



INTERIM SPECIAL COMMITTEE
TO REVIEW COUNCIL'S
STANDING COMMITTEES
MEETING
10 JUNE 2024

MINUTES

Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm
Venue: Meeting Room, Level 3, 111 Grafton Street, Cairns
TEAMS Meeting ID: 410 297 112 020
Passcode: LqVfU9

PRESENT: **Mayor** / Chairperson
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Bob Kaigey – *unable to connect into TEAMS meeting*

APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS: **Chief Executive Officer**
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William – *dial in*
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor – *dial in*
Ms Susanne Andres – *dial in*
Mr David Baldwin – *dial in*
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 10.20am the Mayor welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting.

The Mayor commenced by acknowledging the Heavenly Father, all Traditional Custodians throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and throughout the TSIRC footprint.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

Nil.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

1. 2024-28 Standing Committees & Advisory Committees

The Mayor provided a brief overview of the role of the Interim Special Committee. This should be the first and last meeting of this Committee as it is in place primarily to consider and submit a recommended position to the full Council for endorsement.

This meeting is to formalise the discussions which occurred when members of the Interim Special Committee met informally on Poruma recently, as well as discussions undertaken with all Councillors during the May 2024 Council Workshop.

The current Committee framework with the existing five (5) Standing Committees of Council are to be retained, however those Standing Committees will need to be formally abolished by Council and then re-established as advisory committees.

The five (5) advisory committees will require the preparation of new terms of reference and these will be presented as part of a paper for consideration and endorsement to the full Council.

The advisory committees will determine their own meeting schedule, but will be required to provide Council with quarterly reports.

The Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) will be retained with basically the same terms of reference and the membership of SARG will comprise the chairpersons of the five (5) advisory committees.

The SARG will meet bi-monthly (every two months).

The Mayor then invited further comments/suggestions from members.

Cr Rocky Stephen suggested that consideration should also be given to renaming the advisory committees to better reflect the business portfolio of the committee.

Cr Ranetta Wosomo agreed that there should be no real issue around any renaming. The Mayor suggested that 'Women's Issues' should be placed within the portfolio of the Safe and Healthy Communities advisory committee.

Cr Kabay Tamu commented that there will be overlap with the committees as matters pertaining to 'youth' (particularly in relation to leadership matters) will also be covered by the 'Governance and Leadership' advisory committee. The terms of reference will need to reflect the parameters around specific portfolio considerations.

Cr Keith Fell agreed, suggesting for example that Treaty issues (specifically pertaining to safety and health matters) could also be within the portfolio of the Safe and Healthy Communities advisory committee.

Cr Wosomo commented that the portfolio for the Safe and Healthy Communities advisory committee will also need to include men, elders, women and youth to be incorporated, as these were discussed at the informal meeting recently on Poruma. **Cr Chelsea Aniba** suggested that one of the portfolio responsibilities for the Safe and Healthy Communities advisory committee could be simply listed as 'families' with youth, women, men, elders, etc. to be listed under 'families'.

The Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Susanne Andres) recommended that it was also important that the reviewed terms of reference for each of the committees reflect the 10 priorities endorsed at the May 2024 Council Workshop. The **Chief Executive Officer** agreed, adding that any final term of reference should allow flexibility and not constrain or each committee. The Chief Executive Officer suggested that a draft of the proposed terms of reference can be circulated out to members (out of session) to review and provide comment prior to a paper being finalised for the upcoming Council meeting.

Cr Fell also requested that 'Sport and Recreation' be incorporated into the Safe and Healthy Communities advisory committee's portfolio.

2. Recommendations to Council

The Committee agreed that the brief to Council incorporate the suggestions made above.

6. NEXT MEETING – N/A

As indicated by the Mayor in agenda item 1 above, this will be a once-only meeting of the Interim Special Committee.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor thanked members and staff for their attendance and contributions and formally closed the meeting at 10.50am. Cr Wosomo delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES NOTED BY COUNCIL – 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