



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 23rd February 2021, 9:57am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 24th February 2021, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Video Conference

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Agenda Items

1. 10:30am – 10:35am Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. 10:35am – 10:38am Apologies
3. 10:38am – 10:40am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)
4. 10:40am – 11:00am Confirmation of Meeting Minutes
 - 19th and 20th January 2021 Ordinary Meeting
 - Special Meeting – 1st February 2021
 - Special Meeting – 28th July 2020
5. 11:00am – 11:15am Outstanding Ordinary Meeting Action Items
6. 11:15am – 11:30am Open Resolutions Register
7. 11:30am – 12:00pm CORPORATE – Operational Plan – Q2 Update
8. 12:00pm – 12:15pm CORPORATE – Community Grants – Regional Grants allocations
9. 12:15pm – 12:30pm CORPORATE – TSRA Deed Variation

LUNCH - 12:30pm – 1:30pm

10. 1:30pm – 1:45pm CORPORATE – Economic Growth Committee (Cr Gela)
11. 1:45pm – 2:00pm CORPORATE – Project Recommendation – Building Better Region – Round 5 Application
12. 2:00pm – 2:15pm LEGAL – Correction of Minutes – OM – 25 June 2019 – Insurance Renewal
13. 2:15pm – 3:00pm LEGAL – Delegation Register Update

AFTERNOON TEA - 3:00pm – 3:30pm

14. 3:30pm – 3:45pm LEGAL – Torres Strait Flag License
15. 3:45pm – 4:00pm Business Arising from Information Report
16. 4:00pm – 4:05pm Next Meeting Date Scheduled:
 - 16 & 17 March 2021 – Division 4 - Mabuiag
17. 4:05pm – 4:55pm Strategic Matters
18. 4:55pm – 5:00pm Closing Remarks and Prayer

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| 19. | <u>9:00am – 9:05am</u> | <u>Welcome and opening prayer.</u> |
| 20. | <u>9:05am – 09:05am</u> | <u>COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS</u> |
| 21. | <u>9:05am – 10:30am</u> | <u>MAYOR – CB – Legal Advice – Holding Redlich – Regional Governance</u> |
| 22. | <u>10:30am – 10:30am</u> | <u>COUNCIL MOVED OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS</u> |

10:30am – 10:45am - MORNING TEA

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| 23. | <u>10:45am – 11:45am</u> | <u>PRESENTATION 1:</u> Dementia in the Torres Strait and NPA research Project – Mr Fintan Thompson, Australian Institute of Tropical Health And Medicine, James Cook University. |
| 24. | <u>11:45pm – 12:00pm</u> | <u>Standing Agenda Items:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly Financial Report |
| 25. | <u>12:00pm – 12:15pm</u> | <u>OCEO - Change to March 2021 Ordinary Meeting Dates</u> |
| 26. | <u>12:15pm – 12:45pm</u> | <u>OPERATIONS – Department of Housing and Public Works Funding</u> |
| 27. | <u>12:45pm – 1:15pm</u> | <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES – Options to support 150th Anniversary - Of the Coming of the Light celebrations</u> |
| 28. | <u>1:15pm – 1:30pm</u> | <u>Closing Remarks and Prayers</u> |

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Present

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer

Mr Ilario Sabatino, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) (Cairns)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns)
Mr David Baldwin, Chief Engineer (CE) (Cairns)
Ms Rachel Pierce, Acting Chief Operating Officer (ACOO) (Cairns)
Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel (SLC) (Cairns)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (Kirriri)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns)

Apologies

Nil

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
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Agenda Items

29. 9:57am – 10:01am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Mosby welcomed everyone back and declared open the Council Ordinary meeting for February 2021. Mayor welcomed Mr Ilario Sabatino as the Acting Chief Executive Officer and thanked Ms Hollie Faithfull for acting previously in the Acting Chief Executive Officers position.

Mayor conveyed Mr Bruce Ranga's best wishes to Council and his appreciation for the prayers and well wishes for his recovery.

30. 10:01am – 10:01am Apologies

No apology received.

31. 10:01am – 10:02am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)

No declaration made, however Mayor encouraged Councillors and staff to make a declaration at any time.

Cr Toby asked if Councillors have a dual role and serve as a member on the TSRA Board do they make a declaration. Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Peter Krebs provided Cr Toby and Council with legal advice.

