



ORDINARY MEETING

22 APRIL 2026

MINUTES

Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 498 976 060 558 62 | Passcode: 8Hu2MQ6f*

PRESENT:

Division 3 – Saibai	Cr Chelsea Aniba
Division 5 – Badu / Deputy Mayor	Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Division 6 – Kubin	Cr Iona Manas
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island	Cr John Levi
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)	Cr Seriako Dorante
Division 9 – Iama	Cr Aggie Hankin – <i>joined meeting at 10.50am</i>
Division 11 – Poruma	Cr Francis Pearson
Division 12 – Masig	Cr Ted Mosby
Division 14 – Erub	Cr Nixon Mye

APOLOGIES:

Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby – <i>overseas travel</i>
Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>prior commitments</i>
Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torengo Elisala
Division 4 – Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>Sorry Business</i>
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitments</i>
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen – <i>prior commitments</i>

ABSENT:

Division 15 – Mer	Cr Bob Kaigey
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OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
A/g Executive Director Building Services	Mr Evaness Hollingsworth
Executive Director Community Services	Mr Dawson Sailor
Executive Director Corporate Services	Ms Michelle Webster
Executive Director Engineering Services	Mr David Baldwin
Executive Director Financial Services	Ms Hollie Faithfull
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor	Ms Joanne Bryant
Executive Assistant to the CEO	Ms Amy Orr
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	Ms Trudy Lui
TSIRC Secretariat	Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Regional and Spatial Planning
 (Department of State Development,
 Infrastructure and Planning) – *Agenda
 Item 6.3*

Consultant – *Agenda Item 15.2*

Kate Randell (Director, Regional Planning)
 Francis Anog (Director, Infrastructure Planning)
 Charmaine Aldridge (Infrastructure Planning Team)
 Sara Golingi (Manager, Regional Planning)
 Mr Anthony Ottaway

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

At 10.15am, the Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of April 2026, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Deputy Mayor advised that she will be chairing the monthly Ordinary Council Meeting in the absence of the Mayor who was overseas with prior commitments.

The Deputy Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for His hand over our region; and
- The Traditional Custodians, Elders and leaders - past, present and emerging – across the lands we are on and participating from for today’s meeting.

The Deputy Mayor also acknowledged those members of the Community who are in Sorry Business and extended to them the thoughts and prayers of Council at this time.

The Deputy Mayor also advised that Council had commenced the day with an opening prayer at the Trustee Council meeting and that a minute of silence was observed at the time.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

#C24-28/2026-4/B

The following apologies were noted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby – <i>overseas travel</i>	CR MYE / CR MANAS
Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>prior commitments</i>	CR MANAS / CR MYE
Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torenzo Elisala	CR MANAS / CR MYE
Division 4 – Mabuig	Cr Keith Fell – <i>Sorry Business</i>	CR PEARSON / CR LEVI
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitments</i>	CR MANAS / CR PEARSON
Div. 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen – <i>prior commitments</i>	CR ANIBA / CR MANAS

The Council also noted a late apology submitted by Cr Bob Kaigey (Division 15).

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Deputy Mayor advised that no written COI notifications were provided by Councillors in relation to the Council Meeting for April 2026 and invited Councillors to make any declarations before today’s proceedings commence any further.

The Deputy Mayor reminded Councillors of their responsibility for informing Council of any prescribed or declarable conflict of interest on matters to be discussed and that Councillors are required to provide COI in writing prior to the meeting being held. If in doubt, declare your conflict of interest and Council will advise a way forward.

The Deputy Mayor added that if throughout the course of the discussion that any Councillors become aware of a potential conflict of interest, could that Councillor please immediately let the meeting know.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Deputy Mayor advised that this meeting is not being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel due to technical difficulties.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1.1. Ordinary Council Meeting (24-25 March 2026)

#C24-28/2026-4/1.1

CR LEVI / CR ANIBA

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Warraber on 24-25 March 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2. Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee Meeting (4 February 2026)

#C24-28/2026-4/1.2

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

Council receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee meeting held on 4 February 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. 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 Deputy Mayor advised that no Mayoral Report has been submitted and that the Mayor will submit a combined April/May 2026 Mayoral Report at the next Council meeting.

2.2. Mayoral Minute

Nil.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

- *Prior to the commencement of Agenda Item 3, the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) sought approval from the Chair to seek Council endorsement for an additional item to be added to the published April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.*
- *The Chair agreed to the request and the Chief Executive Officer tabled a motion which resulted in the following resolution by Council:*

#C24-28/2026-4/A-3

CR LEVI / CR ANIBA

In accordance with section 254D(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council agrees to an amendment to the published agenda for the April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting to include a late report tabled by the Chief Executive Officer which relates to a change in the venue and location of the May 2026 Council Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1. CEO Monthly Report (March 2026)

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

- *The agenda item below is a late item approved in—meeting by Council (refer resolution #C24-28/2026-4/A-3 above).*

3.2. Change of Council Workshop Venue – May 2026 Council Workshop

#C24-28/2026-4/3.2

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

Council resolves to conduct the May 2026 Council Workshop in Cairns from 11—15 May 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (March 2026)

#C24-28/2026-4/6.1

In accordance with Sections 194 and 195 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Community Grants Policy, Council resolves:

1. to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants:

- CG2026-075 – BOIGU ISLAND TOUCH TEAM, BOIGU for \$1,500.00

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR ANIBA / CR PEARSON
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

- CG2026-080 – MUI KUZU TOUCH TEAM, PORUMA for \$5,000.00

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR PEARSON / CR LEVI
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

- CG2026-082 – SOOZI WILSON, ST PAUL'S for \$3,542.00

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR LEVI
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

- CG2026-091 – GOSHEN MINISTRY, ERUB for \$2,954.49 and

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR ANIBA / CR MANAS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

2. to note the information in this report.

