



ORDINARY MEETING
25 JUNE 2024

MINUTES

Time: 9.42am

Venue: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 480 741 570 963
Passcode: CUCYFW

PRESENT:

Division 2 – Dauan
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor** / Chairperson
Division 6 – Arkai (Kubin), Mua Island
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls Community), Mua Island
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 14 – Erub

Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Iona Manas
Cr John Levi
Cr Seriaiko Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Ted Mosby
Cr Nixon Mye

APOLOGIES:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Bob Kaigey

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Executive Support Coordinator
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Sharon Russell
Mr Darryl Brooks

- *The Deputy Mayor (Cr Ranetta Wosomo) chaired the Council Meeting in the absence of the Mayor who had another commitment.*

**A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER
| OBSERVANCES**

The Deputy Mayor (Cr Ranetta Wosomo) welcomed Councillors to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of June 2024, noting that a quorum of members were present.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted by Council:

Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby – <i>prior commitment</i>
Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>TSRA commitment</i>
Division 3 – Saibai	Cr Chelsea Aniba – <i>TSRA commitment</i>
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen – <i>TSRA commitment</i>
Division 15 – Mer	Cr Bob Kaigey – <i>TSRA commitment</i>

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-06/B:1

CR MANAS / CR HANKIN

Council accepts the apology of the Mayor for the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-06/B:2

CR FELL / CR ELISALA

Council accepts the apology of Cr Dimas Toby for the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-06/B:3

CR TAMU / CR PEARSON

Council accepts the apology of Cr Chelsea Aniba for the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-06/B:4

CR MYE / CR ELISALA

Council accepts the apology of Cr Rocky Stephen for the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution

#C24-28/2024-06/B:5

CR FELL / CR MYE

Council accepts the apology of Cr Bob Kaigey for the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Deputy Mayor advised Council that the LIVE STREAM of this particular meeting would not proceed.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (30-31 May 2024)

#C24-28/2024-06/1

CR PEARSON / CR MANAS

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30-31 May 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item. Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be deleted from future reports. The update was noted by Council.

2. MAYORAL REPORT

Nil.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

4. DEPUTATION

Council noted the deputation from the Australian National University (ANU) lead by Ms Jacinta Baragud (Research Officer at the Centre for Heritage and Museum Studies) and Dr Julie Lahn (Fellow at the Centre for Heritage and Museum Studies) in relation to the : [Japan Zenadth Kes Project](#).

Council extended its best wishes to the Project Team for this important work and requested the Project Team provide updates on progress to the Council secretariat.

5. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.1 Community Grants Program Allocation (June 2024)

#C24-28/2024-06/7.1

CR FELL / CR MANAS

The Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- (a) For the month of June, Community Grants applications received for the eligible amounts requested for:
 - No Community Grants applications received for the month of June 2024.
- (b) For the month of June, Community Grants applications received and supported by the Divisional Councillors, however, due to insufficient funds of the Divisional Community funding, Council resolves to allocate and consider support from the other Division funds to support these applications:
 - No Community Grants applications received for the month of June 2024.
- (c) During the reporting period no conflict of interests were declared by Councillors.
- (d) Note the grant applications processed Out-of-Cycle, Funeral donations and Funeral Travel Assistance provided in May 2024 in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Funding Acquisition Report (May 2024)

Noted by Council.

7.3 TSIRC Special Holidays 2025

#C24-28/2024-06/7.3

CR HANKIN / CR MYE

Council:

- (a) Resolves that local Special Holidays which fall on a weekend will not be allocated an additional week-day holiday;
- (b) Resolves that region-wide Special Holidays which fall on a weekend will continue to be allocated an additional week-day holiday;
- (c) Resolves that the Special Holiday declared for the biennial Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival will apply to Torres Strait-based staff only (not Cairns);
- (d) Endorses the nominated 2025 Special Holidays outlined in the attachment to this report; and
- (e) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to submit the final list for 2025 Special Holidays to the Queensland Government Office of Industrial Relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**7.4 Works for Queensland (W4Q) Project Recommendations**