32. 10:02am – 10:12am Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

- 20th January 2021 Ordinary Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Nona

That the Minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting - day 1, held via video conference on 20th January 2021, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- 21st January 2021 Ordinary Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Gela; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That the Minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting - day 2, held via video conference on 21st January 2021, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Special Meeting – 1st February 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Mosby

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting, held via video conference on 1st February 2021, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- Special Meeting – 28th July 2020

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Elisala; Second: Cr Noah

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting, held via video conference on 1st February 2021, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- 33.** 10:12am – 10:19am Outstanding Ordinary Meeting Action Items
Acting Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update on all outstanding action items.

ACTION: Team to send a letter of intent to the Minister and include what needs to be done
- 34.** 10:19am – 11:30am Open Resolutions Register
Mayor briefed Council on why the Resolution Register is on the agenda.
- 35.** 11:30am – 12:00pm CORPORATE – Operational Plan – Q2 Update
Chief Financial Officer spoke to the Business Services and Corporate Affairs departments section of the report.

Chief Engineer spoke to the Engineering department's section of the report.

Cr Lui asked about the colour coding in the report.
ACTION: CFO to take of line and have the discussion with Cr Lui.

Cr Stephen asked for the Ugar dredging to be kept on the list.

Acting Chief Operating Officer spoke to the Community Services department's section of the report.

Cr Stephen asked about the fuel bowser on Ugar. Chief Financial officer provided Council an update on the Fuel situation and mentioned some WHS issues identified and are currently being worked on.

ACTION: CEO to provide a weekly progress report on the WHS issue around the fuel that are currently being worked on.

Cr Fell asked which department fuel and gas sit in. Chief financial officer advised it sits with the Manager for Logistic.

ACTION: CEO to have the team lobby for extra funding to increase hours and wages of our Healthy Lifestyle Officers, given our people and regions health statistic in life expectancy.

Cr Nona raised the Environmental Health workers and making them accountable in their roles.

ACTION: Team to look at reviewing the IKC Program. Review report to go to the Housing and Safe and Healthy Community Committee for input.

ACTION: SO to put IKC on the Agenda of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage standing committee to discuss cultural knowledge and the.

Cr Lui raised the Aged Care delivery and that the standard of service on the ground needs to be improved.

ACTION: ACOO to provide a brief on what service should be provide per Division and include accessing the funds that other providers are accessing, quality of service to our community and to be proactive and go to the government to seek funding.

Cr Dorante raised the OSHC

ACTION: ACOO to provide details to Cr Dorante.

Mayor noted that an action plan needs to be developed to deliver Childcare to all Division not only to Badu and Hammond.

Cr Tabuai asked about priority works on housing and works from last year are still outstanding.

ACTION: ACOO to raise the matter with QBuild and provide update to Council.

Disaster Management – HF Radios priority. Chief Engineer and Acting Chief Operating officer are currently working on the Radios as it was an action item from the Housing and Safe and Healthy Committee.

12:33pm - Cr Mosby asked to be excused. Mayor excused Cr Mosby.

ACTION: ACOO to put together a view on in kind support for all staff and Councillor to follow and relay to their respective community members.

Cr Fell raised acting position within Council and for opportunity to be provided to on ground staff.

LUNCH - 12:37pm – 1:14pm

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Gela; *Second:* Trinkoon

That Council resolves to not the Operational Plan 2020-21 Quarter 2 Update.

MOTION CARRIED

36. **1:42pm – 1:48pm** **CORPORATE – Community Grants – Regional Grants allocations**
Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report. Cr Fell asked if there was any COI from the Councillors of both communities. No COI.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applications in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

Community Grant Applications:

- Church of the Living God for the eligible amount of \$1979.96 exclusive of GST (plus in-kind assistance to the value of \$712.00 – approval pending), as per the submitted application.
- Badu Community Justice Group for the eligible amount of \$800.00 exclusive of GST (plus in-kind assistance to the value of \$1190.00 – approval pending), as per the submitted application.

Regional Grant – Scholarship Applications:

- Thomasina Mene for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.
- Kiali Wapau for the eligible amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

MOTION CARRIED

37. **1:48pm – 1:56pm** **CORPORATE – TSRA Deed Variation**
Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report. Cr Dorante checked his COI. No COI

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Gela; *Second:* Cr Nona

That Council resolves to

- Accept the proposed amendment to the original Funding Agreement with the Torres Strait Regional Authority, to the sum of \$53,078.90 excluding GST on the terms and conditions contained in the Deed. And
- Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contract, negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this agreement including any further variations to allow for extensions of time or increase in funding.

