



# ORDINARY MEETING

## 19 NOVEMBER 2025

# MINUTES

**Time:** 10.30am to 5.00pm

**Venue:** Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 458 941 718 744 | Passcode: ij7i6hb6

### PRESENT:

#### **Mayor**

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

Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Cr Torenzo Elisala  
Cr Chelsea Aniba  
Cr Keith Fell  
Cr Ranetta Wosomo  
Cr John Levi  
Cr Aggie Hankin  
Cr Francis Pearson  
Cr Ted Mosby  
Cr Rocky Stephen  
Cr Nixon Mye  
Cr Bob Kaigey

### APOLOGIES:

Division 6 – Kubin  
Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Iona Manas – *Sad News / Sorry Business*  
Cr Kabay Tamu – *overseas commitments*

### ABSENT:

Division 1 – Boigu  
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Cr Dimas Toby  
Cr Seriako Dorante

### OFFICERS:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Executive Director Community Services  
Executive Director Corporate Services  
Manager Governance & Risk  
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor  
Manager Capital Works Consultant  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Executive Assistant to the CEO  
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William  
Mr Dawson Sailor  
Ms Vicki Bishop  
Ms Kim Kerwin  
Ms Joanne Bryant  
Mr Peter Price  
Mr Anthony Ottaway – *for Agenda Item 15.1 only*  
Ms Trudy Lui  
Ms Amy Orr  
Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 10.20am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of November 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadh Kes (from Mer in the East to Boigu in the West) and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- The Traditional Custodians of Gimuy Country in and Cairns who host elements of the TSIRC footprint.

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 the Council during this time.

## B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

#C24-28/2025-11/B

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Div. 6 – Kugin	Cr Iona Manas – <i>Sad News/Sorry Business</i>	CR STEPHEN / CR WOSOMO
Div. 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>overseas commitments relating to Climate Change matters</i>	CR FELL / CR PEARSON

Cr Toby's apology due to unforeseen family matters was submitted and received at 10.20am.

## 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.

- **Cr Francis Pearson** reminded Council that he had declared a COI in relation to a funding application to be considered under Agenda Item 6.1 (Community Grants Program Allocation – October 2025) and will leave the meeting when that application is being considered.

No other declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also invited Councillors to declare if they are involved in any current legal matters that they are required to advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No such 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 Mayor added that this livestreaming service offers transparency and allows members of the general public and organisational partners in the region TSIRC footprint to be informed of Council's deliberations and decisions which impact on the region.

## 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 1.1. Special Council Meeting (17 October 2025)

#C24-28/2025-11/1.1

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

Council confirms the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 17 October 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.2. Ordinary Council Meeting (21-22 October 2025)

#C24-28/2025-11/1.2

CR LEVI / CR STEPHEN

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21—22 October 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.3. Special Council Meeting (31 October 2025)

#C24-28/2025-11/1.3

CR PEARSON / CR LEVI

Council confirms the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 31 October 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.4. SARG Standing Committee Meeting Minutes (8 October 2025)

#C24-28/2025-11/1.4

CR WOSOMO / CR LEVI

Council receives and notes the confirmed Minutes of the Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.5. Action Items Update

