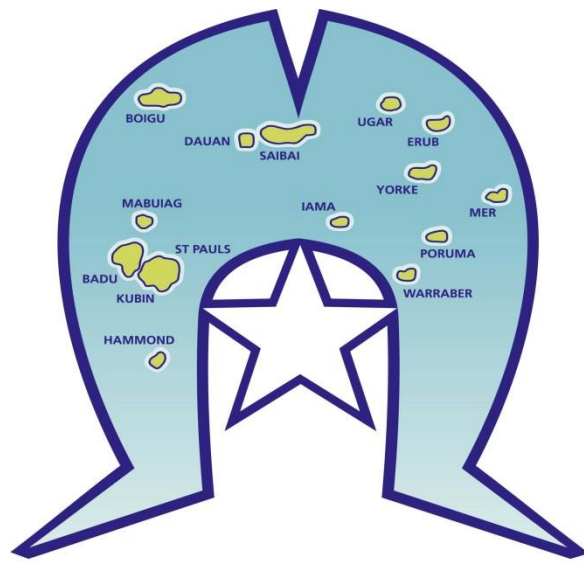




Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

HOUSING AND SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 3rd February 2022

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Venue: Video Conference

PRESENT:

Cr Keith Fell – Chair – Mabuiag

Cr Francis Pearson – Committee Member – Poruma

Cr John Levi – Committee Member – St Pauls

Dawson Sailor – Acting Executive Director, Building & Community Services

May Mosby – Secretariat

APOLOGIES:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Keith Fell welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid respects to the custodians of the land from where we are sitting and to our Heavenly Father for blessing us. Cr Fell also gave condolences to Cr Francis Pearson for sorry business in Poruma from his community of Mabuiag and invited Cr Francis Pearson to open the meeting in prayer.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Francis Pearson opened the meeting with a word of prayer at 10:09am.

3. Apologies

Nil Apologies

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)

No Declarations made. Cr Keith Fell encouraged Committee Members to make a declaration at any time during the meeting.

5. Noting of previous Ratified Minutes – Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities

- 4th November 2021 – VC – Ratified at January 2022 Ordinary Meeting

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Committee notes the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 as true and accurate account of that meeting.

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6. Action Items List

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services updated the Committee with the action items from the register.

1. Circulate list of emergency contacts to households in each division – completed.
2. Update on the audit of lighting – Matter was raised at the last November OM.
ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to bring this matter up again at the next OM as to how we can mitigate this concern.
3. Distribution of list of Caravans to Committee Members. This needs to be updated and to leave on agenda for next meeting.

4. Compile Information and notify Committee (include in Housing stock information) - Ongoing.
5. Provide list of Healthy Lifestyle Officers (HLO) in Divisions – Incomplete and still in progress – to circulate offline.

Cr Keith Fell asked Mr Dawson Sailor to dot point issues of Seawall, Animal Management, Lighting and Asbestos to raise at next OM.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to dot point issues of seawall, animal management, lighting and asbestos at the next OM.

7. COVID19 – Verbal

Cr John Levi acknowledged the Community Disaster Management Group (CDMG) and the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) for the updates and keeping us in the loop of what's happening in the region. He also stressed the importance of getting the message out on getting vaccinated.

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services updated the Committee of the issues raised at the recent SARG Meeting around COVID in the Divisions and Seaswift delivery drivers not complying with the wearing of masks. He advised that he had since communicated with management at Seaswift to communicate down to crew on the mask wearing due to the vulnerability of communities.

Contractors not complying with the Visitor's request at Iama, Mr Dawson Sailor will follow up further with the Divisional Manager there.

IBIS Store – Iama. It was agreed that families isolating are to telephone through their list of groceries to IBIS to put together and pay by credit card.

Eligibility of financial assistance for those affected by COVID and in isolation. Mr David Baldwin and Ms Hollie Faithfull are looking further into this matter, however there are financial assistance available.

Cr John Levi raised the concern of mandatory vaccination for our workers however Mr Dawson Sailor advised that mandatory vaccination only applies to those workers in Child Care and HACC due to the nature of the business.

