

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2011**

PRESENT Mayor Cr. P. Stephen (Chair), Cr. N. Bin Tahal, Cr. B. Shibasaki, Cr. A. Ketchell, Cr. J. Abednego, Mr. P. Mills (Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. N. Ward Page (Minute Secretary)

The meeting opened with a prayer by Cr Shibasaki at 9.10am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Phillip Mills AOM Mph Associate Professor to his first meeting as the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners The Kaurareg People upon whose land we hold our meeting.

ATTENDANCE: An apology was received from Cr. Abednego for his late arrival to the meeting.

CONDOLENCES: As a mark of respect, Council observed a minute's silence in memory of:

*Norman Banu, Elizabeth Fox (nee Luffman),
Ronald Ahwang and Hans Sambo*

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Min. 11/04/1 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
"That Council receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15 March 2011 and confirm as a true and correct record of the proceedings."
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Nil

Attendance: Cr. Abednego arrived at the meeting at 9.22am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Local Government Policy Functions of the Torres Shire Council

Minister Warren Snowdon's visit to the Torres Strait

Torres Shire Council Policy Imperative: Government to Government Relationship

In my meeting with the Hon. Warren Snowdon, MP, Federal Minister for Indigenous Health, on the 6th - 7th April 2011, I represented the Torres Shire Council on the Policy Platform of the Council of Australian Government (COAG) Agreements:-

2008 Closing the Gap of Indigenous Health; and 2010 The National Health and Hospital Network Reform

1. Department of Health Aging Funding for the Star of Sea Aged Home to meet accreditation
2. Community Control Integrated Care Partnership
3. Health Infrastructures – Refurbishment and Replacement Capital Works Program of Outer-Island PHC Clinics

United Nation Declaration on Indigenous Human Rights

1. Torres Strait Veterans WW2 – Disparity of Pension Entitlement for TSI Return Servicemen

Rural Development Budget

1. Horn Island Airport – Security Issues

Supreme Judge Justice Jones' visit – Torres Shire Council

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12th April 2011 with Judge Jones. Unfortunately I wasn't able to meet with Judge Jones as I was absent from the island. However, the Chief Executive Officer was able to present the Judge with my submission on behalf of the Council identifying the following issues:

- Declaration of Indigenous Human Rights
- Coroner's Services
- Alcohol Management Plan
- Formal Transition of Community Police
- Native Title Instructions

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council's Boundary Review

The Department of Local Government and Planning facilitated a workshop with Stakeholders representing Cook Shire, Torres Shire and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council at Bamaga on Monday 11th April, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council's submission for Local Government Boundary Alignment in 2010.

In response to NPARC's correspondence regarding boundary changes, Council highlighted both the importance of consulting stakeholders and that further clarification of complexities regarding government legislations, processes and requirements would be critical for any future deliberations on this matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

Torres Shire Council Policy Action

Summary of policies imperative for the Council to adopt, give effect to and for Portfolio Members to action:

1. 2008 Closing the Gap of Indigenous Health;
2. 2010 The National Health and Hospital Network Reform;
3. 2010 United Nation Declaration on Indigenous Human Rights; and
4. 2011 Federal Government Rural Development Budget.

Min 11/04/2 **Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego**
"That Council to endorse 'in principle' that respective Portfolio Members develop a policy position for the next Council Meeting. "

Carried

Min 11/04/3 **Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki**
"That the Mayor's Report be received."

Carried

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.22a.m. and resumed at 10.40am

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Common Seal Use

Min. 11/04/4 **Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego**
"That Council approve the use of the Official Seal by the Mayor and/or CEO as itemised below:

Date attached	Document Description	
23/3/11	TSI Descent ID – Seriako Stephen	Mayor
23/3/11	Qld Health Aboriginality Confirmation – Seriako Stephen	Mayor
6/4/11	Air Services Aust – Survey Plan 142709 (2 copies)	Mayor & CEO
6/4/11	Cape York Transport – Lease 1/4/11 to 1/4/16 (2 copies)	Mayor & CEO
6/4/11	Horn Is Airport – Cleaning Contract – Piera Friolo	Mayor & CEO

Carried

Attendance: Mrs Dalassa Yorkston, Director Corporate Services arrived at the meeting at 11am to address her report.

2. CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT

Balance Sheet Items (as at 31 March 2011) (File 1-12-24)

Min. 11/04/5 **Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Abednego**
"That Council resolve to accept the Balance Sheet position as at 31 March 2011."

Carried

Departure: Mrs Dalassa Yorkston, Director Corporate Services departed the meeting at 11.40am.

Attendance: Mr Gus Yates, Director of Engineering Services arrived at the meeting at 11.42a.m. to address his report.

3. ENGINEERING SERVICES

REPORT

- Min. 11/04/6** **Restoration Submission Disaster Event – Qld Flooding and Tropical Cyclone Olga and Neville 18 November 2009 to 1 February 2010 (File 2-49-1)**
Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal
“That Council agree, in principle, to fund its financial contribution subject to the actual costing, and endorse the 2010 NDRRA Restoration Works Project as being ready to proceed, and appoint the Director of Engineering as the Project Manager.”
Carried
- Departure:** At 12.04pm Mr Gus Yates departed the meeting & Mr Frank Darke, Director of Planning & Environmental Services entered the meeting to address his report.

4. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

REPORT

- Min. 11/04/7** **Cemetery Local Law (File 1-20-14)**
Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki
“That Council (a) agree to the changes of the draft Cemeteries Local Law 2011 as requested by the Department of Local Government and Planning and (b) adopt the Public Interest Test Plan for the draft Cemeteries Local Law 2011 and the draft Subordinate Cemeteries Local Law 2011 and (c) resolve to place the draft Cemeteries Local Law 2011 and the draft Subordinate Cemeteries Local Law 2011 on public exhibition for 21 days.”
Carried
- Min. 11/04/8** **Torres Shire Community Plan 2011/30 (File 1-22-9)**
Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki
“That Council accept the community submissions and endorse the final consulted Community Plan 2011/30.”
Carried
- Attendance:** At the request of the Chair, Mr Gus Yates & Mrs Dalassa Yorkston returned to the meeting at 12.30pm.

5 IN COMMITTEE

- Min. 11/04/9** **Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Abednego**
“That Council go in Committee.”
Carried
- Min. 11/04/10** **Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Mayor Stephen**
“That Council come out of Committee.”
Carried
- Finance Report (File 1-12-24)**
- Min. 11/04/11** **Horn Island Airport Landing Fees (File 1-12-24)**
Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
“That Council approve delegation of the authority to the Mayor and CEO to release the instruction to Council Solicitors to serve a Creditor Statutory Demand.”
Carried

5 IN COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Victoria Parade Beautification Project (File 1-12-24)

Min. 11/04/12 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Mayor Stephen

“That Council resolve that no more expenses, other than the additional outstanding expenses in the system, are to be generated by the Victoria Parade Beautification Project which at this stage is over budgeted by \$332,083.69.”

Carried

Departure: The three Directors departed the meeting at 1.15pm.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Ketchell

- Requesting action on the abandoned cars and containers situation

Cr. Shibasaki

- Sadies Beach road - maintenance.
- Helipad, Hospital Pt should be used for all purposes of helicopter landings.
- Clearance of drains in general on TI & Horn
- Beach clean-ups
- Victoria Parade & Normanby Street intersection needs line-marking on road renewed and reduction of speed limit signage between Federal and Gab Titui section

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 May 2011

CLOSURE: The meeting closed with a prayer by the Mayor at 1.28pm

Confirmed this *17th* day of *May* 2011

MAYOR