



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

STRATEGIC ADVISORY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Friday, 2nd December 2022

Time: 1:05pm to 3:41pm

Venue: Video Conference

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor, Poruma (Coconut)
Cr Getano Lui, Deputy Mayor, Division 9, Iama (Yam)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13, Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15, Mer (Murray)

STAFF:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services (EDFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services (EDES)
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services (EDBS)
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services (HOCS)
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Julie Marino, Executive Assistant to the CEO (EA)
Ms May Mosby – Acting Secretariat Officer (A/SO)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12, Masig (Yorke)
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4, Mabuiag
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services (EDES)
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor (EA)

AGENDA

1. Welcome (Chair)

Mayor Phillemon Mosby welcomed SARG members and Executive Staff to the meeting and completed a roll call of SARG members to establish a quorum.

Cr Keith Fell gave his apologies due to connectivity issues.

2. Opening Prayer

Mayor Mosby opened the meeting in a word of prayer at 1:05pm.

3. Apologies

- Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig – medical reasons

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee accepts the apology of Cr Hilda Mosby for her absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag – technical issues

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee accepts the apology of Cr Keith Fell for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) / Declarable / Prescribed

No declarations made. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to make a declaration at any time.

5. Noting of Ratified Minutes - SARG Meeting

- 4th October 2022 – VC – ratified at November 2022 OM

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Minutes for the SARG meeting held on 4th October 2022 be adopted as a true and correct account of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- 1st November – VC – ratified at November 2022 OM

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Minutes for the SARG meeting held on 1st November 2022 be adopted as a true and correct account of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

6. **Strategic Action Items Review**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the strategic action items

1:23pm - Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services left the

1:27pm – Ms Hollie Faithfull re-joined the meeting.

7. **Mayor – Verbal**

Masig Statement:

Mayor provided an update on the roll out of the Masig Statement and the mapping out of communities for the roll out of the Masig Statement.

Poruma have confirmed for January along with St Pauls.

Executive Officer has been in contact with the Chief Executive Officer of Torres Shire in regards to the Masig Statement and hopefully take it out to Boigu.

Ugar - Cr Rocky Stephen to confirm a date after their community meeting.

Target 8 communities by February 2023.

Mer - Cr Aven Noah advised he will require more time due to the complexity of present issues in the community.

In-depth discussions took place on the Masig statement.

High cost of living submission

Mayor Mosby asked Chief Executive Officer, Mr James William to provide an update of the current status of this matter.

Chief Executive Officer advised the Committee that due to sorry business on Thursday Island in Mayor's Loban family, the summit has been postponed until February next year.

Regional Organisation of Council (ROC) Draft Proposal – Verbal Update

Mayor Mosby spoke briefly on this topic.

2:00pm – Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services left the meeting.

Mr Jacob Matysek provided an update to the Committee. A meeting was held with Dr Sarra to discuss ROC and funding opportunities around that. Dr Sarra is happy to support this in his capacity.

Discussions took place further on this subject.

Mayor Mosby asked that Executive Officer to clarify with Dr Chris Sarra on the consulting committee or working group that sets up the Secretariat, does the Secretariat consist of all 3 local governments.

Interim Regional Assembly Consultative Committee:

Completed during joint deputation. Currently interim body has been established awaiting first meeting to be confirmed.

Advocacy Policy and Action Plan

Drafts completed and sent to all Councillors.

There is a current policy in place however a couple of items in the policy to be amended.

Executive Officer, Mr Jacob Matysek spoke further and provided updates on the 10 priority items.

Chief Executive Officer suggested that this matter be taken offline to allow SARG members to provide comments through the guidance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

ACTION: That Executive Officer to contact SARG members and walk them through the entire document to discuss the 10 key priority items and provide feedback by end of December.

Choice of Partner | Capability Partner | Equity Partner Framework

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to develop a framework of Choice of Partner/Capability Partner to come to SARG for review and then to full Council at March meeting.

8. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Cr Aven Noah spoke of the Skytrans issue.

Notification received from Skytrans to advise the cancellation of Skytrans flights to the three islands has been extended to 11th December. Mayor Mosby advised that no feedback have been received from the State and Member for Cook as yet or from Minister Bailey's office.

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to follow up to see the likelihood of services returning to those three islands of Mabuag, Erub and Mer.

Mayor Mosby also raised the concern of the Hammond Island Ferry Service which will cease operating services to Hammond Island because of the school closure. Further discussions took place.

Cr Stephen raised the issues of the helicopter subsidies for Ugar and Dauan.

9. **SARG COMMITTEE MOVED INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That in accordance with section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss matters of the following nature:

- (a) The appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.**
- (c) local government budget.**

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- Internal Audit
- CEO KPI 6 months status report

3:00pm – Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Officer left the meeting.

3:17pm - Staff were asked to leave the meeting for a closed session meeting.

10. **COMMITTEE MOVED OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUME IN OPEN BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Aven Noah

That the Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee move out of closed business and resume in open business.

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11. **Next meeting date – to be confirmed**

12. **Closing Prayer**

Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui closed the meeting in a word of prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 3:41PM

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date:

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: