

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2012**

PRESENT Mayor Cr. P. Stephen (Chair), Cr. N. Tahal, Cr. B. Shibasaki, Cr. A. Ketchell, Cr. J. Abednego, Mr. P. Mills (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs D. Yorkston, (Director Corporate Services), Mr. F Darke (Director Planning & Environmental Services, Mr. G. Yates (Director Engineering Services) and Ms. N Ward Page (Minute Secretary)

The meeting opened with a prayer by Cr. Shibasaki at 9.15am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

APOLOGY An apology was received from Cr. Bin Tahal for her late attendance at this meeting.

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

*Mr Assa Satrick, Mrs Mudulpa Bani, Lucy May Yamashita, Mrs Laura Scott
Mr George (Porgie) Ah Mat, Mr Aiden Pensio, Mr Pelham Ernest (Slim) Pearsall,
Mr Kevin McCarthy and Mr Andrew Samson*

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Min. 12/02/01 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday, 13 December 2011 and confirm as a true and correct record of the proceedings."
Carried

Min. 12/02/02 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council receive the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Tuesday, 13 December 2011 and confirm as a true and correct record of the proceedings."
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT

I wish to acknowledge the Kaurareg people as Native Title Traditional Owners of the Kaiwalagal archipelago.

2012 Australia Day

I acknowledge the dedication and commitment of Councillors and staff in hosting another successful community celebration. Dr. Barbra Piscitelli, 2012 Australia Day Ambassador, has requested that I pass on her heartfelt appreciation for the hospitality extended to her during her visit.

Kushimoto Friendship City Visit 5th-11th December 2011

It was an honour to lead the Torres Shire Council delegation in representing our community and constituents for the signing of the Friendship City Agreement between Kushimoto Town and Torres Shire Council in front of the monument of honor at Cape Shiomisaki. Although our visit was short I am grateful for the gracious hospitality extended by our host City Council. Mayor Katsumasa Tashima expressed his appreciation for the initiative taken by Torres Shire to establish this official relationship.

The respect for cultural practices and maintenance between both our societies provides a strong foundation for our future partnership.

This historic visit is covered extensively in the Director of Corporate Services Report. In addition, I wish to acknowledge the professional advice, organising and assistance given by Ms Dalassa Yorkston during our international visit.

Proposed visit to Thursday Island from 16th-17th February of the newly appointed Japanese Director/Consul in Cairns, Mr Yoshiyuki Isoda to learn of our recent Friendship Agreement with Kushimoto and offering his assistance on their reciprocal visit in October this year.

Min. 12/02/3 Moved Cr. Abednego Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council host promotion information sessions with major stakeholders in preparation of the upcoming Kushimoto delegation visit to Thursday Island in October 2012."

Carried

2012 Local Government Election

The Premier has confirmed Saturday 28th April 2012 as the date for the 2012 Queensland Local Government Election to follow the State Election which is scheduled for Saturday 24th March 2012. It is important to note that all major policy matters relating to Council decisions must be addressed before the Care Taker's Mode period commencing from the period of 11th March.

I am seeking Council's endorsement to call a special meeting to address any outstanding compliance matters and strategic requirements before the election period.

Min. 12/02/4 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Abednego

"That Council endorse Thursday, 8th of March as the next Ordinary Monthly Meeting to discuss 2012 election matters and other business."

Carried

Attendance: Cr. Bin Tahal arrived at the meeting at 9.43am.

Queensland 2012 State Election Local Government Policy Plan

Local Government Association of Queensland LGAQ is seeking all Councils support on promoting the Local Government 10 Point Policy Plan for the upcoming state poll. The plan represents the policy and legislative priorities that Queensland councils seek as part of an incoming government's agenda for the next term of Queensland Parliament.

It is important that local government knows where parties and candidates contesting the election stand on issues that are important to local councils and the communities they represent. Copies of the plan will be made available to Councillors.

Queensland 2012 State Election Local Government Policy Plan (cont'd)

Min. 12/02/5 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council confirm with all contesting Candidates for Cook their personal commitment to support the policy proposals outlined in the local government policy plan and local priorities in the interest of serving our communities."

Carried

YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament

The YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament program is now accredited with the Queensland Studies Authority as a Community Based Learning Unit, meaning year 11 or 12 students participating in this program will receive credit towards their senior certificate.

It is a great opportunity for secondary students who are interested in having a say in their future to get involved in Queensland decision making process, learn and participate in the parliamentary process and propose new laws. The nominations are opened for the 2012 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament. Council in partnership with Tagai State College should encourage young people from our electorate to nominate and represent our community at this event.

