

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Date: 11th February 2021

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Venue: VMR #6 – 02 92 970 558

ATTENDEES

Cr Getano Lui – Yam (Iama)
Cr Lama Trinkoon – Kubin Community
Cr Dimas Toby – Boigu Island
Mr Ilario Sabatino – Acting CEO
Naila Nomoa – Travel Officer

1. Welcome (Chair)

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Lui open in prayer.

3. Apologies

Nil.

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

Nil.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – 22 December 2020

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Toby Second: Cr Trinkoon

That the committee accept the minutes of the Governance and Leadership Committee meeting held on the 22nd December 2020 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Action Items List

Cr Lui went through action items from Committee meeting 22nd of December 2020.

- Cr Trinkoon received document for MLS- Mr Peter Krebs
- Template for committee meeting.
- If Committee has any agenda item and improvement to discuss. please pass onto Secretariat to put on agenda.
- Involving the KPI for Acting CEO with Mayor
- Further down the track closer engagement for Someone to sit on standing committee so that issue that come up with strategic and operations.
- Get administration involved so that level so that we can feed through to SARG and not overlap or duplicate.

7. Terms of Reference Discussion

- Cr Lui encouraged committee members to look at their own situation locally or what they feel that we could improve and discuss. Don't be isolated to raise the issues because it could also be happening regionally.

Cr Trinkoon advised that he wanted to submit a few agenda items example the Jetty's.

Cr Lui

- Budget, operational, and corporate plans fall into the governance committee for our view for the organisation. We might not agree with things are put to full council. Let staff know to look at ways to simplify it to understand.
- Council now has a new funding and grants officer.
- Participant in various funding that are in the region.
- Attended deputation in Canberra and the ministers advised that there are different funding. Cr Lui advised that the accessibility and criteria of who can apply.

Cr Toby provided an update on Minister White visit to Thursday Island with TSRA Board members.

- Requested that Minister White visit outer islands
- One Boat
- Regional Governance
- MOU -Torres Strait Regional Authority, Torres Strait island Regional Council, Northern Peninsula Council and Torres Shire Council.
- Motion in progress to strengthen partnership
- Raised great need Infrastructure in the outer islands to maintain and it is a challenge for council.
- Minister white will be travelling with Shannon on his next visit.
- Communicate with TSIRC Ministers next visit.
- Standing Agenda for committee 'TAP'

Acting CEO Ilario Sabatino

- Referred an email sent by Eleanor regarding the secretariat to be tabled at council meeting and resolution for council to endorse the establishment of the secretariat an its rule book. Once it is established and appoints its Directors.
- There will be 5 – 6 resolutions that would need to be adopted by the new Zenath Kes Corporation.
- How council will separate its business from Zenath Kes Corporation particular the members.
- Put through resolutions Governance committee and then council meeting for noting.
- Recommends the paper and recommendations go through the Governance and Leadership committee.

Cr Lui asked Acting CEO Illario to give a background on the position. According to Corporate Affairs the position will be focusing on Grants. The Position description that was sent out is not specific.

- Top 5 priorities
- Direct Report
- Regular Reports

- Action has been taken forecasting current grants and upcoming 6-12 months.

Cr Trinkoon also mentioned that he received a call from LGAQ regarding a survey to assist with funding on councils top 5 priorities but did not disclose any information.

Cr Lui – LGAQ, are we getting value for money for paying for our membership.

Cr Toby

- Grants officer is critical and needed within our organisation.
- There are lots of grants opportunities for example: TSRA, Qld government and is up to us to source.
- Assist no profit organisations, churches, and sport.
- Open communications between CEO and Councillors

Acting CEO – Ilario Sabatino

- As advised by CFO Grants Report will be provided to council monthly.
- Quarantined and Un-tied dollars
- Asset management
- At next council meeting a paper will be tabled with potential projects be submitted under the BBR Funding Community infrastructure component
- As an organisation we are taking steps to improve on our data and reporting.

8. Standing Agenda Items Discussion

- Cr Lui will be sending out draft and can discuss at the next meeting.

9. Meeting Dates for 2021 (Ama Kathy to check dates-put in calendar)

- 21st June 2021
- 23rd August 2021
- 25th October 2021

10. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Cr Lui asked Cr Toby about the Seawall.

Cr Toby

- Engineering hours were dropped
- Staff were not notified
- Hours were dropped due to funding and no work.

- Local labours that were employed- Adeah Kabai is aware of it.
- Planned public meeting and update the progress of the seawall.
- Engineering could keep Cr Toby updated of the work and not caught off guard by community.
- Had same concern as Cr Trinkoon QPS similar concern visiting communities and spoke to Inspector Lacey.
- In respect of protocol effort made to communicate with councillors on ground and courtesy.

Acting CEO, Ilario Sabatino advised Cr Toby that as per current request for information policy he could contact David and copy in the Mayor and CEO with his queries.

Cr Lui

- Suggest that if their discussion does not fall under Governance and Leadership can be discussed and referred to the relevant committee.
- Crucial that we are across the issue and works to be done.

Acting Ceo – Ilario Sabatino spoke about things that we could be doing better for our communities.

- Indigenous Opportunities Plan that are attached to the Projects
- Important for council to be involved because it ties in Indigenous employment and Indigenous Business.
- Contractor must follow the plan from state government.
- Councillor is involved together with the PBC and other key stakeholders all the way through that is developed and sign-off at the end the project when completed.

Cr Trinkoon

- Police presence on Moa Island for at least a month, was unaware and should notify Council of their presence.
- Accessed community
- Community concerned about Covid, for police accessing community without ground truthing or where have they been in the last 14days.
- Ground truthing any visitors to the community
- Where are the police travelling from.
- Equitable standard of average Australia's (Compare IBIS and Coles)

Cr Lui advised the if it was a drug situation must remain confidential when Police visit.

Cr Trinkoon as a councillor of the community we should know what's happening in our community and answerable to our community members.

Cr Lui

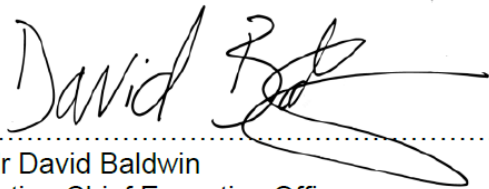
- 150th celebration of July 1 Celebration 2021.

- DATSIP funding Brisbane celebrations.
- How is TSIRC will celebrating as different communities have different dates.

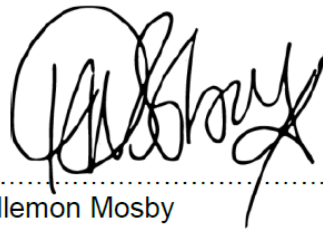
11. Next meeting date – 21st June 2021

12. Closing Prayer

Cr Lui invited Cr Toby to close in prayer.



Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
21st September 2021



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
21st September 2021