES presented the report regarding the consideration of tender for the Poruma Island Seawall Supply of Material – TSIRC2014-63.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr Nai

That Council award the contract for Supply of Material TSIRC2014-63 to Geofabrics Australia Pty Ltd for the amount of \$1,365,293.38 inclusive of GST and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with entering into contracts under this arrangement.

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 3.30pm – 3.37pm Late Report: Variation Works Hammond Road Upgrade

A/EMES presented the report regarding the consideration of variation works carried out for the Hammond Island Roads Upgrade project.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Kris, Seconded Cr J Gela

That Council approve the contract variation works for Hammond Island Roads Upgrade project \$246,487.

MOTION CARRIED

13. 4.25pm – 4.39pm Regional Community Grants

EMFS presented the report regarding the applications received for Funding Round 4 of the Regional Community Grants Program.

It was noted that Cr Fell left the room at 4.26pm

It was noted Cr Kris appointed alternate Chair of meeting

It was noted that Cr Fell re-entered the room at 4.31pm

It was noted EMCS entered the room at 4.33pm

Cr Bosun declared a Conflict of Interest – no vote

Discussion was raised regarding whether events held outside of the Regional Council area can be funded. CEO advised events held outside of the Region may be funded, if the team holding the event is from within the Regional Council area. This procedural change was endorsed by Council at it's December 2014 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Mosby, Seconded Cr Akee

That Council resolve to provide Regional Community Grants support to the maximum application amount of \$2,500 available in accordance with the Community Grants policy, to Saguci Tigers Rugby League Team, St Mary's Church Council, New Day Concert Team, Mura Buai Siba Wum and Kulpiyam Youth & Sport Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

**Against: Cr Bosun
(Abstained)**

Action Item

EMFS to review the Community Grants Policy as requested by Cr Baira

18. 4.40pm – 5.18pm General Business

Previous Action Item – Solid Waste

Cr W Lui queried the progress of the Action Item

Action Item

A/EMES to follow-up Previous Action Item 37 (Solid Waste)

Action Item

CEO to add Boigu Council Office fencing to project list

Action Item

CEO to respond to Cr Toby regarding Staff toilet facilities, stadium toilet facilities, air conditioner for RKC, Library, Internet, Eftpos and Fuel Bowser issues

Action Item

A/EMES to respond directly to Councillor with recent feedback regarding fuel bowser

Action Item

EMCS to update on IBIS

Action Item

CEO to update on Divisional Manager

Action Item

EMCoS to update on Housing Officer

Cr Gaidan queried the Dauan Island Council Office move.

Action Item

CEO to respond to Cr Gaidan's Council Office move queries and computer and air conditioner issues

Cr Mosby queried the costing timeline for the Resort and Lodge.

Action Item

CEO to respond to Cr Mosby regarding the costing timeline for the Resort and Lodge, as well as bowser issues.

Cr Baira expressed his concern with the delay of the TSIRC Cultural Festival requesting an explanation from the CEO.

Action Item

MPA to provide Information Report on the causes of postponing the Cultural Festival.

Cr Fell discussed the issue of Death Notices in communities, noting that they are sometimes put up without permission.

Action Item

CEO to discuss protocol around Death Notices with Divisional Managers.

Action Item

EMCoS to distribute general meeting and training dates to Councillors.

Cr Fell advised of his intent to press s24JAA notices if he does not have signatures on ILUA's for 6 houses allocation to Mabuiag by the May Council Meeting. Cr Fell also pressed the issue of HLO spaces at Mabuiag such as the Mabuiag basketball court.

Action Item

MPA to prioritise Mabuiag courts repairs

Action Item

MPA to prioritise Kubin horse program

Cr Kris queried ILF dates. ILF dates were then provided to Councillor Kris by CEO in meeting.

Action Item

CEO to progress training on week of May Council Meeting.

Torres Strait Island Regional Council Meeting April 2015

Cr Baira queried the progress of the Torres Strait Air airplane wreck sitting at Badu Island airport. EMCS advised an update from Torres Strait Air as to the outcome of the internal investigation has been received, however Council is still waiting for an update from the regulator in regards to their investigation. EMCS advised once received a report will be provided to Council. EMCS also advised the airplane wreck as an airport issue.

Action Item

A/EMES to progress the disposal of airplane at Badu Island Airport.

Meeting closed in prayer by Cr Mosby

5.18pm Council Meeting Close