

**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**TUESDAY 18 & WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 9.25am – 5.00pm & Wednesday 19th June 9.00am to 5.00pm at the *Mer Community Hall*, Mer Island.

## **TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013**

**Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island  
Cr. Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr. Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr. Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin, Moa Island  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa Island  
Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr. Ted Billy, Division 10 - Warraber Island  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr. Fraser Nai, Division 12 – Yorke 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, Acting CEO  
Mr. David Abednego, Acting Deputy CEO  
Mr. Jeffrey Hartley, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer  
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Acting Executive Officer  
Ms Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary

### **In**

**Attendance:** Members of the Community of Mer.

**9.25am:** Meeting opened by a Language Hymn sung by the Community of Mer.

**Apologies:** Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate Services  
Mr. Pat McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services

### **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

- Mr. Alo Tapim – Welcome to Country.
- Mayor Gela
  - Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners of Mer, PBC Chair of Mer Gedkem Le.
  - Welcome of Community Members, Elders to the Meeting.

### **Item 3**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE**

##### **CR. ENOSA**

- Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Community (Health Training Course at Cairns TAFE)

## **RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bosun that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Enosa for his absence at this meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4**      **DEPUTATION:** Completed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 by Mayor Gela, Acting CEO and Cr. Akee.

## **Item 5.1**      **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

- Add to additional action to actions items register for May 2013 – Kaurareg Interest NPARIH.  
**Action:**
  - Acting DCEO to liaise with Land Trust to meet Mayor and Cr. Sabatino.
- *Item 2 – Building Team Proposal*
  - Cr. Kris queried if further discussions will take place at this meeting on his proposal (Item No 2) in creating an entity such as the Building Team Authority in conjunction with Council but give to community to be community driven.
- *Item 5 - ATSILS*
  - Noted that Letter not sent as yet awaiting Mayor's signature.  
**Action:**
    - Chief Legal Officer to email copy of letter to all Councillors for their information once signed by Mayor.
- *Item 3*
  - Housing Workshops in Communities – commencing in July. Canvas matters for inclusion from all Councillors in General Business today.
- *Item 1 – Health Services*
  - Letter was drafted to Ms Simone Kolaric flagging issues raised at last meeting, however, still need her to address the full Council on issue. Ms Kolaric just returned back from leave.  
**Action:**
    1. Acting CEO to coordinate teleconference link up between Simone Kolaric and Oscar White and all Councillors.
    2. Acting CEO to invite Simone Kolaric to address the full Council at its Ordinary Meeting at Mabuiag in July.
    3. Acting CEO to organise and write to the Health Issues Committee Chair and Regional Director for Health and Aging (of which AUSAID comes under) as per Cr. Toby's issue raised on Sabiai health concerns..
- *Item 8 – Amendment to spelling error “hosting” and not “hoisting”*

**Item 5.2**      **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES/CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- Item 14.1 Resolution - MIP Asset Sustainability – amend the wording of the resolution:
  - a. Omit paragraph 2
  - b. New paragraph 2 should read “Robert Clarke Builders”.
  - c. Paragraph 4 – omit “I recommend that” and change to “we” or “Council”.
- BIF Charges and Fee.
  - During divestment process, Council to provide an estimate of fees and charges so divestee is fully aware of these costs to be covered.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Gaiden* that the minutes of Council held 21-22 May 2013 be adopted as true and accurate.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 6**      **DEBTORS WRITE OFF - OTHERS**

- Council asked that a definition of Commercial Debtors be included in the Council information report.
- It was noted that the heading of Table in this report be amended to read *“The Table below details the Commercial Debtor files with debts considered to be unrecoverable. Badu Debts written off will be added to a bad debts register to be reviewed on a monthly basis.”*

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Nai, Seconded Cr. J. Gela* that Council approve a bad debt write-off \$270,984.50

**Motion Carried**

**Item 7**      **DEBTORS WRITE OFF - QBUILD**

- Council asked that a definition of QBuild Debtors be included in the Council information report.
- *“The Table below details the QBuild Debtor files with debts considered to be unrecoverable. Bad debts written off will be added to a bad debts register to be reviewed on a monthly basis.”*