#C24-28/2024-06/7.4

CR MYE / CR PEARSON

The Council resolves to endorse:

1. the proposed project scope for the Works for Queensland (W4Q) 24-27 funding round; and
2. delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to submit, approve, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this funding application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**7.5 Councillor Remuneration, Reimbursement and Facilities Provision Policy**

#C24-28/2024-06/7.5

CR FELL / CR DORANTE

The Council resolves to:

1. Amend and adopt the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Councillor Remuneration, Expenses Reimbursement and Resources Policy previously adopted by Council, in the terms presented to Council at today's Ordinary Meeting; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policy as they arise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Council meeting suspended from 11.15am to 11.30am to allow Councillors a short break.*

8. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

9. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**9.1. Financial Dashboard Report (May 2024)**

#C24-28/2024-06/9.1

CR LEVI / CR MYE

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 31 May 2024, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *In relation to Agenda Item 9.1, the Chief Executive Officer advised that the November 2024 Council Workshop will have a focus on financials.*

9.2. 2023-2024 Asset Desktop Indexation Results

#C24-28/2024-06/9.2

CR FELL / CR HANKIN

Council resolves to:

- (a) note the percentage increase movements from the asset desktop indexation review conducted by Jones Lang Lasalle; and
- (b) delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise the 2023/2024 asset desktop indexation review including but not limited to applying the indexation percentages identified in the Jones Lang Lasalle Report in TSIRC's financial records to the various asset classes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3. Revenue Policy

#C24-28/2024-06/9.3

CR FELL / CR MYE

That Council resolves:

- i. to amend and adopt the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Revenue Policy previously adopted by Council, in the terms presented to Council at today's Ordinary Meeting; and
- ii. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policy as they arise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4. Review of Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy

#C24-28/2024-06/9.4

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

That Council resolves:

1. To endorse the amended Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy appended to this report as Attachment 3.
2. Pursuant to sections 236, 257 and 262 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and subject to the limitations provided for in the Procurement & Ethical Sourcing Policy, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to enter into, negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge contracts or sub-delegate such powers:
 - (a) up to a value of \$500,000 excluding GST, subject to the limitations provided for in the Procurement & Ethical Sourcing Policy;
 - (b) up to an unlimited value for recurring operational expenditure; and
 - (c) up to \$1,000,000 excluding GST for Council's Building Services team to comply with any contractual obligations Council has to undertake works for QBuild.
3. The CEO may not sub-delegate its delegated powers under resolution 2(c) above where such sub-delegation would exceed \$500,000 excluding GST.
4. To direct the CEO to provide a quarterly report to Council reporting on any contracts entered into pursuant to the delegation (and sub-delegation) in resolution 2 and 3 above and valued at or above \$200,000 excluding GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5. Policy Matter – Financial Policies Review

#C24-28/2024-06/9.5

CR FELL / CR LEVI

Council resolves to:

1. amend and adopt the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's:
 - Investment Policy;
 - Debt Policy;
 - Fiscal Governance Policy;previously adopted by Council, in the terms presented to Council at today's Ordinary Meeting; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policies as they arise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ Council meeting suspended from 12.45pm to 1.40pm for lunch break.

10. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2024-06/10

CR MYE / CR FELL

The Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**11. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE****11.1 FUNDING MATTER – 2024/25 ATSI TIDS IAMA AERODROME SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it covers “negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.”]

#C24-28/2024-06/11.1

CR FELL / CR MANAS

That Council resolves:

1. Upon formally receiving the funding agreement, enter into the proposed funding agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to the amount of up to \$1,483,000 (excl. GST), administered through the ATSI TIDS Program for the Iama Island Airport, safety improvements project, subject to formalising a funding agreement; and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement for TMR ATSI TIDS 2024/2025; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 FUNDING MATTER – TSIRC.0031.2223G.REC – DRFA REPA BETTERMENT

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it “negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.”]