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

## 2. MAYORAL REPORTS

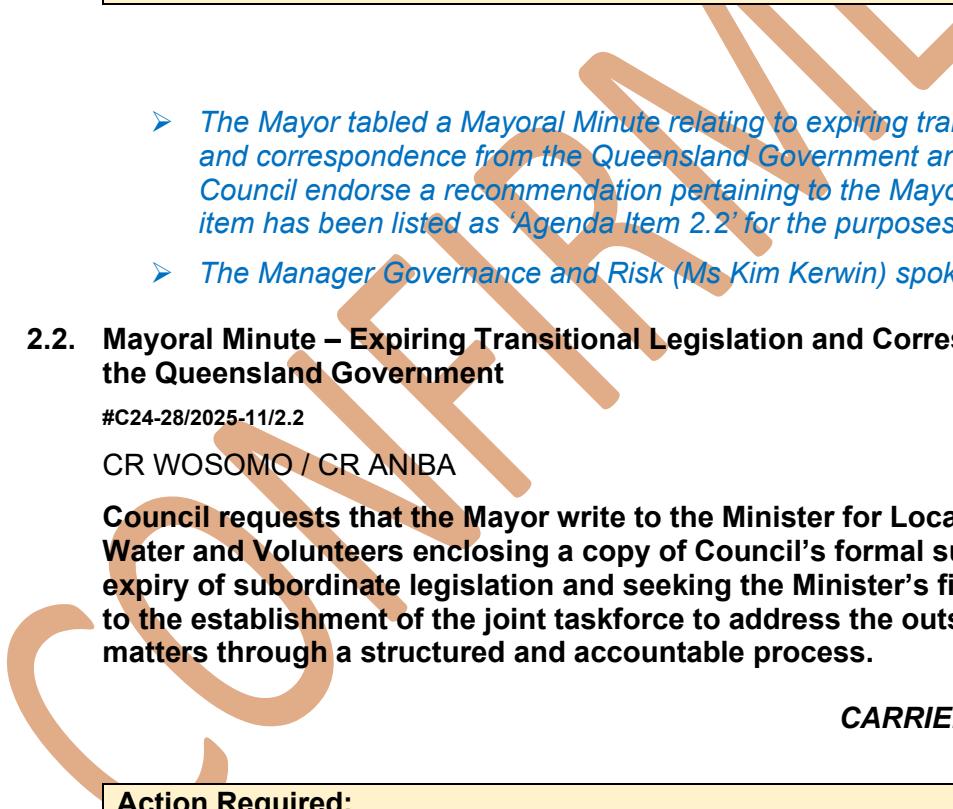
### 2.1. Mayoral Monthly Report

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

The Mayor also spoke on the success of the November 2025 Council Workshop and commended the work of Council's Communication Team for their assistance throughout the week. The Mayor also expressed his thanks for the support and assistance provided by the Chief Executive's Office (Ms Amy Orr) and the Mayor's Executive Assistant (Ms Trudy Lui) throughout the week of the Workshop.

#### Action Required:

Executive Director Corporate Services to obtain a video of the Mayor's community address during the November 2025 Council Workshop which can be distributed across the TSIRC footprint to shed light on the geographic and financial challenges before Council in providing services on-ground to community.



- *The Mayor tabled a Mayoral Minute relating to expiring transitional legislation and correspondence from the Queensland Government and requested that Council endorse a recommendation pertaining to the Mayoral Minute. This item has been listed as 'Agenda Item 2.2' for the purposes of these Minutes.*
- *The Manager Governance and Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) spoke to this report.*

### 2.2. Mayoral Minute – Expiring Transitional Legislation and Correspondence from the Queensland Government

#C24-28/2025-11/2.2

CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA

Council requests that the Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government, Water and Volunteers enclosing a copy of Council's formal submission on the expiry of subordinate legislation and seeking the Minister's firm commitment to the establishment of the joint taskforce to address the outstanding legacy matters through a structured and accountable process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Action Required:

Manager Governance and Risk to ensure that a copy of the Mayor's correspondence be provided to the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and the State Member for Cook (Mr David Kempton MP).

### 3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

#### 3.1. CEO Monthly Report (November 2025)

As an introduction, the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) made a very special acknowledgement to the Dauan Community as hosts for the October 2025 Council Meetings and extended his thanks to the Dauan Community stating that it was an absolute privilege and honour to be welcomed and embraced by the community and requested that Cr Elisala convey these sentiments to the community.

The Chief Executive Officer also acknowledged the attendance of the Manager Capital Works (Mr Peter Price) and acknowledged and thanked him for the hard work and dedication in managing Council's Capital Works program.

The Chief Executive Officer then spoke to his report.

#C24-28/2025-11/3.1

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

**Council notes the Chief Executive Officer Report for November 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3.2. TSIRC Representation on Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord

#C24-28/2025-11/3.2

CR ANIBA / CR STEPHEN

**Council resolves to:**

- (a) endorse Torres Strait Island Regional Council membership on the Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord; and
- (b) endorse the Mayor as Council's representative on the Accord and the Deputy Mayor (Cr Ranetta Wosomo) as the Mayor's Proxy on the Accord.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

### 5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

#### 5.1. Torres Strait Treaty – Suspension of Traditional Visits Over Christmas/New Year Period 2025-26

The Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to the report and sought feedback from Councillors.

Cr Chelsea Aniba advised that her Papua New Guinea counterpart under the Treaty had requested that the closure period be shortened, with a reopening on 3 January 2025.

Several Councillors supported the proposed shutdown period recommended in the officer's report and several Councillors had concerns about on-ground security during the annual shutdown period. Torres Strait Communities such as Dauan and Saibai have more regular access by Papua New Guinea traditional visitors and would support a shorter shutdown period.

The Mayor requested that this report be held over and considered at the December 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting so that further work can be done in relation to clarification around any additional support which can be provided by relevant State/Federal Government agencies on-ground over the shut-down period that will eventually be approved by Council, as well as a review of the period proposed for the suspension dates.