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Nai, Seconded Cr. Akee* that Council resolve to write-off \$875,463.40

**Motion Carried**

**Against:** Cr. Kris

**Item 8**                    **TSIRC PLANNING SCHEME**

**Action:**


Acting CEO to provide a copy to Cr. Sabatino, Cr. Enosa and Cr. Fell on the Planning scheme documents as presented by AECOM in Cairns.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Sabatino that In accordance with Statutory Guidelines, Torres Strait Island Regional Council resolves to prepare a planning scheme and advise the Minister of it decision and further to request an outline of the State Planning Instrument(s) relevant to making of the planning scheme, including confirmation of the state interests.*

**Motion Carried**

***It was noted that Council break for Morning Tea 10.50am – 11.20am***

 *Introduction by Councillors and Staff to the Elders and Community Members present at the meeting.*

**Item 9**                    **RESERVE TRANSFER**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Stephen that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to transfer to reserve prior to the finalisation of the 2012 -13 year end accounts, surplus funds and retained surplus funds not required as working capital.*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 10**                    **SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAW 7 (SLL7) SIGNAGE**

Noted that:

- As previously advised by Cr Lui lama does not want that signage.
- Chief Legal Officer is aware of this and noted that should lama Community change their minds, lama is budgeted for this.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Nai, Seconded Cr. J. Gela that Council resolve to endorse the design and commissioning of 2x Signs (1200mm x 900mm) per Division (30 total) at a cost of \$20,000 (GST Incl).*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 11**            **KUBIN ROAD SURVEY**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. Bosun, *Seconded* Cr. Baira that Torres Strait Island Regional Council, as Local Government, resolves to accept plan DP248095 and Drawings 43049-28 and 43049-29, showing the roads to be opened on Moa Island (Kubin). Council also resolves to accept any land administration actions incidental to, and necessary to facilitate lodgement and registration of the plan.

**Motion Carried**

**Action:**

- Acting CEO to provide checklist/timeframes/priorities of National Partnership Housing Program. Also the 'subject to' and what must be done before another step.
- Acting CEO to request revised timeframes for St. Paul's roadworks to be sent to Cr. Kris and copy in all Councillors of updated program timeframes.

**Item 13**            **LATE REPORTS - Nil**

**Item 18**            **AMENDED POLICY ADOPTION**

**Item 18.1**           **AMENDMENT TO FISCAL GOVERNANCE POLICY**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. J. Gela, *Seconded* Cr. Gaiden that Council approve the amendments to the Fiscal Governance Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

 *Noted Cr. Bosun was absent from the room during time of endorsement.*

**Item 18.2**           **AMENDMENT TO ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Action:**

- Acting CEO to follow up on Councillors request that the document be presented easier to read and understand and not have too much of the legal terminology.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. Nai, *Seconded* Cr. Akee that council approve the amendments to the Asset Management Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 18.3**      **AMENDMENT TO ENTERTAINMENT & HOSPITALITY POLICY**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Bosun, *Seconded* Cr. Billy that Council approve the amendments to the Entertainment & Hospitality Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 18.4**      **AMENDMENT TO EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

- Lengthy discussions on the Meals and Incidental Allowances and requirement of receipts.
- Noted that:
  - Travel Policy applies to staff and is different from Councillors Reimbursement Policy.
  - Purpose needs to be amended in the Expense Reimbursement Policy as it applies to Councillors exclusion of the Mayor
  - Councillors requested that another policy be presented for Contractors & employees

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Bosun, *Seconded* Cr. Gaiden that Council approve the amendments to the Expense Reimbursement Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Against:** Cr. F. Gela  
Cr. Sabatino

**Item 18.5**      **AMENDMENT TO INVESTMENT POLICY**

**Action:**

- *Chief Finance Officer will look into the \$50,000 NAB account.*

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Sabatino, *Seconded* Cr. Fell that Council approve the amendments to the Investment Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

***It was noted that Council break for Lunch 1.00pm – 2.00pm.***

**Item 18.6**      **AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Bosun, *Seconded* Cr. J. Gela that council approve the amendments to the Procurement Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 18.7**      **AMENDMENT TO REVENUE POLICY**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Kris, *Seconded* Cr. Stephen that Council approve the amendments to the Revenue Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 18.8**      **AMENDMENT TO ADVERTISING POLICY**

Noted that it be amended in the Procedure to add:

- “or Mayor” before Public Relations Officer under Procedure for Approving Expenditure that “All advertising must be approved by:”
- Under “Eligible Expenditure” include a dot point “significant regional governance initiatives”;

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Nai, *Seconded* Cr. Akee that Council approve the amendments to the Advertising Policy for 2013-2014.

