

Prior to the commencement of the Ordinary Council Meeting, a signing ceremony was undertaken for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Council** and the **Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC** with the following recitals:

- A. Council is the local government for the Community.
- B. The RNTBC holds Native Title rights and interests on trust for the Ugar People, following the Native Title determination in *Stephen on behalf of the Ugar People v State of Queensland* [2004] FCA 1574.
- C. Council and the RNTBC have important roles in the Community and they both recognise the importance of ensuring open and effective communication between them.
- D. This MOU is not intended to be legally binding on the parties, but is intended to reflect the outcome of good faith negotiations about the way in which the parties are to communicate with one another about issues relevant to the Community.

The MOU was signed by **Cr Ranetta Wosomo** (Deputy Mayor) on behalf of the Mayor and Council and by **Mr Seri Stephen** (Chairperson) on behalf of Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC.



ORDINARY MEETING 22-23 JULY 2025

MINUTES

Time: 12.10pm to 6.00pm
Venue: Community Hall, Mabuiag (Torres Strait)

(DAY 1 - Tuesday, 22 July 2025)

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 14 – Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Iona Manas – *via Microsoft TEAMS*
Cr John Levi
Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Ted Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Nixon Mye
Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor
Manager Governance & Risk
Manager Information Technology
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Executive Assistant to the CEO
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Joanne Bryant

Ms Kim Kerwin – *via Microsoft TEAMS*
Mr Warren Jenkins
Ms Trudy Lui
Ms Amy Orr
Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Chief Executive Officer LG Services Group Mr Scott Mason

Chairperson Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC Mr Seri Stephen

Preston Law

Ms Martine Care – *via Microsoft Teams for the restricted discussion only in Closed Business, as per Council Decision #C24—28/2025—7/0*

A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES

At 12.10pm, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of July 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community locally and throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of Council during this time.

The Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Cr Keith Fell (Hosting Councillor) and the Community of Mabuiag for their warm welcome to Council and staff
- Goemulgaw (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC, including the Deputy Chairperson (**Mr Frank Whap**) for his warm welcome at the Community Dinner on 21 March 2025, as well as the Traditional Custodians of Mabuiag and their Elders - past, present and emerging;
- The Traditional Custodians throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes, as well as the TSIRC footprint in Kaurareg Nations and Gimuy in Cairns.

The Mayor made a special acknowledgement of the historic signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TSIRC and the Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC. This historic event is a reflection of the leadership and commitment between the two organisations for the self-determination of the Ugar community and its Traditional Custodians. The Mayor especially thanked the following:

- the Chairperson and Directors of the Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC;
- Cr Rocky Stephen and the Chairperson of Council's CALH Advisory Committee (Cr Chelsea Aniba) for their drive and leadership in developing this MOU, including also TSIRC Executives and Team members for supporting Councillors throughout this process.

The Mayor invited the Chairperson of the Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC to say a few words. The Chairperson thanked Council for this historic initiative and hoped that the MOU will be replicated across all TSIRC Divisions for the benefit of all. The Chairperson looked forward to working with Council into the future.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

#C24-28/2025-7/B-1

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitments in his capacity as Chair of ECCA</i>	CR LEVI / CR MYE

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda. No declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also requested that if there are any legal matters involving Councillors, then Councillors should advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No declarations were made by Councillors.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised Council that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings.

- *The Deputy Mayor (Cr Ranetta Wosomo) requested that Council consider an additional item not listed on the formal agenda for restricted discussion in Closed Business. The following recommendation was tabled and endorsed by Council:*

#C24-28/2025-7/0

CR ELISALA / CR ANIBA

Council agrees, in accordance with section 4.2 of Council's *Standing Orders (Meeting Procedures) Policy*, that an additional agenda item titled "Personnel Matter" be discussed in closed business in accordance with section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it pertains to a matter for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government and that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (17-18 JUNE 2025)

#C24-28/2025-7/1

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17-18 June 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. Action Items Update

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item. Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be deleted from future reports. The update was noted by Council.