MOTION CARRIED

38. **1:56pm – 1:59pm** **CORPORATE – Economic Growth Committee (Cr Gela)**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Nona

That Council resolves to:

- Appoint Cr Jimmy Gela as a member of the Council's Economic Growth Committee and
- Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Economic Growth Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

39. 1:59pm – 2:30pm CORPORATE – Project Recommendation – Building Better Region – Round 5 Application

Chief Financial officer spoke to the report.

2:08pm - Cr Nona left the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Pearson

That Council resolves to:

- **Support the project recommendations for the Building Better Regions, Round 5 funding program as outlined below; and**
- **Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to approve, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this funding application.**

MOTION CARRIED

40. 2:30pm – 2:15pm LEGAL – Correction of Minutes – OM – 25 June 2019 – Insurance Renewal

Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Peter Krebs spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Fell; *Second:* Cr Nona

1. That Council resolves to:
 - a. Adopt Option 2 of AON's insurance strategy for 2019/20; and
 - b. Appoint the following insurance underwriters as insurers on the following Council insurance policies for 2019/20; and
 - c. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into all contracts of insurance with those Underwriters and do all things necessary to effect those policies of insurance, including making payment for all premiums:

2. That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into all contracts with Local Government Workcare regarding workers compensation insurance for 2019/20 up to the 19/20 budgeted value of \$280,000 and do all things necessary to effect this policy of insurance including making payment for the premium.

That Council resolves to ratify any decisions made or actions taken after 25 June 2019 which are in accordance with the above resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

41.

2:36pm – 3:04pm**LEGAL – Delegation Register Update**

Senior Legal Counsel, Mr Peter Krebs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer[subject to consultation with the Mayor,] the exercise of the following powers, and these powers must be exercised subject to Ailan Kastom and any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the corresponding attached Instruments of Delegation:

Statutory instrument:	The powers delegated are contained in Schedule 1 of the Instrument of Delegation attached to this report as:
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACHA)	Attachment 1
Acquisition of Land Act 1967 (ACLA)	Attachment 2
Animal Care & Protection Act 2001 (ACPA)	Attachment 3
Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (AMCD)	Attachment 4
Biosecurity Act 2014 (BIOA)	Attachment 5
Building Act 1975 (BUIA)	Attachment 6
Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (CPMA)	Attachment 7
Disaster Management Regulation 2014 (DIMR)	Attachment 8
Environment Protection (Water) Policy 2019 (EPWP)	Attachment 9
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 (FESA)	Attachment 10
Food Act 2006 (FOOA)	Attachment 11
Housing Act 2003 (HOUA)	Attachment 12
Housing Regulation 2003 (HOUR)	Attachment 13
Information Privacy Act 2009 (INPA)	Attachment 14
Industrial Relations Act 2016 (INRA)	Attachment 15
Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 (PIDA)	Attachment 16
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 (PLDA)	Attachment 17
Public Records Act 2002 (PURA)	Attachment 18
Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (QUHA)	Attachment 19
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 (RTRA)	Attachment 20
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Regulation 2009 (RTRR)	Attachment 21
Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 (SPDR)	Attachment 22
State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 (SPEA)	Attachment 23
Transport Operations (Road Use Management) 1995 (TORA)	Attachment 24
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (WSSR)	Attachment 25

2. Council resolves not to delegate any of its powers under the following statutory instruments:

- (a) **Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980 (BUGT)**
- (b) **Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 (NDDF)**
- (c) **Stock Route Management Act 2002 (SRMA)**
- (d) **Stock Act 1915 (STOA)**

3. That under section 262 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council amend its January 2021 Delegations Update resolution to remove the words “subject to consultation with the Mayor”, to read as follows;

- a. “That under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the following powers, and these powers must be exercised, subject to Ailan Kustom and any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the corresponding attached Instrument of Delegation.

MOTION CARRIED

AFTERNOON TEA - 3:04pm – 3:26pm

42. **3:26pm – 3:55pm** **LEGAL – Torres Strait Flag License**

Acting CEO did a roll call and established quorum. Senior Legal Counsel spoke to this report.

ACTION: SO to put this report on the Agenda for the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee.

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43. **3:45pm – 4:03pm** **Business Arising from Information Report**

Cr Lui commented he was not satisfied with the contents of the Information reports, as he believes it's not a true reflection of what is actually happening on ground and wants a more detailed report.

Mayor raised debtor's collection rate.

Cr Nona asked about new builds and the \$14.4m funding and how much would each Division get. Acting CEO responded to Cr Nona.