**Motion Carried**

**Item 18.9**      **AMENDMENT TO DEBT RECOVERY POLICY**

*It was noted that subject to changes and amendments to this Policy this report to be discussed at next Council Meeting.*

***“Let lay on Table”***

**Item 18.10**      **AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY**

*Lengthy discussions on whether they could roll over their Community Grants balance for this Financial Year (2012-2013) into the next Financial Year (2013-2014).*



Noted:

- *Cr. Baira's comments on action of last meeting that a report was to be tabled at this meeting on the Community Grants in particular the carry over of each individual community grants in to the next Financial Year.*
- *Under the new Financial communities will have \$20,000, however, if Councillors want to carry over from last Financial into the new Financial Year it will affect the \$1.3M in Capital Investments by decreasing that amount.*
- *That this procedure will have no bearing on the procedure in Budget.*
- *That this discussion be referred to Budget Report to be tabled for endorsement on procedure to carry over the balance from 2012-2013 to the new Financial Year.*

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Nai, Seconded Cr. Gaiden that Council approve the amendments to the Grants Policy for 2013-2014.*

**Motion Carried**

### **Item 19**

### **CAPITAL BUDGET WORKS SUMMARY**

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Nai that council approve the Capital Works Summary for 2013-2014.*

**Motion Carried**

 *Noted Cr. Lui was absent from the room at time of endorsement.*

### **Item 20**

### **REGISTER OF FEES AND CHARGES**

- CLO to advise CFO of changes to Local Law 1 Permit Fees and charges arising out of the Local Law 1 Workshop (Burial fees to NIL).
- Note \$75 pump out fee for private resident septic tank pump out.

#### **Action:**

- *David Griffin to look at Ports North fees - port charges to be provided as report to Mabuiag Meeting.*

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Billy that Council approve the Register of Fees & Charges for 2013-2014.*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 12**      **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Health Clinic - check ups for Children (diabetes, dental care etc)
  - *Mayor advised when next meeting with the Health Minister will bring these issues to his attention again in closing the gap in service delivery to our communities.*
- Dump Site – Mabuiaq
  - Cr. Fell requires updated information on the dump site allocated for Mabuiaq to present to the Community at their Public Meeting on Friday 21 June 2013.
- Action:**
  - *Acting CEO to provide Cr. Fell with this information.*
- Divestment of Enterprises – Mabuiaq Motel
  - Awaiting funding
  - Looking at expressions of interests/applications
- Housing Workshop Update
  - Housing Workshop will commence in July 2013.
  - Councillors to flick an email to Acting CEO as to the dates that are suitable to have the housing workshop in their communities.
  - Vacant Houses – Cr. Mosby advised need to obtain information from families living on the mainland regarding their vacant house in the community maybe through their relative living in the community itself to inform them to contact the Council of their intentions.
  - Topics of the workshop will include:
    - Vacant housing
    - National Partnership Agreement and other options if NPA not taken up
    - Rent Arrears
    - Maintenance
    - Zar Zar
    - Outdoor Entertainment Area/Carports
    - Home Ownership
    - Land Matters
    - Proposed upgrade for Communities.
    - Purpose of PCAP
    - Rental Formula 25% model/Centrelink Subsidies
- Asbestos - Update to Councillors on project
  - Action:**
    - *Acting CEO to provide update to Councillors on this project.*
- Dump Site - Erub
  - Current agreement for current location ends in 2014.
- Information Report - on Legal matters – to Council.
- Badu
  - *Local Laws workshop for Badu Community members.*
  - *Update Website*
- Action:**
  - *CLO to look at Local Laws workshop for Community Members of Badu*
  - *Acting CEO to liaise with PR & Media Officer on update of Website.*
- Norfolk Island Recycling
  - Action:**
    - *Acting CEO to research on Norfolk Island Recycling and report back to Council*