1.2. Confirmed Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee Meeting Minutes (9 May 2025) – *for information/noting*

Noted by Council.

2. MAYORAL REPORTS

2.1. Mayoral Monthly Report

The Mayor spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

2.2. Advisory Committees – 4th Quarter Reporting

The Mayor spoke to this item. The report was noted by Council.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

3.1. CEO Monthly Report (July 2025)

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

3.2. Amendments to Future Council Workshops & Confirmation of October 2025 Council Meeting on Dauan Island

#C24-28/2025-7/3.2

CR HANKIN / CR LEVI

Council:

(a) approves the following amendments to future Council Workshops:

- (i) annual May and November Council Workshops be held for 4 days only (Monday to Thursday), with the relevant monthly Council meetings to be held the next day following (Friday);**
- (ii) that cost savings arising from the above changes be redirected to Council's SARG Standing Committee and Advisory Committees to allow greater capacity for those Committees to engage with Community and to do the advocacy work of Council;**
- (iii) that the annual May Council Workshops be held on Division in the Torres Strait;**
- (iv) that the SARG Standing Committee identify the priorities to be covered throughout the streamlined Council Workshops; and**
- (v) that the SARG Standing Committee carry responsibility for engagement with State and Australian Government Ministers on behalf of Council;**

(b) agrees that the November 2025 Council Workshop scheduled for 3—13 November 2025 be changed to 10—13 November 2025 and will be held in Cairns; and

(c) confirms Dauan (Torres Strait) as the venue for its monthly meeting on 21—22 October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (June 2025)

#C24-28/2025-7/6.1

1. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-001 – REENA PILOT, ERUB for \$500.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR PEARSON / CR ANIBA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Prior to discussion of grant application CG2026-002 below, Cr Wosomo advised that she could only support the application to a limit of \$1,000 from her Divisional budget and requested that other Divisions consider contributing additional funds where possible.*

2. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-002 – KAYIN KOASALS WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM, BADU for \$3,500.00, exclusive of GST;

[contributions: \$1,000 Badu; \$500 Iama; \$500 Saibai; \$500 Mabuiag; \$500 Masig; \$500 St Pauls]

MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / HANKIN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-003 – CLYTIE BANU, BOIGU for \$1,500.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR PEARSON / CR MYE

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-004 – P&C COMMITTEE, ERUB for \$6,675.00, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR ANIBA / CR TOBY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-005 – TAGAI STATE COLLEGE, UGAR for \$10,000.00 exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR STEPHEN / CR ELISALA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Prior to discussion of grant application CG2026—006 below, Cr Wosomo advised that she could only support the application to a limit of \$2,000 from her Divisional budget and requested that other Divisions consider contributing additional funds where possible.*

6. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-006 – BADU P&C ASSOCIATION, BADU for \$4,500.00, exclusive of GST;

[contributions: \$2,000 Badu; \$500 Dauan; \$500 Poruma; \$500 Mer; \$500 Mabuiag; \$500 Iama]

MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / CR HANKIN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:

- CG2026-007 – MABUYGIW GARKAZIW KUPAY TSI CORPORATION MABUIAG for \$970.20, exclusive of GST;

MOVED/SECONDED: CR FELL / CR ELISALA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Council notes the following:

- (a) three (3) Community Grants applications were deemed ineligible for funding;
- (b) one (1) Funeral Donation application required divisional contributions;
- (c) five (5) applications processed for out-of-cycle and funeral donations in June 2025.

MOVED/SECONDED: CR MYE / CR PEARSON

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (June 2025)

The report was noted by Council.

Action Required:

CEO to write to relevant funding agencies to highlight challenges being faced by Council in securing adequate funding to maintain government assets (i.e. SES equipment unable to be stored or maintained properly. Also highlight historically unsuccessful applications to funding agencies.