44. **4:03pm – 4:05pm** **Next Meeting Date Scheduled:**

- 17 & 18 March 2021 – Division 4 – Mabuiaq

45. **4:05pm – 4:55pm** **Strategic Matters**

Cr Lui mentioned the Australian Story on recycling and green steel. Suggested Council invite that Engineer to come to the Torres Strait and the University of NSW to have a look at our Region and suggest ways to address recycle.

Cr Fell asked if the Team has sourced any funding from the various COVID 19 Funding streams. He also asked when will the vaccine be coming to the Region and when available to circulate to all Councillors.

Cr Lui stated Qantas should be doing something about the cost to our constituents. Rex has expressed an interest in coming to the Region.

Cr Pearson – raised a house of an elderly couple in his community in a State Government house that's been flooded by the North west rain and have reported to TI office but not been attended to as yet. ACOO provided Cr Pearson with a response.

Cr Tabuai asked about vector controls during the wet season and the Environmental Health Workers.

ACTION: ACOO to arrange with the Manager for Environment and Health to provide Councillors with a vector plan.

Cr Lui asked about reporting repairs for gas meters. ACOO responded, lodge the job on the blue phone and QBuild will advise to do the job.

Cr Dorante asked to invite QBuild to our meeting.

Cr Lui asked if we are meeting turnaround time with the new implemented smart sheet (10days)

Cr Elisala requested an update on Master Planning.

Cr Lui asked for the CEO to follow up outcome of the phone census/ survey (Tony Goode)

Cr Fell asked about Mayor's email regarding Community meeting. CEO to follow up with Mayor.

Cr Lui informs everyone he will not be at the meeting tomorrow. He also wanted to reaffirm our position to reject any notion regarding the treaty. Media Release – Federal Foreign Affairs to visit the Region.

ACTION: Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel to have an offline discussion regarding the resolution on the Treaty.

ACTION: Team to get the position regarding the Treaty from all the PBC

Cr Noah informed Council the PNG Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Samare is currently low with a terminal illness at the Port Moresby Hospital.

46. 4:55pm – 5:00pm

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor thanked the Councillors, Ilario and staff for their time and invited Cr Levi to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 4:53pm

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Present

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer

Mr Ilario Sabatino, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) (Cairns)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) (Cairns)
Mr David Baldwin, Chief Engineer (CE) (Cairns)
Ms Rachel Pierce, Acting Chief Operating Officer (ACOO) (Cairns)
Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel (SLC) (Cairns)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) (Kirriri)
Mrs Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer (SO) (Cairns)

Apologies

Nil

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47. **9:08am – 9:11am** **Welcome and opening prayer.**
Mayor Mosby welcomed Councillors and staff and gave thanks to Papa God for his favour and blessings and invited Cr Fell to open the meeting in prayer.

Mayor reminded Councillors and staff Cr Lui is an apology for the morning session.
48. **9:11am – 9:11am** **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) – Prescribed and Declarable**
No declaration made. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors and staff to make a declaration at any time.

9:11am – Cr Tamu joined the meeting.

ACTION: ACEO & ACOO to promote Council Ordinary meeting to encourage community attendance.
49. **9:11am – 9:17am** **OCEO – Change to March 2021 Ordinary Meeting Dates**

RESOLUTION:
Moved: Cr Tamu; *Second:* Cr Elisala
That Council change the dates for Council’s March Ordinary Meeting to Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March 2021, and confirm Mabuig as the location for the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
50. **9:17am – 9:58am** **OPERATIONS – Department of Housing and Public Works Funding**
Acting Chief Operating Officer, Ms Rachel Pierce spoke to the report. Council had a robust discussion regarding the \$2.3m and the short fall and further discussion around the \$14.4m and a plan on dividing the funds per Division.

9:17am – Cr Tabuai joined the meeting.

Cr Noah asked about GBK as proposed Housing Authority. ACEO clarified. Cr Toby suggested Council should have a clear plan when consulting with PBC and GBK. Mayor reiterated the importance of the need to establish the partnership with the PBC on ground and that the community is well informed through community consultation. Councillors unified - there needs to be a blanket message to give to community.

Cr Stephen suggested going forward we need to have a plan on;
 - All our assets and cost factor
 - What each community have
 - Concerns across the whole Region and
 - How we priorities the works
RESOLUTION:
Moved: Cr Pearson; *Second:* Cr Levi
That Council note the Department of Housing & Public Works Funding report.

MOTION CARRIED

51. 9:58am- 10:14am COMMUNITY SERVICES – Options to support 150th Anniversary – Coming of the Light celebrations

Acting Chief Operating Officer spoke to the report. Cr Gela asked if he can be involved and advised there is a community meeting tomorrow and the Anglican Church is hosting the event on 1st & 2nd July on Erub. Can they apply for Community grants – CFO will take on notice and respond to Cr Gela. Cr Gela thanked Council for their support with the event.

