

Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 16th August 2022

Time: 10:08am – 11:11am

Venue: Video Conference #7 – 0299 165 401

PRESENT:

Cr Hilda Mosby – Chair, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)
Cr Seriako Dorante – Committee Member, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

APOLOGY:

Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber – Boundary Marking Project (GBK) - Warraber

STAFF:

Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services
Mr Peter Krebs, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)

Chair, Cr Hilda Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting today and acknowledged the traditional landowners of the land we meet.

Meeting commenced at 10:08am.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Hilda Mosby invited Cr Seriako Dorante to open with a word of prayer.

3. Apology

- Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10, Warraber – attendance at a boundary marking project (GBK) at Warraber.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee accepts the apology of Cr Kabay Tamu for his absence at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Cr Dorante also advised that he may have to dial out of the meeting after an hour or so due to his busy work schedule.

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

Cr Hilda Mosby declared her conflict of interest on the following position:

- Board member of Torres Strait Island Regional Authority and holds the Environmental portfolio.

5. Noting of previous Ratified minutes – 11th March 2022

The Committee notes the previous Ratified Minutes of 11th March 2022. Mr Peter Krebs, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services/Manager Legal Services advised that a resolution to move and second the ratified minutes is not required.

6. Action Items List

No action items.

7. Climate Change Engagement Policy

Mr Peter Krebs, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services spoke to the report. Seeking endorsement of the committee to take to full council to be made a formal policy and engagement procedure.

Chair and Committee acknowledged and thanked Mr Peter Krebs and Mr David Baldwin for putting together the Climate Change Policy.

Cr Dorante asked if the main key areas could be incorporated into the report to the full Council so Council will have a clear understanding around the policy going forward.

ACTION: Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to ensure the main key areas are incorporated into the Climate Change Engagement Policy when presented to full Council.

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee note the information contained in this report and recommend the Climate Change Policy for endorsement by Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

8. TS Regional Climate Change Workshop June 2022 (verbal) – Information Report

Mr David Baldwin provided a verbal update to the Committee regarding the two (2) day workshop on Thursday Island in June as being productive and the discussions had around culture and climate change and what it means for our decisions making methods.

Mr Baldwin mentioned that he received an email from John Rainbird from TSRA regarding the outcome of the workshop which he will distribute to the Committee. The Torres Strait Regional Adaptation and Resilience Plan of 2016-2021 will be revised from what came out of the workshop.

ACTION: Executive Director Engineering Services to email the Committee the outcome of the June Workshop on Thursday Island.

Mr Baldwin also mentioned that he received confirmation of funding of around \$200k - \$300k through the Queensland Resilience and Reduction Fund to employ a Coastal Hazard Resilience Officer for a term of 2 years. This position will be responsible for implementing a variety of activities aimed at improving community resilience to coastal hazards; improving communities' resilience to coastal hazards achieved through enhancing an understanding and awareness of coastal hazards risks.

ACTION: Executive Director Engineering Services to provide the Committee out of session, an email about the role and responsibility of the Coastal Hazard Resilience Officer.

This role will work with alongside Mr Colin Messa, Waste and Biosecurity Officer on Masig and other Sustainability Officers.

9. Environment and Health Workshop June 2022 (verbal) – Information Report

Mr David Baldwin provided a verbal update on the above Workshop. The workshop was held in June in Cairns for a week and was organised by Mr Ewan Gunn and his Environmental Health Team. David attended and opened the workshop in the absence of the CEO at the time. In attendance were some of the Engineering staff such as Jarrah Doran-Smith, Adeah Kabai, Mat Brodbeck, Amanda Pearce and Robert Seekee. Focus was around biosecurity and waste management. Moving forward, the Environmental Health team and Engineering team will work more hand in hand.

10. COMMITTEE MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed business to discuss matters of the following nature:

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government.

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- 11. **Metal Waste Legacy Clean-up**
- 12. **Seawalls Program (verbal)**

Advice was provided to Cr Seriako Dorante that he is not required to declare a conflict of interest as employee of Seaswift as the report is based around funding issues with regards to the project and Cr Dorante therefore could remain in the meeting.

13. COMMITTEE MOVES OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS RESUME IN OPEN BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Seriako Dorante; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Resolution for noting following closed business:

Metal Waste Legacy Cleanup

RESOLUTION:

Move: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

That the Climate Change Adaption and Environment Committee note this report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

14. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Chair, Cr Hilda Mosby spoke on climate change affecting our communities.

Mr David Baldwin advised that there are presently two vacancies in the Engineering Dept. The Water and Wastewater and Project Engineer. The Water and Wastewater position will look at our emissions footprints however, we have CHAS (Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy).

ACTION: Executive Director Engineering Services to provide Committee with an update on CHAS at the next Committee meeting.

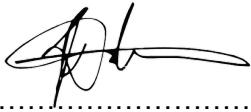
15. Next meeting date

Wednesday, 28th September 2022

16. Closing Prayer

Chair, Cr Hilda Mosby thanked everyone for their attendance and invited Cr Seriako Dorante to close the meeting in a word of prayer.

MEETING CLOSED – 11:11AM



.....
Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18/10/2022



.....
Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 18/10/2022