Min. 12/02/6 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Abednego

"That Council through its Torres Shire Youth Council in partnership with Tagai State College encourage young people from our electorate to nominate and represent our community at the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament."

Carried

World Heritage Nomination for Areas of Cape York Peninsula

The Queensland Government through the Department of Environment and Resource Management is seeking the input of the people of Cape York and the broader community regarding a potential World Heritage nomination for suitable areas of the Peninsula region. In 2007, the Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act was passed, establishing a process for identifying and declaring areas of international conservation significance that could be considered the World Heritage nomination. A feedback and contact form has been circulated and I encourage Council to respond accordingly on behalf of our constituents as part of the Cape York falls under the Shire jurisdiction boundary.

Min. 12/02/7 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego

"That Council respond to the Department of Environment and Resource Management through the Director of Planning & Environmental Services on the World Heritage for Cape York Peninsula nomination for suitable areas of the Peninsula region as part of Cape York falls under the Shire jurisdiction boundary."

Carried

Regional Organisation of Communities of Cape York Inc. - ROCCY

The Chair of ROCCY, Mayor Neville Pootchemunka has invited Mayors and CEOs to attend a 2 day meeting General Meeting at Cairns 9th and 10th February 2012. Council is reminded that Torres Shire Council has an Observer Status with this organization since its inception. Council has always reserved its options regarding future affiliation partnership with Island Community Councils, presently Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council.

Min. 12/02/6 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council offer its apologies from the Mayor & CEO for not attending the ROCCY meeting in Cairns on 9-10 February 2012."

Carried

Mayor's Report (cont'd)

2012 Queensland Greats Awards

The awards provide an opportunity to recognize the lifetime contributions of individuals and institutions who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our great state. The Premier has announced that the 2012 awards are now open for nomination.

Nominations close on 9th March 2012 with recipients announced at a special ceremony as part of our Queensland Week celebrations 2-11 June 2012.

Min. 12/02/6 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Mayor Stephen

"That Council nominate Mr Bill Shibasaki, as Councillor of Torres Shire Council for his services of 22 years and Torres Shire Council as an institution for the signing of the recent Friend City Agreement with Kushimoto."

Carried

Torres Strait Islands Safe House

Department of Communities has conducted several community consultations with key stakeholders throughout the Torres Strait, to provide information and seek community's views regarding the type of Child Safe House- Placement and Family Intervention Service needed to meet the needs of children and families throughout our region. Port Kennedy Association is seeking Council's support for their joint application with Mura Kosker Sorority, Lena Passi and Horn Island Women's Association for the management of Torres Straits Island Safe House program/project.

Min. 12/02/7 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal

"That Council support Port Kennedy Association's joint application with Mura Kosker Sorority, Lena Passi and Horn Island Ratepayers Association for a Torres Strait Island Safe House."

Carried

Min. 12/02/8 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Abednego

"That the Mayor's Report be received."

Carried

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.16am and resumed at 10.36am.

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Common Seal Use

Min. 12/02/9 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council approve the use of the Official Seal by the Mayor as itemised below:

Date attached	Document Description
28/10/11	T/S Descent ID – Richard Ken Abednego
17/11/11	T/S Descent ID – Peta Yorkston
22/11/11	T/S Descent ID – Carolyn Jacinta Williams
19/12/11	T/S Descent ID – Sadiar Foster
12/1/12	T/S Descent ID – Solanima Mareko
17/1/12	T/S Descent ID – Annie Seriat
24/1/12	T/S Descent ID – Robert Stephen J Yorkston
30/1/12	T/S Descent ID – Mary Alice Loban
30/1/12	T/S Descent ID - TAFE Application – Mary Alice Loban"

Carried

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT (cont'd)

Torres Shire Election (File 1-10-7)

Min. 12/02/10 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council agree that the Public is notified of Official Instruction of the Torres Shire Election Caretakers Mode commencing 11 March 2012 and all decisions on new businesses will be suspended until the new Council takes office."

Carried

Policy Priorities (File 1-19-7)

Min. 12/02/11 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council submit the Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Managers Sub Committee for endorsement at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 8 March, 2012 and, in the interim, Council endorse the Torres Shire Council Sub-Committee of the Indigenous Managers Forum to be tasked with the responsibility of appraising the governing policy priorities for TSC and commence the process of formulating the policies ."