- Capital Summary
    - Report will raise a perception that the works listed will happen.
    - Some works TSIRC will contribute
    - Some works will be committed by Agencies
    - Some works will need to go out and seek funding for it.
    - Mayor reassured Councillors that the Capital Works Summary is only a summary picked up from priorities identified. If some communities is not listed it is not because they have missed out as it may have been listed but not reported through this meeting at this time.
  - Health Issues (TB)
    - Mayor gave a brief update on the issue.
    - Advice from Queensland Health was that they are on top of the TB issue having done screening, contact tracing and continuation of treatment.
- Action:**
- Acting CEO to organise a Community Notice reflecting the resolution of Council
  - Formal status of where we are at this stage, seek update from Queensland Health and circulate updated information to all Councillors.
  - Councillors to get together via Teleconference Link up if it warrants further discussions on the matter to go forward from there.
- Community Aspirations to take over IBIS Stores
    - Ian Copeland IBIS CEO just waiting on a suitable date from Cr. Lui and Cr. Toby for him to meet with them.
  - Water Charges
    - Water charges for treaty visitors to be continually promoted.

4.53pm

## **COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED**

**Item 15**

4.53pm

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY DOGIT**

Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Nai that in accordance with *Section 83* of the *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**

**Item 15.1**      **KUBIN ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Bosun, *Seconded* Cr. Kris that pursuant to section 85A of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), the Trustee resolve to: -

1. accept plan DP248095 and Drawings 43049-28 and 43049-29, showing the roads to be opened on Moa Island (Kubin).
2. accept any land administration actions incidental to, and necessary to facilitate lodgement and registration of the plan DP248095.

**Motion Carried**

**5.00pm**      **END OF TRUSTEE MEETING**

**5.00pm**      **MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting closed in prayer for the day by Cr. Mosby.

## **WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013**

**Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 - Mabuiag Island  
Cr. Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr. Joel Gaiden, Division 2 - Dauan Island  
Cr. Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin, Moa Island  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls, Moa Island  
Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 - Iama Island  
Cr. Ted Billy, Division 10 - Warraber Island  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr. Fraser Nai, Division 12 – Yorke 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, Acting CEO  
Mr. David Abednego, Acting Deputy CEO  
Mr. Jeffrey Hartley, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer  
Ms Daisy Ketchell, Acting Executive Officer  
Ms Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary

**9.20am:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Fell

**Apology:** Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island

### **ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently.

### **Item 17**      **OPERATIONAL PLAN**

- Lengthy discussions on the Operational Plan.
- Agreed to distribute Workplace Relations Services deliverables between Corporate and Legal.
- Adopt the Plan with amendments of key actions under Workplace Relations Services going under Legal or Corporate.
- Chief Legal Officer to look at the issues raised as per discussions and report back to Council to make a decision on this.
- Note that when going into Closed Business that the matter has been discussed on the amendments.

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Kris, *Seconded* Cr. Bosun that Council adopt the 2013/2014 Annual Operational Plan developed in accordance with s104 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s175 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as amended.

**Motion Carried**

## **MOTION FROM THE FLOOR:**

### **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

- It was noted that if the resolution on the Expense Reimbursement Policy endorsed yesterday is rescinded the Expense Reimbursement Policy endorsed at the May Council meeting stands.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. Bosun, Seconded Cr. Gaiden that Council rescind the Resolution on the Expense Reimbursement Policy endorsed yesterday.

**Motion Carried**

### **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY ENDORSED MAY 2013**

- Lengthy discussions on the Travel Bookings and Meals Allowance as per the procedures endorsed at Council's Ordinary meeting May 2013.
- It was noted that these discussions in particular the Meal Allowance go to the Council Meeting at Mabuig so that further clarification can be sought on the requirements under the Australian Taxation Officer (ATO), Local Government Act, and the Remuneration Tribunal.
- **The matter is let "Lay on Table".**

#### **Action:**

Acting CEO and Chief Legal Officer to seek clarification from the Local Government Act, ATO and the Remuneration Tribunal to see if there are provisions for Councillors to provide Council with receipt on cost of meals.