8. Housing (future) – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services provided a verbal update on the Housing Investment Plan and that it has been approved by the Minister and a Formal Offer will be sent to Mayor Mosby and CEO for sign off.

In terms of housing projects, a BSU meeting has been scheduled for Friday, 4th February 2022 to work on KPI's and what we can achieve and what's stopping us from achieving them.

Cr Francis Pearson raised the possibility of utilising local builders on ground that has a builder's licence and qualifications. Acting Executive Director requested more information

of the local builders, so to send information and application to have them listed as suppliers on Councils records.

9. Katter Leases – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services advised there are no updates or issues at the moment.

10. Animal Management – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services advised that this matter has been raised before at the previous Committee Meeting and that Environmental Health has put notices out about dogs wondering at large. Cr Keith Fell stated that is still an ongoing concern.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to investigate with Environmental Health process of RSPCA in terms of animal management cruelty and enforcement of law for adoption or inclusion in TSIRCs processes.

11. Lighting in communities – Verbal

This matter has been discussed previously.

12. UHF Radios – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services updated the Committee that this topic was discussed at the last committee meeting to map out the divisions if we lose communication as there are a few radios not operational. He has spoken with the Local Community Disaster Coordinator, Ms Eunice Hosea to look into having the radios back up and in working order. This matter is still in working progress and will therefore keep as a standing Agenda.

13. Sea Rescue – Verbal

Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services advised there are no further update at this stage. He had spoken to the Senior Constable at Thursday Island, Alison Williams about the COVID breaches and sea rescue and had raised concerns from this committee. The Police Officer, Jason, who is the officer dealing with this matter was on leave at the time but had still not received any response back from him. Matter to stay as a standing Agenda Item for next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to follow up on a response from the police and provide at the next Committee Meeting.

14. Funding Availability – Verbal

Cr John Levi spoke to this topic on whether this committee will be able to achieve funding for matters raised such as lighting before Councillors' term ends and expressed concerns that these issues and Key Priorities for Councillors/Divisions will not be achievable by the end of term.

Cr Fell raised that Councillors Key Priorities should be revisited and if possible, access revenue from Trustee to address the concerns. The conversation is to be taken offline and discussed further.

15. Mental Health and Aged Care Program – Verbal

Cr John Levi spoke to this topic on how Healthy Lifestyle Officers could have a big impact on ground in delivering programs around mental health for our young people coming out of school to ensure we are getting best value for money and to have a positive outcome on ground. Cr Levi referred to LGAQ conference in Mackay, elected representative expressed concerns of duplication of government services and programs in Mornington Island with no real achievement or outcome, the representative requested a service audit.

Action Item: That the Executive Director, Building and Community Services place on Agenda for February Ordinary Meeting for Councillors to voice concern around duplication of service delivery of various levels of Government organisations. A service audit across the region will be proposed to identify concerns and streamline.

It is noted that Cr John Levi be invited to speak to this topic at the next council meeting.

16. Real time achievable Agenda Items – Verbal

Cr John Levi spoke to this topic in regard to timeframe Councillors have left in office and to start to streamline a way forward to achieve items that could be achieved before their term ends.

17. COMMITTEE MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

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

18. Fuel – CB - Verbal

19. Lack of Communication and Trust – CB - Verbal

20. COMMITTEE MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUMES IN OPEN BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson Second: Cr Keith Fell
That the Committee move out of Closed Business.

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21. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services raised the possibility of inviting staff to attend committee meetings to present certain agenda items.

Cr Keith Fell fully supports staff to present at Committee Meetings.

Action Item: Acting Executive Director, Building and Community Services to raise with Acting Chief Executive Officer and Governance to ensure this aligns with Terms of Reference.

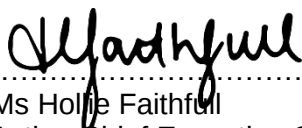
22. Next meeting date

- 2nd June 2022

23. Closing Prayer

Cr Keith asked Cr John Levi to close the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED - 12:05PM



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Ms Hollie Faithfull
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 15th February 2022



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 15th February 2022