- *The Mayor suspended deliberations from 12.05pm to 1.05pm for lunch.*
- *Cr Francis Pearson left the meeting prior to discussion of Agenda Item 6.1 below stating a COI in relation to Grant Application CG2026-041 and returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.*

## 6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (October 2025)

#C24-28/2025-11/6.1

CR WOSOMO / CR STEPHEN

1. **Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**
  - **CG2026-039 – SAIBAI STAGS U19 FOOTBALL TEAM** for \$6,500.00 exclusive of GST
2. **Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**
  - **CG2026-041 – BETHALIA ASAI** for \$500.00 exclusive of GST;
3. **Council notes the following:**
  - (a) **No (0) Community Grant applications required divisional contributions;**
  - (b) **Two (2) Community Grant applications were deemed ineligible for processing;**
  - (c) **One (1) Community Grant application was processed for out-of-cycle in October;**
  - (d) **One (1) Funeral Grants applications was deemed eligible for processing;**
  - (e) **Ten (10) Funeral Travel applications were processed in October;**
  - (f) **Two (2) Funeral Donation applications were deemed ineligible for processing;**

(g) Three (3) Funeral Travel assistance applications were deemed ineligible for processing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

➤ *The Manager Governance & Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) spoke to Agenda Items 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 below.*

**6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (October 2025)**

#C24-28/2025-11/6.2

CR STEPHEN / CR ANIBA

Council receives and notes this report and its content.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.3. Policy Update – Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy**

#C24-28/2025-11/6.3

CR FELL / CR WOSOMO

Council resolves to endorse the updated Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.4. Cape York Regional Plan Review**

#C24-28/2025-11/6.4

CR WOSOMO / CR FELL

Council resolves to advise the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning that the Torres Strait Island Regional Council agrees to be involved in the regional planning process for the review of the Cape York Regional Plan 2014 for an expanded Cape York and Torres Strait Region and corresponding Cape York and Torres Strait Region Infrastructure Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.5. Council Name Change to Zenadth Kes Regional Council**

#C24-28/2025-11/6.5

CR FELL / CR WOSOMO

**Council resolves:**

1. To reconfirm its decision of 21-22 July 2020 to make a request to the Minister for Local Government, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009* (Act) Chapter 2, Part 3, to propose a local government change to change the name of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council to the Zenadth Kes Regional Council; and
2. To prepare a submission to accompany the request to the Minister which sets out:
  - a. the public benefit sought to be achieved through the change;
  - b. evidence of engagement and support from the community;
  - c. that the change is consistent with the local government principles set out in section 4 of the *Local Government Act 2009*; and
  - d. an estimate of potential costs involved to implement the name change.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

➤ *In the absence of the Executive Director Financial Services, the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to Agenda Item 8.1.*

**8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (October 2025)**

#C24-28/2025-11/8.1

CR HANKIN / CR ANIBA

**Council receives and endorses the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2025-26 year to date, for the period ended 31 October 2025, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Required:**

Executive Director Financial Services and Executive Director Corporate Services to explore messaging to be put on the public record to alert both Government and the Opposition on Council's cash-flow situation in relation to soaring costs to deliver services across the TSIRC footprint.

**9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

#C24-28/2025-11/9

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

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**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil.

➤ *In the absence of the Executive Director Building Services, the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to Agenda Items 11.2 and 11.2 below.*

**11. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**11.1. Boigu Council Roof Replacement – Award of Contract**

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/11.1

CR MYE / CR FELL

AGAINST: CR ANIBA

Council resolves:

1. To award contract number TC25134 for Boigu Roof Replacement Project to T.I Concrete Works Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$717,581 ex GST; and
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a. power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
  - b. power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED**

**11.2. Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract – Aragun Child Care Centre Refurbishment**

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/11.2

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

**Council resolves:**

1. To award contract number TC25057 for Aragun Child Care Centre Refurbishment to T.I Concrete Works Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$2,644,708.00 ex GST; and
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a. power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
  - b. power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**13. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**13.1. Nam Zagethaw Yabugud Beneficial Enterprise (late report)**

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

Not discussed. This agenda item was withdrawn at the request of the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer prior to the commencement of the meeting and will now be considered at the December 2025 Council meeting.

➤ *The Manager Governance & Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) spoke to Agenda Item 13.2 below.*

13.2. Torres Strait & Northern Peninsular Area Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC) (*late report*)

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

#C24-28/2025-11/13.2

CR LEVI / CR WOSOMO

Council resolves to:

Funding to Support Operations

1. Endorse its commitment to the Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC) and provide in-principle agreement to contribute sufficient funding to cover the annual operating costs (estimated to be ~\$100,000 subject to the successful procurement of funding from external sources) and indemnifies Torres Strait Island Regional Council as auspicing Council one-third of the operating expenses of TS&NPAROC.

Legal Status of Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC)

2. Confirm the TS&NPAROC remains as an unincorporated body.

Charter Review

3. Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to recommend further amendments to the TS&NPAROC Charter.

