

# MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2020

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 9:22am – 9:52am

Video Conference

## **COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **Agenda Items**

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| 1. | <u>09:00am – 09:05am</u> | <u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u>  |
| 2. | <u>09:05am – 09:10am</u> | <u>Apologies</u>  |
| 3. | <u>09:10am – 09:20am</u> | <u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) / Material Person Interest (MPI)</u> |
| 4. | <u>09:20am – 09:55am</u> | <u>CORPORATE – Community Grants</u>   |
| 5. | <u>09:55am – 10:00am</u> | <u>Closing Remarks and Prayer</u>   |

## **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **Present**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan  
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls, Mua Island  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma  
Cr Boggo Gela, Division 14 – Erub  
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer

Ms Hollie Faithfull, Chief Financial Officer (Acting CEO)  
Mr Ilario Sabatino, Chief Operating Officer (COO)  
Mr David Baldwin, Head of Engineering (HOE)  
Mr Luke Ranga, Head of Corporate Affairs (HCA)  
Mrs Kathy Cochran, Acting Senior Executive Assistant (aSEA)  
Ms Naila Nomoa – Acting Secretariat Officer (aSO)  
Ms Mette Nordling – Manager Governance and Compliance (MGC)

### **Apologies**

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar

**1. 9:22am – 9:24am                      Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Acknowledge Traditional landowners meet.
- Elders, Leaders, past and present.
- Papa God.

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Pearson to open with prayer.

**2. 9:24am - 9:25am                      Apologies**

- Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
- Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri)
- Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
- Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
- Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Levi; *Second:* Cr Tabuai

**That Council accepts the apology from the following Councillors**

- **Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu**
  - **Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 - Kirriri**
  - **Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig**
  - **Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar and**
  - **Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin, Mua Island**
- for their absence at this meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. 9:25am – 9:28am                      Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) or  
Material personal interest (MPI)**

Head of Corporate Affair and Engagement reads out the name of the applicants and provide opportunity for Councillors to make their declaration.

**9:27am** - Cr Nona joined the meeting.

- *1. Mabel Walit for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.*

No conflict.

- *2. Kiwat Lui for the eligible amount of \$1,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.*

Cr Lui – COI (brother)

Cr Levi - COI (brother-in-law, fellow minister of gospel)

Cr Noah – COI (brother)

Cr Gela – COI (uncle)

Cr Tabuai – COI (work colleague)

- *3. Clara Tamu for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.*

Cr Tamu – COI (mother)

Cr Noah – COI (sister)

Cr Lui – COI (niece)

- *4. Sarah Whap for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.*

No conflict.

#### **4. 9:28am – 9:52am**

#### **CORPORATE – Community Grants**

Head of Corporate and Engagement spoke to the report.

- *1. Mabel Walit for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.*

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Elisala; Second: Cr Nona**

That Council resolves to allocate Community Grant funding to the applicant Mabel Walit for the eligible amount of \$2500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- **2. *Kiwat Lui for the eligible amount of \$1,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application.***

Cr Lui – COI (brother)

Cr Levi - COI (brother-in-law, fellow minister of the church)

Cr Noah – COI (brother)

Cr Gela – COI (uncle)

Cr Tabuai – COI (co- worker) perceived conflict

Acting Chief Executive Officer confirms there is no quorum to deal with application 2 – Kiwat Lui.

Cr Nona raised the issue that cultural protocols and sensitivities should be captured in the community grants policy and for a review to be done.

After some deliberation and due to the number of Councillors with conflicts of interest the Council unanimously decided to delegate the authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to process the four (4) tabled applications in accordance with the Community Grants Policy.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

***Move: Cr Pearson; Second: Cr Tabuai***

**That Council resolves to delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to allocate Community Grant funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:**

**1. Mabel Walit for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application from Saibai community grant fund.**

**2. Kiwat Lui for the eligible amount of \$1,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application from the Wug community grant fund.**

**3. Clara Tamu for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application from the Warraber community grant fund.**

**4. Sarah Whap for the eligible amount of \$2,500 exclusive of GST, as per the submitted application from the Mabuiag community grant fund.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Acting Chief Executive Officer asked Cr Elisala and Cr Nona to confirm they rescind moving and seconding application 1 for Mabel Walit. Both Cr Elisala and Cr Nona agreed to rescind.

**Cr Lui** – asked if there's a report on Community Grants Policy going to the next council meeting. Acting Chief Executive Officer sought approval from the Mayor to amend the agenda of the September 2020 Ordinary meeting to include the Community Grant Policy report.

**Mayor Mosby** – approve for the agenda to be amended to include the Community Grants Policy report.

**ACTION:** Secretariat to amend the September 2020 Ordinary meeting agenda to include the Community Grants Policy report.

**ACTION:** Head of Corporate Affairs and Engagement to prepare a report on the Community Grants Policy for tabling at the September 2020 Ordinary meeting.

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** – advised Council to close this meeting and pass a resolution to hold another special meeting to discuss the closed business matter as it wasn't on the agenda and to comply and follow due process.

Acting Chief Executive officer asked the Manager of Governance and compliance, Ms Mette Nordling to come up with a resolution to hold a special meeting and read out to the Council.

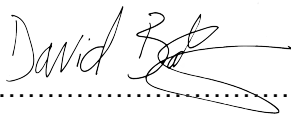
**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved:* Cr Nona; *Second:* Cr Tamu

**That Council resolves to call a special meeting to commence at 9.52am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to discuss a closed business matter.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting Closed at 9:52am**



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



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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
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