Cr Tamu asked if the team can support each Division in applying for grants for significant events.

ACTION: ACOO to include in the position duties of the Events and Tourism position the supporting Divisions in applying for funding grants for significant events.

ITEM LEFT LYING ON THE TABLE TO LATER ON THE AGENDA

52. 10:14am – 10:54am Standing Agenda Item - Monthly Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report.

ACTION: CFO to present a report on Grants applied for by TSIRC and whether they were successful or not.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; *Second:* Cr Gela

That Council note the financial status of its operations as at 31 January 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

53. 10:54am – 11:00am COMMUNITY SERVICE – Options to support 150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Light celebrations

Acting Chief Operating Officer spoke to the report.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Elisala; *Second:* Cr Pearson *Against:* Cr Dorante – due to not being able to access the report.

That Council resolves to support, through the provision of a mix of financial and in-kind support from within existing resources, community driven;

1. Signature, regional event on Erub; and
2. Local events for all other Division that express interest

In-kind supports include;

- Community Services in partnership with Corporate Affairs, submit for funding (additional to existing IKC funding) through State Library of Queensland's (SLQ) Strategic Priorities Grant program (closing 2 March 2021)
- Community Services facilitate community access to IKC's, and recommend CEO waiver fees for use of Community Halls and venues and Public Activity Permits where applications are made, to encourage region wide participation.
- Corporate Affairs lead, in partnership with Community Services, marketing and promotion of TSIRC's Community Grants program, encouraging community-controlled entities to apply for funds well in advance of July.

Financial support includes Community Services supporting and expediting Councillor-generated applications for Divisional Engagement funds to deliver events.

MOTION CARRIED

54. 11:00am – 11:45am **PRESENTATION 1:** Dementia in the Torres Strait and NPA research Project – Mr Fintan Thompson, Australian Institute of Tropical Health And Medicine, James Cook University.

ACTION: Team to draft a letter of support for the research

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Gela

That Council resolve to in principle support is provided for the Dementia Follow up Project pending 6 months report back to council for full project endorsement:

MOTION CARRIED

11:45am – 11:55am - MORNING TEA

55. 11:45pm – 12:00pm **COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Elisala

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:

(e)legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

MOTION CARRIED

- **Legal Advice – Holding Redlich – Regional Governance**
- **Treaty**

56. 12:00pm – 12:15pm **COUNCIL COME OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Mosby; Second: Cr Levi

That Council move out of Closed Business.

MOTION CARRIED

57. **Legal Advice – Holding Redlich – Regional Governance**

RESOLUTION 1 - Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Moved: Cr Noah; Second: Cr Levi

Council resolves to become a founding member of the Zenadth Kes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation which is a beneficial enterprise for the purposes of Chapter 3 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) and which is to be incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth) as a limited liability corporation, incorporated for the purpose of the establishment of the Zenadth Kes Regional Assembly which is for the benefit of the whole local government area and the region in general.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2 – Council as a member of the Zenadth Kes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Moved: Cr Stephen; *Second:* Cr Mosby

Council as a member of the Zenadth Kes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation resolves to incorporate the Corporation pursuant to the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth) as a not for profit corporation, incorporated to facilitate the establishment of the Zenadth Kes Regional Assembly.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 3 – Council as a member of the Zenadth Kes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Moved: Cr Trinkoon; *Second:* Cr Tamu

Council as the member of Zenadth Kes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation resolves to appoint the following Councillors as Interim Directors for the Zenadth Kes Aboriginal Corporation to direct the incorporation of the Corporation and to direct the operations of the Corporation until such time as new Directors are appointed at the first Annual General Meeting of the Corporation.

- Councillor Mayor Phillemon Mosby
- Councillor Getano Lui
- Councillor Aven Noah

MOTION CARRIED

58. Torres Strait Treaty

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Trinkoon; *Second:* Cr Levi

That the Torres Strait Islands Regional Council as the Indigenous Regional Council for the Torres Strait region, strongly opposes any review or change to the treaty between Papua New Guinea and Australia, otherwise known as the Torres Straits Treaty (Australian Treaty Series 1985 No.4) which came into force on 15 February 1985.

MOTION CARRIED

59. **1:15pm – 1:30pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayers**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillor, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ilario Sabatino and staff for their contribution and attendance and invited Cr Levi to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 1:50pm



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Ilario Sabatino
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
17th March 2021



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Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
17th March 2021