6.3. TSIRC Special Holidays 2026

#C24-28/2025-7/6.3

CR PEARSON / CR STEPHEN

Council:

- (a) Endorses the nominated 2026 Special Holidays outlined in the attachment to this report; and
- (b) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to submit the final list for 2026 Special Holidays to the Queensland Government Office of Industrial Relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4. Outcomes of Corporate Plan 2020-25

#C24-28/2025-7/6.4

CR ELISALA / CR MYE

Council notes the outcomes of the Corporate Plan 2020–2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5. Mer Island Fuel Facility Development Application – Material Change of Use (Decision Notice for DA 04—24—15(1) Mer Island Lot 67 on SP249793)

#C24-28/2025-7/6.5

CR KAIGEY / CR WOSOMO

Council approves the development application for a material change of use for a Service Station on land described as Lot 67 on SP249793 located at Marou Gab Road, Mer Island, subject to the conditions set out in the in Recommendation in the officer's report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (June 2025)

#C24-28/2025-7/8.1

CR MYE / CR HANKIN

Council receives and endorses the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2024-25 year to date, for the period ended 30 June 2025, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer to develop an advocacy strategy and schedule for deputations to State and Federal Governments in relation to funding for TSIRC.

8.2. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes (22 April 2025)

#C24-28/2025-7/8.2

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

Council receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 22 April 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3. 2025-26 Original Budget

#C24-28/2025-7/8.3

CR WOSOMO / CR MYE

Council adopts, in accordance with s169 and s170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Original Budget for the 2025-2026 Financial Year as presented, incorporating:

- (i) The statements of financial position;
- (ii) The statements of cashflow;
- (iii) The statements of income and expenditure;
- (iv) The statements of changes in equity;
- (v) The long-term financial forecast;
- (vi) The revenue statement;
- (vii) The revenue policy (Adopted 17 June 2025);
- (viii) The relevant measures of financial sustainability;
- (ix) The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget; and
- (x) The Capital budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4. 2025-26 Waste Management Utility Charges

#C24-28/2025-7/8.4

CR PEARSON / CR HANKIN

Council resolves, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to make and levy waste management utility charges for the supply of waste management services by the Council for the 2025/2026 financial year, in accordance with the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land that is the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	<p>Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities.</p> <p>This category includes residential properties that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as private property, a Katter Lease and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.
Commercial	<p>Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers aiding in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. <p>This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the service charge categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.</p>

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$168.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Residential”).

Mixed-Use:

- (b) An access charge of \$839.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Mixed-Use”.

Commercial:

- (c) An access charge of \$1,678.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Commercial”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5. 2025-26 Sewerage Utility Charges

#C24-28/2025-7/8.5

CR STEPHEN / CR FELL

Council resolves, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services by the Council for the 2025/2026 financial year, in accordance with the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land that is the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	<p>Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities.</p> <p>This category includes residential properties that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as private property, a Katter Lease, and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.
Commercial	<p>Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers aiding in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. <p>This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the service charge categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.</p>

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$302.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Residential”.

Mixed-Use:

- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,511.00 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal (or part thereof), or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Mixed-Use”

Commercial:

- (c) An annual access charge of \$3,021.50 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal (or part thereof), or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the Service Charge Category of “Commercial”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6. 2025-26 Water Utility Charges

#C24-28/2025-7/8.6

CR FELL / CR T. MOSBY

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to make and levy water utility charges for the supply of water services by Council for the 2025/2026 financial year, in accordance with the following Service Category Definitions:

Service Category Definitions

SERVICE CHARGE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Residential	Land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land that is the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government).
Mixed-Use	<p>Land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to: guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities.</p> <p>This category includes residential properties that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are owned by Council where the tenant is running a business from home; or b) are owned by the occupant as private property, a Katter Lease, and includes private property where the owner/lessee is operating a business.
Commercial	<p>Land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guest houses, hotels, motels; • shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities; • land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity); • providers aiding in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e., Education, Health, Customs, etc. <p>This category also includes all other land that does not fall within the service charge categories of “Residential” or “Mixed-Use”.</p>

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$252.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Residential”.

