



## **Torres Strait Island**

REGIONAL COUNCIL

### **MINUTES**

### **POST ELECTION MEETING**

### **FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2012**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on 11th May 2012 at 1.00pm at the Joey Nona Conference Room, Office of Torres Strait Regional Authority, Victoria Parade, Thursday Island.

**Held at the Joey Nona Conference Room,  
Office of Torres Strait Regional Authority, Thursday Island  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

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**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  
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr. Horace Baira, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin, Moa Island  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls  
Cr. Mario Sabatino, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Getano Lui (Jnr), Division 9 - Iama  
Cr. Ted Billy, Division 10 - Warraber  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr. Ted Nai, Division 12 – Yorke  
Cr. Jerry Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar  
Cr. Jimmy Gela, Division 14 - Erub  
Cr. Aven Noah – Division 15 – Mer Island  
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy CEO  
Mr. Patrick McGuire, Executive Manager Engineering Services  
Mr. Chris McLaughlin, Chief Legal Officer  
Mrs Dinah Sailor, Executive Secretary.

**Observers:** Nil

**1.05pm:** Meeting opened in prayer by Cr. Fell.

**ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

There was a minute silence to pay respect to families who have lost their loved ones recently, especially remembering families of the late Elder Statesman Mr. George Mye MBE.

**WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- ✦ Mayor Fred Gela:
- Acknowledgement Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is held;
  - Welcome all Councillors
  - House keeping

## **DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

1. Declaration of office of Mayor and all 15 Division Councillors – CEO presiding.

## **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Nominations:

Cr. Lui (Jnr) nominated Cr. Fell.	<i>Cr. Fell accepted.</i>	Seconded by Cr. Toby
Cr. J. Gela nominated Cr. Lui(Jnr)	<i>Cr. Lui (Jnr)declined.</i>	
Cr. Toby nominated Cr. Mosby	<i>Cr. Mosby declined.</i>	
Cr. Baira nominated Cr. Bosun	<i>Cr. Bosun accepted.</i>	Seconded by Cr. Noah
Cr. Mosby nominated Cr. Nai	<i>Cr. Nai accepted.</i>	Seconded by Cr. J. Gela

Speeches by Cr. Fell, Cr. Bosun and Cr. Nai as nominees for Deputy Mayor.

Nominations put to the vote and results were as follows:

Nominee: Cr. Keith Fell 8 votes 7 against

**With a majority of 8 votes, Cr. Keith Fell was appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.**

**Motion carried.**

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **(1) Two (2) Standing Committees**

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Stephen, *Seconded* Cr. Noah that the Council establishes two (2) Standing Committees;

1. Administrative and Regulatory
2. Infrastructure and Planning

that the Standing Committees comprise of the entire Council and the quorum of the Standing Committee be 5

**Motion carried.**

### **(2) Chair of Administrative and Regulatory Standing Committee**

Cr. Stephen nominated Cr. Lui *Cr. Lui accepted* Seconded by Cr. Fell.

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. J. Gela, *Seconded* Cr. Baira that Cr. Lui is appointed as Chairperson of the Administrative and Regulatory Standing Committee.

**Motion carried.**

### **(3) Chair of Infrastructure and Planning Standing Committee**

Cr. Enosa nominated Cr. Mosby *Cr. Mosby declined*  
Cr. J. Gela nominated Cr. Noah *Cr. Noah accepted.*      Seconded by Cr. Fell  
Cr. Bosun nominated Cr. Baira *Cr. Baira declined*

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Billy, *Seconded* Cr. Sabatino that Cr. Noah is appointed as Chairperson of the Infrastructure and Planning Standing Committee.

**Motion carried.**

### **(4) Methods of Conducting Standing Committee Meetings**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved* Cr ..... *Seconded* Cr.... that the Standing Committees meet once every second month alternate to the Ordinary meeting and that they are held by Teleconference.

***It was resolved that this recommendation be let "LAY ON TABLE".***

## **7. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Deputy CEO brief Councillors on the role and functions of the Audit Committee.

The recommendation is to reinstate the membership of the Audit Committee due to the elections being held recently.

#### **RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr. Fell, *Seconded* Cr. Bosun that Council appoints, the Mayor, Cr Nai, Mr Eric Muir and Mr David Edgerton to form the Audit Committee of Council, further Council appoints Mr Eric Muir as the Chair.

**Motion carried.**

## **8. LGOC BOARD**

CEO withdrew this report to discuss further in depth with Councillors at a later time, and that Councillors would have a better knowledge and understanding of the Corporation and why it was established.

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## **9. GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved Cr. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Fell that the Ordinary Meeting and Standing Committee dates, places and times be set and advertised in accordance with Regulations 53 & 54 the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010*.

Time of Ordinary Meeting 9 am until 5 pm

Ordinary Meeting Dates and Places

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>COMMUNITY</u></b>	<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
25 July 2012	Kubin Community	Kubin Community Hall
19 September 2012	Mabuiag Community	Mabuiag Community Hall
21 November 2012	Poruma Community	Olandi Pearson Community Hall
20 February 2013	Ugar Community	Ugar Sporting Complex
17 April 2013	Badu Community	Ugarie Nona Community Hall
19 June 2013	Mer Community	Mer Community Hall
21 August 2013	Masig Community	Masig Community Hall
16 October 2013	Hammond Community	Hammond Community Hall
11 December 2013	Iama Community	Iama RTC Conference Room
19 February 2014	Saibai Community	Saibai Community Hall
16 April 2014	St Pauls Community	St. Pauls Community Hall
30 June 2014	Erub Community	Saam Karem Beizam Sporting Complex
20 August 2014	Warraber Community	Aka GinGin Multi-Purpose Centre
15 October 2014	Dauan Community	Dauan Community Hall
10 December 2014	Boigu Community	Boigu Community Hall
18 February 2015	Kubin Community	Kubin Community Hall
15 April 2015	Mabuiag Community	Mabuiag Community Hall
17 June 2015	Poruma Community	Olandi Pearson Community Hall
21 August 2015	Masig Community	Masig Community Hall
21 October 2015	Ugar Community	Ugar Sporting Complex
9 December 2015	Badu Community	Ugarie Nona Community Hall
17 February 2016	Mer Community	Mer Community Hall

Further the Standing Committees will take place on the Wednesday and Thursday of the third week of a month that does not have an ordinary Council meeting at a time and place to be determined.

**Motion carried.**

- 4.05pm** Afternoon Tea
- 4.26pm** Closing Prayer by Cr. Lui (Jnr)
- 4.30pm** MEETING CLOSED.

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Cr Fred Gela  
Mayor

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Mr John Scarce  
Chief Executive Officer