6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (March 2026)

Council noted the report.

- *The Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Michelle Webster) introduced Agenda Item 6.3 below.*
- *A deputation from the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning joined the meeting online at 11.00am to speak to this item. The deputation comprised the following officers:*
 - *Kate Randell (Director, Regional Planning) – lead speaker*
 - *Francis Anog (Director, Infrastructure Planning)*
 - *Charmaine Aldridge (Infrastructure Planning Team)*
 - *Sarah Golingi (Manager, Regional Planning)*

6.3. Cape York Regional Plan (CYRP) Review Consultation Program Update

#C24-28/2026-4/6.3

CR PEARSON / CR LEVI

Council:

- 1. Notes the presentation on the Cape York Regional Plan (CYRP) Review Consultation Program by the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Regional Planning Division Team; and**
- 2. Recommends that the CYRP Review Project Team workshop the CYRP Review further with Councillors at the May 2026 Council Workshop as the timing of the agenda permits.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (March 2026)

#C24-28/2026-4/8.1

CR ANIBA / CR PEARSON

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 March 2026, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor reminded Councillors of the need to familiarise themselves thoroughly around Council's financial situation in order to better inform Community.

8.2. Auditor-General Observation Report on the Audit of the 2024-25 Torres Strait Island Regional Council Financial Statements

#C24-28/2026-4/8.2

CR LEVI / CR DORANTE

Council notes the Auditor-General’s Observation Report on the audit of the 2024—25 Torres Strait Island Regional Council Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2026-4/9

CR ANIBA / CR MANAS

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

**10.1. *[Standing Agenda Item]* Update on Current Legal Matters before Council
*(verbal update)***

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter may contain 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].

The verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) was noted by Council.

11. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

14. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

14.1 Funding Matter – TSIRC.0055.2425L.REC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) (Western)

[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".]

#C24-28/2026-4/14.1

CR MANAS / CR T. MOSBY

Council resolves:

- 1. To enter into the proposed funding agreement TSIRC.0055.2425L.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets for Mabuig Island, St Pauls Community, and Kubin Community, administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority in relation to Council's submission for a grant sum of up to \$7,980,132.97 (Excl. GST); and**
- 2. 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

14.2 Capital Works – Information Report

[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".]

#C24-28/2026-4/14.2

CR PEARSON / CR ANIBA

Council resolves to note this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

15.1. Contractual Matter – Large Procurement Contracts Awarded Under Delegation

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: 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 pertains to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]

#C24-28/2026-4/15.1

CR PEARSON / CR ANIBA

Council receives and notes this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Mr Anthony Ottaway (Consultant) joined the meeting online and spoke to Agenda Item 15.2 below.*

15.2. Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project Status Update

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: 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 pertains to “legal advice obtained” and “negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government”.]

#C24-28/2026-4/15.2

CR PEARSON / CR T. MOSBY

Council receives and notes the project status update provided in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *The Deputy Mayor suspended deliberations from 12.10pm to 1.20pm for lunch.*

16. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2026-4/16

CR MYE / CR ANIBA

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 as indicated in relation to Agenda Items 10-16 above.

18. ITEMS ARISING

(a) Hammond Island Health Centre

Cr Dorante requested if a matter he raised with the Chair of the Housing, Families and Safe & Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee regarding the Hammond Island Health Centre has been actioned. The Executive Director Community Services (**Mr Dawson Sailor**) advised that this matter is set for consideration by the HFSHC Advisory Committee.

(b) St Pauls/Kubin Main Road

Cr Levi advised that the main road connecting the St Pauls and Kubin Communities is falling into disrepair in some areas with concrete panels sinking into the surface and growing number of pot holes worsening. The Executive Director Engineering Services (**Mr David Baldwin**) advised that he will follow up with the Civil Works Coordinator on Moa (as other works are currently in progress at St Pauls) in an effort to expedite the repair work.

19. INFORMATION REPORTS

19.1. BUILDING SERVICES – Building Services Report (March 2026)

The Acting Executive Director Building Services (**Mr Evaness Hollingsworth**) provided an overview of the monthly report. The report was noted by Council.

19.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES – Community Services (March 2026)

The Executive Director Community Services (**Mr Dawson Sailor**) provided an overview of the monthly report. The report was noted by Council.

Action Required:

Executive Director Community Services to provide information to Councillors on funding allocations and funding balances across the TSIRC footprint (including Cairns and Thursday Island offices) for Events and Engagement initiatives for the remaining 2024-25 period.

19.3. CORPORATE SERVICES - Corporate Services Information Report (March 2026)

The Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Michelle Webster**) provided an overview of the monthly report. The report was noted by Council.

19.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Engineering Operations

The Executive Director Engineering Services (**Mr David Baldwin**) provided an overview of the monthly report. The report was noted by Council.

19.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Information Report - Water and Wastewater (March 2026)

The Executive Director Engineering Services (**Mr David Baldwin**) provided an overview of the monthly report. The report was noted by Council.

20. NEXT MEETING – 20 MAY 2026 (VC)

Noted by Council.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

To officially close the April 2026 Ordinary Council, the Deputy Mayor reminded Councillors that the May 2026 Council Workshop is on 11-15 May 2026 in Cairns and asked that all Councillors submit their travel requirements to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible.

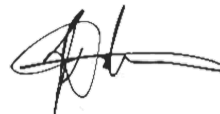
The Deputy Mayor thanked Councillors and Officers for their participation and constructive engagement throughout the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor formally closed the meeting at 1.45pm and **Cr Francis Pearson** delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 20 May 2026



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Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Deputy Mayor / Meeting Chairperson
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council