**It was noted that Council break for Morning Tea 10.30am – 11.05am.**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Garbage Truck – Erub

#### **Action:**

- Acting CEO to provide information to Cr. Gela on the garbage truck for Erub.

- Seawall Work Schedule Dates

#### **Action:**

- Acting Executive Manager for Engineering Services to provide work schedules to Cr. Toby.

- Employment Contract - Executives

#### **Action:**

- Contract start and end dates for all Executives to be sent to Councillors.

- Ugar Church – safety of landslide and Ugar Helicopter Service

#### **Action:**

- Acting CEO to follow up and also flick an email to the CEO on the Helicopter Subsidy.
- Acting CEO to provide update to Cr Stephen on safety for use on August 6 Church Day.

- ✚ It was noted at this time that Mayor halted the General Business to allow a ceremonial presentation by the Divisional Councillor, DM and MSAO of Mer Island.

### **PRESENTATION OF MABO DAY AWARDS**

Presentations:

- ✚ Brief explanation by Elder and Traditional Owner Mr. Alo Tapim on the meaning of ceremonial presentation of gifts by the people of Mer Island.
- ✚ Staff of Mer Island presented to Council three (3) small gifts on behalf of Councillors, Staff and the Community of Mer Island.
- ✚ Cr. Akee presented a Mabo Day Award to Mayor Gela, who responded with a Thank you speech.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

- Update of Seawall Projects
  - Project to kick off at Saibai as the first Community on this Project (3 years) before it rolls out to the other Islands – going to tender for rock design, and works will commence shortly.
  - Chief Legal Officer advised that there has been no progress to date on the Boigu issues in responding to Cr. Toby.
  - ILUAs have been done, PBC and Councillor have been engaged in the process as well as the Community.
  - Chief Legal Officer advised Cr. Toby that he will inform him first on any updates on the progress for Boigu.
  - Cr. Mosby raised concerns that Poruma is a potential high risk, and in three (3) years time the Island may not be there. Understands the urgency for Saibai but have high concerns about Poruma with huge soils disappearing into the ocean fast.
  - Cr. Mosby advised if LDI can do some short term mitigation at South West and West areas of Poruma.

#### **Action:**

- Acting CEO/Executive Manager Engineering Services provide a report to Council Meeting at Mabuiag as standard agenda item – Seawall Projects (Matrix).
- Poruma Basketball Court Application - TSRA
  - Acting CEO advised that the application was unsuccessful as TSRA advised that Council should be targeting Sports & Rec for funding for this project. TSRA also advised it was not identified as a priority before.
  - Mayor reiterated that Sports & Rec funding was only for minor projects at that time.
  - It was noted that a report commissioned by Sports and Rec highlights that funding for this project is sitting in there as a priority.

- Strategic Animal Management
  - Funding put forward by Manager for Environmental Health.
  - Put in submission for quite a few years of funding but was rejected because the application should have gone to Land and Sea Management for consultation prior to lodgement.
- Community Gardens
  - My Pathways already providing that service and would be considered as duplication of services thus the reason the application was rejected. Dania missed some notes after this.

**Action:**

Acting CEO to provide copies of all submissions/responses to Councillors.

- HLO Funding – verbal notification of extension to 31/12/2013 – awaiting written notification from Department.
- Environmental Health
  - Awaiting written confirmation if it has been extended.
- Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Strategy (RIBS) Equipment - Poruma

**Action**

▪ Acting CEO requested contact details to follow up maintenance requirements.

- Health Centre - Saibai
  - Update will be provided on this issue.
- Public Rubbish Bins – requested for Kubin.
- Advisory Committee – Warraber
  - Chief Legal Officer updated Cr. Billy on the Advisory Committee.

**Action:**

▪ Chief Legal Officer to liaise with Cr. Billy out of session regarding Advisory Committee for his Community.

