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REGIONAL COUNCIL

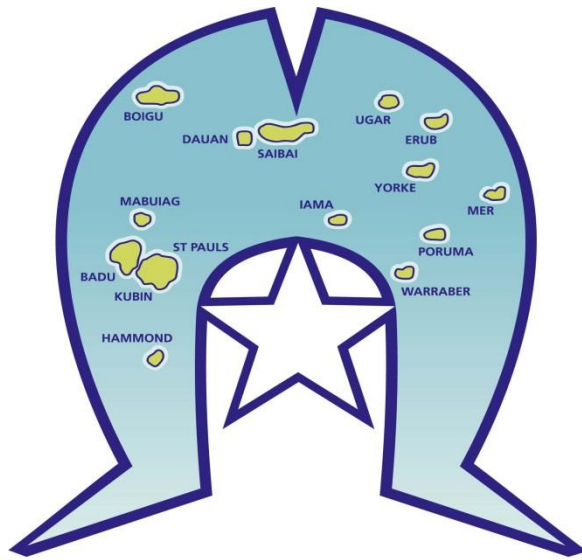
AGENDA

HOUSING AND SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Date: 9th February 2021
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Venue: VMR #8 – 0299 165 402

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)
2. Opening Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Conflict of Interest (COI)/ Material Personal Interest (MPI) Declaration
5. Terms of Reference Discussion
6. Standing Agenda Items Discussion
 - Housing Authority
 - Local Housing Plan
7. Meeting Dates for 2021
 - April – June (22nd June 2021)
 - July – September (24th August 2021)
 - October – December (26th October 2021)
8. General/ Other Business (on notice)
9. Next meeting date – 22nd June 2021
10. Closing Prayer



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MINUTES

HOUSING AND SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Date: 22nd December 2020

Time: 9:00am to 11:00pm

Venue: VMR #6 – 02 92 970 558

Tuesday 22nd December 2020

Present

Cr Keith Fell – Division 4 – Mabuiag (Chair)
Cr Frances Pearson – Division 11 – Poruma
Cr John Levi – Division 7 – St Pauls, Moa Island

Rachel Pierce, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Kathy Cochran, Secretariat Officer

Apology

Nil

Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Standing Committee
Meeting
Tuesday 22nd December 2020

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Cr Fell paid respect and acknowledge the following;

- Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners
- Staff

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Fell invited Cr Levi to open the meeting in prayer.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Conflict of Interest (COI)/ Material Personal Interest (MPI) Declaration

No declaration made.

5. Terms of Reference Discussion

Cr Fell and Committee went through the Terms of Reference.

ACTION: Amend the TOR to include in list of Objective as another dot point

- Sports and Recreation

6. Standing Agenda Items Discussion

- Local Housing Plan

COO provided committee with an update on the Regional Housing Plan and the Local Housing Plan.

- Housing Authority

COO informed committee a presentation was develop to present to the full Council at the November workshop and if the committee would like a copy sent to them.

ACTION: COO to send each committee member a copy of the Housing Authority presentation.

Cr Pearson asked if its just social housing or state housing.

ACTION: COO to provide a briefing note on the current housing stock for the Region and a copy of the Housing authority proposal to the Committee at the next meeting.

ACTION: COO to provide at the next committee meeting an updated briefing note on both Regional and Local Housing Plan.

7. Meeting Dates for 2021

- January – March (23rd February 2021)
- April – June (22nd June 2021)
- July – September (24th August 2021)
- October – December (26th October 2021)

ACTION: Secretariat to place dates into committee members calendars

8. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Cr Levi asked about the \$2m and plug ins. Acting COO noted to include in briefing note.

Cr Pearson raised an issue with houses recently built in some Divisions do not have concrete under them and if a response can be sought from the Department.

COO gave undertaking she will follow up with the Department and include their response in the briefing note together with water tank issues and inconsistent work across the Region (houses in some Division has concrete slabs under them and some do not.

Cr Fell raised the issue of some houses don't have a fence and if we can explore some funding avenues for the fences.

Cr Levi asked about horse fencing program for Katter Leases properties. As the fencing program only covered properties under the DOGIT. Can the Katter Lease property be fenced too?

ACTION: COO to check the fencing program and the criteria

Cr Levi asked about the high-cost maintenance houses.

COO informed Committee there's plan to develop a Community Housing Information Session and have the three stakeholders at each session;

- TSIRC
- Dept of Housing Public Works
- QBuild

Cr Fell suggested the committee be included at consulted.

9. Next meeting date

Committee confirmed next meeting date as 23rd February 2021.

10. Closing Prayer

Cr Fell invited Cr Pearson to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED at 9:31am



BRIEFING NOTE

DATE: 8 February 2021

SUBJECT ITEM: Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee actions arising from 22 December 2020 meeting

AUTHOR/s: Dawson Sailor – Acting Head of Community Services and
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Purpose

To update the Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee (Committee) on actions arising from the 22 December 2020 meeting.

Background

- At the last meeting on the 22 December 2020, the Committee requested an update on the following Housing matters:
 - NPARIH Housing – health and safety concerns: 1. Inconsistent provision of slabs under houses, flooding, mud and; 2. Inconsistent provision of water tanks and system failures.
 - Update on \$2m Plug-in program for 7 properties
 - High Cost Vacant Maintenance properties (develop plan to progress these works and streamline process).
 - Social housing fencing program including home ownership, Katter lease properties and DOGIT land holders
 - Regional and Local Housing Planning.

Updates

- **NPARIH Housing**
TSIRC requested DHPW acknowledge and respond to health and safety concerns for new build houses, arising from inconsistent provision of (1) cement slabs under houses due to environmental impacts of mud and flooding and; (2) inconsistent provisions of water tanks and system failures.

Due to the health and safety concerns raised, DHPW requested to embed into scheduled housing inspection process or undertake an audit of each NPARIH property with a view to developing scope of works to address these matters. Further, to consider prioritising works. For example: Elderly tenants and low-laying communities such as Saibai, Boigu, Warraber, Poruma and Masig.

- **\$2M Funding for Plug-In Program**

Response from DHPW outstanding at time of drafting this Briefing Note. Background information provided below.

As real costs have exceeded funding allocation to date, the program has scoped five of the seven plug-ins earmarked for the project. It is estimated an additional \$900K is required. BSU met with DHPW yesterday as a result, BSU is currently re-costing with a view to completing all 7 plug-ins from within existing budget. Should re-costing indicate a shortfall, TSIRC will draft a letter to DHPW requesting a variation to the current funding agreement.

- **High Cost Maintenance Properties**

Project is due for completion by end of Financial Year 20/21 with considerations or rollover in accordance with the schedule. DHPW and QBuild furnished TSIRC with list of properties (attachment 1). BSU is to undertake to roll out of program.

Through close monitoring and frequent updates internally (Housing and BSU) led by Heads of Departments and extension to DHPW, Operations will ensure a more streamlined approach.

- **Fencing program**

TSIRC requested an update from DHPW and is awaiting a response.

Social Housing, LHA properties, Katter lease properties and DOGIT properties are not eligible for fencing. However, an alternative is being investigated by DHPW.

- **Regional and Local Housing Planning process**

DHPW indicate both processes are still in the planning stage and undertook to provide regular updates to TSIRC.

Recommendations

- That the Committee note the contents of this brief.

END OF BRIEF



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