Mixed Use:

- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,262.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Mixed-Use”.
- (c) In respect of all such properties and/or premises that fall within the service charge category of “Mixed-Use,” at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$1.74 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter.

Commercial:

- (d) An annual access charge of \$2,525.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that falls within the service charge category of “Commercial”.
 - (e) In respect of all such properties and/or premises that fall within the service charge category of “Commercial,” at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water usage shall be charged at the rate of \$3.48 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter; and
2. Council resolves, pursuant to section 102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that a water meter will be taken to be read on a particular day (the nominated day) if the water meter is read at any time within two weeks before or two weeks after the nominated day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7. 2024-25 Estimated Statement of Financial Position

#C24-28/2025-7/8.7

CR ELISALA / CR T. MOSBY

Council notes the Estimated Statement of Financial Position in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2025-7/9

CR FELL / CR KAIGEY

The Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *In accordance with Council Decision #C24-28/2025-7/0 taken at the commencement of this meeting, a closed session for Councillors only was held from 3.35pm to 5.20pm. The Mayor, Cr T. Mosby, the Chief Executive Officer and all staff were excused from deliberations during this period. Ms Martine Care (Preston Law) dialled-in to the meeting for this discussion. No formal resolution was made on the outcome of those discussions.*

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10.1. Superannuation Arrangements for Councillors – verbal update

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

Verbal update provided by Executive Director Financial Services and noted by Council.

10.2. TSIRC Transition Action Plan (TAP) Update – verbal update by Mr Scott Mason)

[Reason for Closed Discussion: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it includes "matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals".]

Noted by Council.

11. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

14. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

14.1. St Pauls and Kubin Jetty Make Safe Proposal

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-7/14.1

CR KAIGEY / CR FELL

Council resolves to:

1. Progress with make safe repairs to the St Pauls and Kubin Jetties as part of the State's Torres Strait Islands Marine Infrastructure Program; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to prepare, submit, and manage the submission process to enable the Department to assess the projects and commence program administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2. Information Report – Capital Works

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

Council noted the report.

15. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

15.1. Contractual Matter – Large Procurement Contracts Awarded Under Delegation

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-7/15.1

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

Council notes this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.2. Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project Status Update

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on 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".]

#C24-28/2025-7/15.2

CR STEPHEN / CR MYE

Council notes:

1. The status update on the renewable energy project as endorsed by the Project Steering Committee on 4 June 2025, and
2. How the perceived conflict of interest with the Chief Executive Officer's involvement with the renewable energy initiative with Mirabou will be managed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2025-7/16

CR ELISALA / CR HANKIN

The Council resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved on the decisions taken above in relation to Agenda Items 10-16.

18. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

19. INFORMATION REPORTS

- 19.1. **BUILDING SERVICES – Building Services Report (June 2025)**
- 19.2. **COMMUNITY SERVICES – Information Report - Community Services (June 2025)**
- 19.3. **CORPORATE SERVICES - Corporate Services Information Report (June 2025)**
- 19.4. **ENGINEERING SERVICES – Engineering Operations**
- 19.5. **ENGINEERING SERVICES – Information Report - Water and Wastewater (June 2025)**

Noted by Council. Any enquiries by Councillors in relation to the information reports can be raised directly by Councillors with the respective Directorate Executive Director, or the Chief Executive Officer.

20. NEXT MEETING – 20 AUGUST 2025 (VC)

Noted by Council.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

In closing, the Mayor noted that Council's July 2025 meeting will be remembered as an historic meeting for the Mabuiag Community and the broader region for several significant reasons:

- Council sign off on its 2025—26 budget;
- adoption of the Trustee Policy PO19 (authorised on 22 July 2025); and
- signing of Council's MOU with the Ugar Ged Kem Le Zeuber Er Kep Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC.