- Deputations – Community Cabinet (Ministers)
  - It was noted that to date have had no response or update regarding the deputations to Ministers during the Community Cabinet on TI
  - Mayor advised very frustrating and gave a brief update on the Digital TV for Hammond - look at what other options are available for Hammond DTV.

**Action:**

▪ Senior Support Executive Officer to provide all the letters that was drafted by her to be circulated to Councillors and all submissions to Deputations.

▪ Acting CEO to investigate other options for Digital TV at Hammond.

- Digital TV connections in Community Halls.
  - As fund raiser in communities for community to get together and watch TV such as the State of Origins.
  - Mayor advised need to look at the list of all Council Infrastructure to have digital TV.

**Action:**

▪ Acting CEO to look at the Council Infrastructures listed to have the Digital TV connections as the list is more of Accommodation and RTC Infrastructures, and will see if community Hall can be added to the list as it is not there.

- Joint Sitting - NPARC
  - Mayor advised will contact NPARC and Torres Shire again to have a hold a Joint Sitting.
    - have information already on the Regional Assembly Model – Straight out of the “New Deal”.



- Looking at providing an Information Sheet to Council Meeting on the Regional Assembly Model to Council Meeting.

**Action:**

- Mayor to write a letter to Torres Shire Council and NPARC to convene another Joint Sitting.
- Community Grants
  - It was noted that as long as a community have a budget in this Financial Year they can access their Community Grants to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- Island of Origin
  - Cr. Fell advised have an Island of Original Committee and they are looking a hosting the Island of Origin at other Communities as well who have the infrastructures to be able to host it. Suggested looking at whether Councillors would like to contribute from their Community Grants towards the Island of Origin on Badu this year.
- Boigu Funeral Fund

**Action:**

  - Transactions to be provided to Cr. Toby.
- Erub Island
  - Cr. J. Gela raised concerns on the following:
    - Update on Tender for Bus Service
    - Bridge at Medigee Village – need guide rails especially for children to support themselves when they crossing over.
    - Monument near Bridge at Medigee Village – needs attending to, was pushed aside by Main Roads when they were building the bridge.
    - **Action:**  
Approach Main Road to rectify monument or get Council to rectify and invoice
  - Acting CEO advised that with regards to the Bus Service Tender – was holding on to that due to RJCP (CDEP) but as it has been announced that My Pathway was successful as CDEP service provider, Chief Legal Officer will now be looking into the Tenders for the Bus Service.
- Telstra/Ergon Leases - Ugar
  - It was noted that these lease payments held in trust can be transferred back to PBC as long as they are incorporated and have a bank account.
- Dauan Pontoon – Cr. Gaiden requested update on the pontoon.
- Fuel Bowser – Mer Island
  - Council needs to apply for more funding for installation of Bowser.
  - Have one (1) spare bowser sitting Cairns Draper Street.
  - One bowser can be installed here on Mer as Council have the blessings from the Traditional Owners on a site allocated here on Mer.

**Action:**

  - Acting CEO to provide list of other scheduled bowser upgrades to Councillors.
- Mer Airport Waiting Shed

**Action:**

  - Kiosk to be incorporated into building design.
- Blue Phone – Housing Issues
  - Cr. Lui advised need to find a better way for community members to talk to QBuild about their housing maintenance and not using the blue phones.

- It was noted that Acting CEO will be liaising with all staff (Divisional Managers and MSAO) in each communities in assisting residents with their housing issues if they do not prefer using the blue phones.
- Once the DM and MSAO have the information from the resident on their particular housing issue, they will send an email immediately to the QBuild Call Centre stating their concerns.

