



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2016

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Thursday 2 June at 9:00am-10:20am, via videoconference and teleconference.

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Present via videoconference and teleconference

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor

Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island (from 9:36am to 9:55am)

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island (from 9:20am)

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

Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island

Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island

Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber Island (from 10:05am)

Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island

Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island

Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island

Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island

Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island

Ms Dania Ahwang, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr Chris McLaughlin, Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)

Ms Helen Tarrant, Executive Assistant (EA) (Minutes)

Apologies

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island

1. **9:16am-9.18am** **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Cr Levi opened the meeting in prayer.

Mayor Gela welcomed Councillors and staff to this Special Meeting of Council.

2. **9:18am-9:19am** **Apologies**

Cr Nona and Cr Toby

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Nai, Seconded Cr Levi

That Council endorses the apologies from Cr Nona and Cr Toby for their absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor noted Cr Tamu and Cr Elisala would likely join the meeting later.

3. **9:19am-10:10am** **Closed Business**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun Seconded Cr Levi

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

(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

Councillors and staff via videoconference and teleconference confirmed their Confidentiality.

Cr Elisala joined the meeting at 9:20am and confirmed his Confidentiality.

Cr Fell joined the meeting at 9:36am and confirmed his Confidentiality.

Cr Fell left the meeting at 9:55am.

Cr Tamu joined the meeting at 10:05am.

4. **10:10am-10:11am** **Closed Business**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bosun, Seconded Cr Thaiday

That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **10:11am-10:12am** **Saibai Island Councillor Vacancy**

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Lui, Seconded Cr Pearson

That pursuant to section 166(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), Council resolve to fill the vacant office at Division 3, Saibai Island via by-election.

Action Item

EMCS to table an advice at/prior to the June Ordinary Meeting detailing the risk, financial and otherwise, of filling the vacancy and matters arising as a result of the vacancy.

10:20am Meeting Closed in Prayer by Cr Nai