The Mayor congratulated Councillors on facilitating these significant milestones and thanked the Chief Executive Officer and all staff involved in the preparation of these all those involved in preparing Council for these milestones.

The Mayor formally closed Day 1 of the meeting at 6.00pm and **Cr Keith Fell** delivered the closing prayer.

CONFIRMED

(DAY 2 - Wednesday, 23 July 2025)**Time:** 9.00am to 12.30pm**Venue:** Community Hall, Mabuiag (Torres Strait)**PRESENT:****Mayor**

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 9 – Iama

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Iona Manas – *via Microsoft TEAMS*

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Manager Information Technology

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Mr Warren Jenkins

Ms Trudy Lui

Ms Amy Orr

Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:Kaziw Meta College (Thursday Island) –
Deputation #1

Mr Thomas Dunsmore, Chief Executive Officer

Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay Torres Strait
Islander Corporation – **Deputation #2**

Mr Abba Babia, Managing Director

A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES

At 9.00am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to Day 2 of the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of July 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

Cr Francis Pearson delivered the opening prayer.

Cr Keith Fell provided Council with an overview of Community arrangements for Council's last formal day on Mabuiag and took the opportunity to thank Council for conducting its monthly meeting for July 2025.

The Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Father God for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings upon our lives, our families and communities, our region and our Council;
- The Traditional Custodians of Masig and throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes, as well as the TSIRC footprint in Kaurareg Nations and Gimuy in Cairns.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may be observing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts and prayers of Council at this time of bereavement.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

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The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitments in his capacity as Chair of ECCA</i>	CR T. MOSBY / CR KAIGEY

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

N/A

D. LIVE STREAM

N/A

DEPUTATION #1: Kaziw Meta College (Thursday Island)

The Mayor welcomed the Kaziw Meta College deputation to the meeting and thanked participants for travelling to Mabuiag to meet with Council.

The Chief Executive Officer of Kaziw Meta College (**Mr Thomas Dunsmore**) provided Council with an overview of the work of the College, as well as its eagerness to work alongside Council to assist the Torres Strait to build the skills in its population for the next generation of Torres Strait Islander leaders.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for its attendance and advised that it is the hope of Council that this conversation is the beginning of a strong partnership between Kaziw Meta College and TSIRC to inspire to the aspirations of the region into the future.

DEPUTATION #2: Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay Torres Strait Islander Corporation

The Mayor welcomed the Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay Torres Strait Islander Corporation deputation to the meeting and thanked participants for their interest in meeting with Council.

The Managing Director of Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay Torres Strait Islander Corporation (**Mr Abba Babia**) provided Council with an overview of the work of the Corporation, as well as its eagerness to work alongside Council to grow community capacity, employment and cultural preservation.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for its attendance and advised that it is the hope of Council that this conversation is the beginning of a strong partnership between the Corporation and Council into the future.

COUNCIL VISIT to Mabuygiw Ngurpay Lag (Tagai State College Campus on Mabuiag)

Council accepted an invitation extended by the Mabuygiw Ngurpay Lag Head of Campus to attend the Year 6 Leadership Awards. The school children sang their newly-learned school anthem to welcome Council to the presentation ceremony.

The Mayor and Cr Fell presented the awards to students.

CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

At the conclusion of the visit to Mabuygiw Ngurpay Lag, Council returned to the Mabuiag Community Hall, where the Mayor provided Council with an overview of his upcoming engagements in the lead-up to the next Council meeting.

The Mayor also reiterated the need for Councillors to focus on their community meetings, and to particularly advocate the 2025-26 Council budget endorsed here at Mabuiag.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor thanked Cr Fell and the Masig Community for their warmth, hospitality and generosity throughout this Council visit.

The Mayor formally closed the July 2025 Ordinary Council meeting at 1.10pm and delivered the Closing Prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 20 August 2025



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



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Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council