



**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2011**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on 1st April 2011 at 11.50am – 1.30pm at *the Conference Room, TSIRC Office, Level 3, 111-115 Grafton Street, Cairns.*

**Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC)  
Special Meeting  
Held at the TSIRC Conference Room, TSIRC Office, Level 3, 111-115 Grafton  
Street, Cairns  
Friday 1st April 2011**

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**Present:** Cr. Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr. Kenny Bedford, Deputy Mayor, Division 14 - Erub  
Cr. Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan  
Cr. Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island  
Cr. David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin  
Cr. Toshie Kris, Division 7 – St. Pauls  
Cr. Willie Lui, Division 10 - Warraber  
Cr. Phillemon Mosby, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr. John Mosby, Division 12 – Yorke  
Cr. Florianna Bero, Division 13 – Ugar  
Mr. John Scarce, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Noel Peters, Executive Manager, Human Resources  
Mr. Anthony Bird, Executive Manager Corporate & Finance  
Mr. Lloyd Sunderland, Executive Manager, Communities  
Ms Dania Ahwang, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. David Abednego, Executive officer  
Mrs Tania Sailor, Executive Secretary.

**Apologies:** Cr. Donald Banu, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr. Ron Enosa, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr. Wayne Guivarra, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr. Nancy Pearson, Division 8- Hammond  
Cr. Walter Mackie, Division 9 - Iama  
Cr. Ron Day – Division 15 – Mer Island

**11.50am** Mayor Gela commenced the meeting, noting that the meeting was opened in word of prayer this morning during Councillors Caucus.

**ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY – COUNCILLORS ABSENCE**

**APOLOGIES NOTED**

Cr. Day - *urgent request to deal with issues in his community as well as family issues.*

Cr. Guivarra – *ill health.*

Cr. Banu – *bereavement leave.*

Cr. Enosa – *ill health.*

Cr. Mackie – *urgent request received to take care of disable relative from Iama.*

Cr. Pearson – *training with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).*

**CR. DAY**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Day for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CR. GUIVARRA**

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Guivarra for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CR. BANU**

*Moved Cr. Kris, Seconded Cr. Fell that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Banu for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CR. ENOSA**

*Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Elisala that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Enosa for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CR. MACKIE**

*Moved Cr. Lui, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Mackie for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CR. PEARSON**

*Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Bero that Council accepts the apology from Cr. Pearson for his absence at this meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

**CLOSED BUSINESS**

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. Kris that in accordance with Regulation 72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 it is resolved for the Meeting to go into closed sessions to discuss the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees, starting or defending legal proceedings involving it, other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Local Government further the public in attendance are asked to leave.*

**Motion Carried.**

**END OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

**ISSUES RATIFIED IN CLOSED BUSINESS**

**ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (EBA)**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Fell, Seconded Cr. P. Mosby that Council approve the Chief Executive Office to continue negotiating and decide the best outcome for Council and its employees after meeting with Unions on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.*

**Motion Carried**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATION (LGOC)**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Bedford, Seconded Cr. J. Mosby that Council:*

1. Adopt the draft Public Benefit Assessment as the final Public Benefit Assessment; and
2. appoints Mr. Ian Jessup as a member of the Corporatisation Committee.

**Motion Carried**

*It was noted that Cr. Bosun supports Resolution no.1 but is **Against** Resolution no. 2.*

*Noted Cr. Bero left the room at 12.05pm, returning at 1.08pm. (not in the room when voting took place) **NEED TO CHECK (7 VOTES RECORDED WITHOUT CR. BOSUN'S VOTE)***

*Noted Cr. Bedford left the room at 1.05pm, returning at 1.07pm.*

**RANGER PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. Bosun, Seconded Cr. Bedford that Council agrees to the Torres Regional Authority (TSRA) proposal that they take absolute control of the Ranger Program effective on the first pay period ending after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.*

**Motion Carried**

**It was noted** that for Council to share confidential reports under Closed Business it has to be done by Resolution by Council as per Cr. P. Mosby's query and request that discussions and issues raised here and the report on the Ranger Program be shared with the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr. P. Mosby, Seconded Cr. Bedford* that Council unlock this confidential report on the Ranger Program to share with TSRA.

**Motion Carried**

**MEETING CLOSED**

**1.30pm** With no further discussions, Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance. Meeting closed in prayer by Cr. P. Mosby.

  
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Cr. Fred Gela  
Mayor

  
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Mr John Scarce  
Chief Executive Officer