#C24-28/2024-06/11.2

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

That Council resolves:

1. To enter into the proposed funding agreement, TSIRC.0031.2223J.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) AND Category D Betterment, administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in relation to Council’s submission of TSIRC.0031.2223J.REC for grant sum of up to \$1,136,482.58 (excl. GST); and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the agreement, and,
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 FUNDING MATTER – TSIRC.0032.2223G.REC – DRFA REPA BETTERMENT

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it “negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.”]

#C24-28/2024-06/11.3

CR MANAS / CR FELL

That Council resolves:

1. To enter into the proposed funding agreement, TSIRC.0032.2223J.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) AND Category D Betterment, administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in relation to Council’s submission of TSIRC.0032.2223J.REC for grant sum of up to \$5,658,030.47 (excl. GST); and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the agreement, and,
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 INFORMATION REPORT – Capital Works

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business:

In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it “negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.”]

The report was noted by Council.

12. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2024-06/12

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

The Council resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved the decisions taken in relation to Agenda Item 11 above.

14. MATTERS ARISING**(a) Request for Update on Delivery of Garbage Trucks (Cr Keith Fell)**

The Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Susanne Andres**) made the following comments:

- 2 x small vehicles ready for transport to Iama and Dauan. Seaswift currently has a backlog and a July 2024 delivery is expected;
- 2 x large vehicles (brought at auction) are going to Erub and Badu are currently in transit by Seaswift (left Cairns on 17 June 2024) with delivery expected in the w/e 28 June 2024;
- training for on-ground staff on the operation of those vehicles is currently being organised;
- release dates for the remaining vehicles from the Gold Coast City Council remain unclear, however, several vehicles are anticipated to be released to TSIRC over the next two months;
- one of those vehicles will be released to Division 4 (Mabuiag).

Cr Fell reminded Council that the impact of non-working garbage trucks is stretching workforce capacity (and safety is an issue) on-ground as more workers are required to provide a manual handling service.

(b) Fuel Bowser Matter (Cr Francis Pearson)

Urgent protection of bowzers during harsh weather periods (*Kuki*) is required. In relation to Poruma, a permanent cover is preferred, however a slide-over cover will suffice in the interim.

The Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Susanne Andres**) advised that the Council's Fuel and Fleet Manager (Mr Brenden Hall) will be on Poruma in the w/b 1/7/24 and recommended that Cr Pearson raise these concerns with him during that time.

15. INFORMATION REPORTS

- 15.1. BUILDING SERVICES: Building Services Update (May 2024)**
- 15.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Community Services (May 2024)**
- 15.3. CORPORATE SERVICES: Corporate Services Information Report (May 2024)**
- 15.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Monthly Water & Wastewater Report (June 2024)**
- 15.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Engineering Operations**

#C24-28/2024-06/15

CR ELISALA / CR FELL

Council notes the Information Reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Keith Fell requested improvements in the regularity of HF Radio testing across the Divisions.

Cr Seriako Dorante sought clarification in relation to Hammond Island Child Care Centre and whether Queensland Health has a formal agreement to use the Centre space. The **Executive Director Community Services** confirmed that an agreement is in place and will provide relevant information to Cr Dorante out of session.

16. NEXT MEETING – 24 JULY 2024 (Erub)

Noted by Council.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Chief Executive Officer (**James William**) made an observation that for the first time in the Council's history the June 2024 Trustee and Ordinary Council Meetings were conducted by a female Chairperson and he congratulated the Deputy Mayor on this historic achievement.

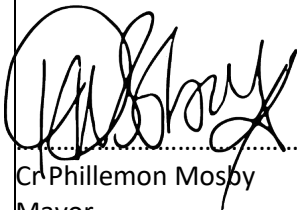
This statement was acknowledged with applause and congratulations by Councillors and staff.

The Chief Executive Officer further congratulated all TSIRC Councillors for making this historic achievement possible through their leadership by electing Cr Wosomo as the Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Chief Executive Officer, Executives and staff for their support in the lead-up to the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor formally closed the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting at 2.35pm. Cr Levi delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 24 July 2024



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 July 2024



James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 July 2024