

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 26th August 2021
Time: 10:13am – 12:33pm
Venue: VMR #6 – 0292 970 558

PRESENT:

Cr Rocky Stephen (Chairperson)

Cr Jimmy Gela (Member)

Cr Conwell Tabuai (Member)

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer

Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement

Mrs Kylie Sturges, Manager

Mrs Kathy Cochran, Secretariat Officer

APOLOGY:

Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel

MINUTES

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Rocky Stephen, Chair of the Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Rocky Stephen opened the meeting in prayer.

3. Apologies

- Mayor Phillemon Mosby
- Mr Peter Krebs, Senior Legal Counsel

Committee noted the apologies.

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

No declaration made. Cr Rocky Stephen encouraged everyone to make a declaration at any time.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – 30 November 2020

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tabuai; *Second:* Cr Stephen

That the Committee accept the minutes of the meeting for 30th November 2020 as true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Draft Divestment Policy

Item left lying on the table due to Senior Legal Counsel apology.

Suggestion to hold a special meeting to discuss the Policy.

7. Enterprise Development Strategy

Kylie Sturges, Manager, Enterprise Development & Delivery spoke to the report and provided committee with an update.

- Council responsibility around economic development
- Community getting on board and Council providing information to them to achieve their aspirations.

Michael from LUCID Economics will provide business plans as part of the strategy and this will form part of the end strategy. They will be available for all community members to access.

Need to know Council end goal and the appetite for the strategy. Community and Regional aspirations.

Cr Tabuai asked about the timeline – scope to be available for the next committee meeting. Consultation before the end of 2021 and report available early 2022.

Next stage to take it to SARG for support.

Cr Rocky Stephen raised concerned about issues accessing funding as a Local government entity and perhaps to set up a subsidiary company. Chief Financial Officer advised there's a whole different process involved in setting up a subsidiary company as its a complex process.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Gela; Second: Cr Tabuai

That the Committee recommend for the Torres Strait Business Enterprise Strategy Background Report be tabled in October 2021 SARG meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Consultation to commence after October 2021 SARG.

ACTION: SARG Report to include the proposed dates and timeline for consultation.

8. Ugar and Dauan Sea and Air Access Business Plan – Verbal

Kylie Sturges, Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery spoke to the report and provide an update. Council received \$1m funding from TSRA to develop a business plan for the Ugar and Dauan Sea and Air Access opportunities, looking at the long term as a solution to travel in the region.

Will be working with TMR (Chris Bradley) and Michael

of some funding the scope of work will be provided by Michael today.

9. Dauan and Ugar Helicopter subsidy – Verbal

Kylie Sturges spoke to the report and provided an update.

- Request went out to Nautilus and Great Barrier Reef Helicopters
- Rec Memo went to Acting Chief Executive Officer for sign off

10. Community Engagement Policy

Mr Luke Ranga spoke to the report.

11. Indigenous Procurement Policy

Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement, Mr Luke Ranga, spoke to the report.

Cr Stephen suggested that we need to have an Indigenous Policy particularly for Torres Strait Islanders. Include the indigenous employment and business opportunities in the recruitment process and advertising the positions and or projects.

ACTION: Provide a paper for discussion at the October SARG and or next Committee meeting 28/8/2021. Further present a road map for indigenous people at workshop in November 2021 Workshop.

12. Enterprise Risk Management – Verbal

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report. This item will be a standing agenda item for the committee. SARG monthly reporting. Ordinary Meeting – quarterly reporting

Reports are being developed by the same and reported to Audit Committee or monitoring.

Cr Jimmy Gela raised Seaswift breaking the pipe to the decal plant on Erub.

13. Elphinstone Close/ Grafton Street Update – Verbal

Chief Financial Officer, Ms Hollie Faithfull provided an update on the following:

- BBR Funding
- QTC funding

- Negotiating of the current lease on Grafton Street.

14. General/ Other Business (on notice)

21st and 22nd September – Special meeting on Monday (Cr Gela and Cr Tabuai on flight to TI)

Cr Tabuai – Policy Divestment – Chair and Chief Financial Officer will advise. Cr Tabuai available.

Cr Gela – raised Divestment Policy

Cr Tabuai – raised scrap metal waste – climate change. Be available for consultation process to support team. Chief Financial officer advised there is no budget for consultation.

ACTION: Chief Financial Officer to look at professional development funds for Councillors to attend Mackay 13 -15 November 2021.

Cr Stephen will raise in SARG in other business – budget for consultation.

ACTION: SEA to send calenda invite to Councillors.


15. Next meeting date

– Thursday 28th October 2021

16. Closing Prayer

Cr Rocky Stephen closed the meeting in prayers.

MEETING CLOSED – 12:33pm



Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
20th October 2021



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
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