**Action:**

- Acting CEO and Acting Executive Officer will talk to Mer Staff on this assistance whilst on Mer.
  - Cheat sheet on easy steps for blue phone use to be developed.
  - All Divisions to be briefed on email process by Acting Executive Officer.
- Briefings with State Government Ministers
- Mayor advised that he has had discussions with Ministers on the following:
    - Airfare Subsidy
    - Regulated Services for the Torres Strait
    - Dental Clinic (Mobile Unit) – especially for those communities who still have old Health Centres and not facilitated to cater for dental clinics. New Health Centres are catered for Dental Clinic checks.
    - Transport
    - Business Opportunities
- Lighting for Airstrip
- It was noted that an assessment needs to be done ASAP regarding lighting at the Mer Airstrip for medivac purposes.
  - Cr. Nai advised needs the lighting looked into at Masig as well.
- Health Partnerships
- It was noted that Health Partnership Meeting haven't had a meeting for quite some time – the difficulty was having all meet at the same time. Discussions to be raised at the Health Partnerships meeting is video conferencing and patient's travel.
- Mayor in closing statement for General Business highlighted the concerns and issues at Mer Island.

***It was noted that Council break for Lunch at 1.00pm to 2.05pm***

**Item 21**      **BUDGET FINANCIALS STATEMENTS**

**MOTIONS TO THE FLOOR:**

**(1) COMMUNITY GRANTS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Sabatino, Seconded Cr. Billy that the Community Grants balance for 2012/2013 be carried over to the Next Financial Year 2013/1014 (\$20,000 for the New Financial year to fund community events)*

**Motion Carried**

## **(2) REGIONAL GRANTS**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Billy that the balance of the Regional Grants for this Financial year 2012/2013 for the amount of \$7,246.00 be forwarded to the Next Financial Year 2013/1014, with an additional \$50,000.*

**Motion Carried**

**Against:** Cr. Toby

*Noted Cr. Toby's reason against was because there are other program areas that Councillors could tap into for funding for sporting events.*

### **Action:**

**Budget sheet with explanatory notes for each line item to be provided to all Councillors.**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. J. Gela that Council approve the Budgeted Financial Statements for 2013-2018.*

**Motion Carried**

### **MOTIONS TO THE FLOOR:**

#### **REGIONAL GRANTS BALANCE 2012/2013 – BADU ISLAND OF ORIGIN**

- Badu Island looking at \$10,000 from the Regional Grant for Badu to host the Island of Origin Football Carnival.
- Councillors agreed to grant Badu the balance (\$7246.00) of the 2012/2013 Regional Grants for the Island Of Origin.
- Mayor Gela added his contributed of \$4000 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to offset the balance of the funds requested by Cr. Baira.

### **Action:**

**Acting CEO to organise \$4000 as Mayor's Contribution to Badu to add to the \$7246.00**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Baira that the balance (\$7246.00) of the Regional Grants for 2012/2013 be granted to Badu Island for the Island Of Origin Football Carnival.  
Further another \$4,000 is granted to Badu Island for the Island of Origin as contributed by the Mayor.*

**Motion Carried**

**3.08pm** *At this time Mayor thanked the members of the Public for their attendance at the meeting today and kindly as if they could vacate the hall to allow the meeting proceedings to go into Closed Business.*

**Item 14**

**3.10pm** **CLOSED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Billy, Seconded 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 s275*

- (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**

**4.05pm** **END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**RESOLUTION 1**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Sabatino that further to the Operational Plan Resolution of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013, that Council resolve to reallocate all Principal Workplace Relations Advisor deliverables between Legal and Corporate (As determined appropriate by the CEO in consultation with the Mayor), and resolve to instruct the Mayor to direct the CEO to terminate the Contract of the redundant Principal Workplace Relations Advisor position provided contractual implications are quarantined to no more that 6 months pay in Lieu of Notice (plus accruals).*

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION 2**

*Moved Cr. Baira, Seconded Cr. Akee that the Mayor be delegated powers to determine alternate course of action where the Principal Workplace Relations Advisor Position/contractual entitlements are in excess of Resolution 1, with the outcome reported to Council at Ordinary Meeting in Closed Business.*

**Motion Carried**

**TRANSITIONAL ACTION PLAN**

**Action:**

- Propose workshop date at Mabuiag meeting to discuss Building Services Unit and circulate to all Councillors.

**INVITE TO WARREN ENTSCH**

**Action:**

- Acting CEO to invite Warren Entsch to attend the Council Meeting at Mabuiag in July.

**4.15pm**

**MEETING CLOSED**

With no further discussions meeting closed with a Language Hymn sung by the Community of Mer.