Executive Officer Position

4. Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to endorse the TS&NPAROC Executive Officer Position Description and Executive Contract Terms for the purpose of advertising.
5. Confirm the position be a Contract employee, for a two (2) year term, on a part-time basis.
6. Nominate Torres Strait Island Regional Council to be the nominated employer on behalf of the TS&NPAROC.

Governance Documents

7. Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to endorse the TS&NPAROC procedures and governance documents as members of the TS&NPAROC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

➤ *In the absence of the Executive Director Engineering Services, the Manager Capital Works (Mr Peter Price) spoke to Agenda Items 14.1 to 14.6 below.*

## 14. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### 14.1. Ugar Channel Dredging Funding

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.1

CR STEPHEN / CR ANIBA

**Council resolves:**

1. To seek funding to progress a Marine Disposal method for a future Ugar Channel Dredging Project; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to prepare, submit, and manage potential funding submission processes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Action Required:

Executive Director Engineering Services to seek feedback from the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) on the status of its public commitment to the Ugar Community to advocate for funding to support the Ugar Channel Dredging Project.

**14.2. Funding Matter – TMR ATSI TIDS Saibai Aerodrome Refuelling Apron Upgrade**

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.2

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

**Council resolves:**

- To enter into the proposed funding agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Road (TMR) to the amount of up to \$2,300,000 (excl. GST), administered through the ATSI TIDS 2025/26 Program for the Saibai Island Aerodrome Refuelling Apron Upgrade Project; and
- Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement for TMR ATSI TIDS; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

➤ *The Mayor left the meeting at 2.20pm and the Deputy Mayor assumed the role of Acting Chair.*

**14.3. Funding Matter – TSIRC.0051.2425L.REC DRFA – Hammond Island**

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.3

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

**Council resolves to:**

- Enter into the proposed funding agreement TSIRC.0051.2425L.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0051.2425L.REC for a grant sum of up to \$2,138,471.26 (Excl. GST); and,
- Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.4. Funding Matter – TSIRC.0052.2425L.REC DRFA – Badu Island**

*[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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.4

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

**Council resolves to:**

- Enter into the proposed funding agreement TSIRC.0052.2425L.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0052.2425L.REC for a grant sum of up to \$17,432,254.27(Excl. GST); and
- Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.5. Engineering Services On-Call Roster – TSIRC Annual Closedown 2025-26**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This is a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.5

CR ANIBA / CR PEARSON

**Council receives and notes this report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 14.6. 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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/14.6

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

Council receives and notes this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) pointed out to Council that the projects endorsed today are as a result of discretionary funds being made available from the State Department and are not provided as a result of a formal bid process. This indicates that the State Department have a partner in TSIRC that they can trust with good projects ready to go and will be delivered efficiently and the Chief Executive Officer commended the Engineering Services team on these accomplishments.
- Mr Andrew Ottaway (Consultant) spoke to Agenda Item 15.1 below.

#### 15. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

##### 15.1. 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.]*

#C24-28/2025-11/15.1

CR PEARSON / CR STEPHEN

Council notes the status update on the renewable energy project as endorsed by the Project Steering Committee on 3 November 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 16. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2025-11/16

CR ANIBA / CR FELL

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- The Mayor returned to the meeting at 2.35pm and resumed the Chair.

## 17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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

The Mayor made special acknowledgement to the **Capital Works Team** and the **Engineering Services Directorate** overall for their efforts and work on behalf of Council, as these works enhance the liveability of all communities throughout the TSIRC footprint.

## 18. ITEMS ARISING

### 18.1. Recycling Matters

**Cr Francis Pearson** requested information on the potential for recycling/removal of rubbish across the TSIRC footprint. The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) advised that the previous Queensland Government had a strategy in place, however the current Queensland Government has not yet indicated if it would continue with a similar strategy. The Chief Executive Officer further advised that waste management is an ongoing major challenge and will form part of Council's advocacy strategy to State/Federal Governments.

## 19. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

Council receives and notes the information reports. 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.

#### Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer to convey to staff Council's thanks and the Mayor's personal thanks and appreciation for the detail provided in the Information Reports and for maintaining services for the liveability of communities across the TSIRC footprint.

## 20. NEXT MEETING – 10 DECEMBER 2025 (VC)

Noted by Council.

## 21. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor thanked Councillors and Officers for their participation and constructive engagement throughout the meeting. The Mayor emphasised that even though the TSIRC footprint consists of 15 unique Island Communities, we are united as one Council and when we all work together, this Council does make a difference when delivering for the people and the region.

The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 3.00pm and **Cr John Levi** delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 10 December 2025



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Cr Phillemos Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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