Carried

United National Declaration on Indigenous Human Rights

Min. 12/02/12 Moved Cr. Stephen, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council develop its charter in accordance with the United Nation Declaration of Indigenous People Human Right Articles as policy advice to be provided to State and Commonwealth Government. "

Carried

Tertiary Institution Hub

Min. 12/02/13 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council request the CEO to report back to Council on the outcome of the expert paper to the UN in Geneva during 14-22 Feb 2012."

Carried

Min. 12/02/14 Moved Cr. Abednego Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That the CEO's report be noted and received"

Carried

2. CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT

Calendar of Events 2012 (File 1-12-13)

Min. 12/02/15 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal

"That Council acknowledge all the Community Events outlined in the Torres Shire Council 2012 Calendar of Events for 2012."

Carried

Friendship City Agreement – Kushimoto Delegation 2011 (File 1-32-4)

Min. 12/02/16 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

"That Council (i) acknowledge the Friend City Agreement Signing Ceremony provided by Kushimoto Town Council during the delegation's visit in December 2011; (ii) host information sessions to the staff and community in relation to the Kushimoto Friendship City Agreement tour; (iii) approve to host a Friendship City Agreement exchange with Kushimoto Town Council at Thursday Island on 7 December 2012, the 1st anniversary of the signing of the agreement, and (iv) acknowledge and report the international travel from Thursday Island to Kushimoto in its 2011/2012 Annual Report as per Local Government Act compliance."

Carried

2. CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT

Australia Day 2012 (File 1-68-12)

Min. 12/02/17 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal

“That Council acknowledge the planning and implementation of the 2012 Australia Day Celebrations made by the three Directors, Supervisors, Managers and Staff and that Council acknowledge the Australia Day Ambassador Dr. Barbara Piscitelli sponsored by Woolworths and facilitated through the Premiers Department.”

Carried

Thursday Island Child Care Centre (File 1-12-2)

Min. 12/02/18 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Abednego

“That Council note the incident report of 31 October 2011 received from the Thursday Island Child Care Centre.”

Carried

Assets for Disposal (File 1-12-24)

Min. 12/02/19 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Mayor Stephen

“That Council approve the listed assets for write off as per Council’s Tender and Disposal Policy -

Items for Tender

Item	Model No.	Serial No.	Asset
Ford Falcon Wagon	Rego 017 JBK	VIN:6FPAAAJGWASP54302	Plant No. 5002
Ford Falcon XT Sedan	Rego 963 JRB	VIN:6FPAAAJGSWP25115	Plant No. 7002
TOSHIBA A200 LAPTOPS X 5	(XPPRO)	MODEL PSAF4A-00J009	Asset for replacement
Board Room Tables x 5 Office Chairs x 20			Furniture for replacement

Items for Disposal

Equipment	Model No.	Serial No.	PSC	Asset
IBM KEYBOARD	KB9910	1123852		
MICROSOFT KEYBOARD	RT2300	7668200170844		
IBM KEYBOARD	KB-0225	0050892	36008	
LENOVO KEYBOARD	SK8815	03814791	38681	
LENOVO KEYBOARD	SK8825	00449923	42120	
MICROSOFT KEYBOARD	WVR0445	76642-545-4169483-30804	39216	
ROADSTER II56 MODEM	AM5693	219-12801049	26765	
ROADSTER II56 MODEM	AM5693	219-12801346	26964	
ROADSTER V92	UNKNOWN	E370008700622	29719	
ROADSTER V92	UNKNOWN	E370008700623	29720	
APC BACKUP	CS500VA	BB0612006018		
APC BACKUP	CS500VA	AB0301242814		
PHILLIPS 19" SCREEN	190S6FB/75	BZ000602213314	34943	
IBM 17" SCREEN	UNKNOWN	23ZP278	31840	
TOSHIBA PHOTOCOPIER	DP3580	HJ919166		
HP OFFICJET PRINTER	K850	TH68U38037		
MICROFISH	XL-10	9311761		

2. CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT

Assets for Disposal (File 1-12-24) (cont'd)

Items for Disposal (cont'd)

APC UPS BACKUP	ES550	5B0906T05973		
HP LASERJET 4250	4250	CNHXJ65741	37090	
LENOVO THINKCENTRE	MT-M8808-C26	L3CT455	37826	
LENOVO THINKCENTRE	RW8/7360	L3AFK4K	41085	
IBM THINKCENTRE	MT 8424-KMH	L3AA386	34122	
IBM THINKPAD	1834-5QM	KV-B3443	32549	
IBM THINKPAD	1829-DCM	LDX36	31238	AO5007
TOSHIBA TECRA 3	PTS30A-014008	X5020474J		
TOSHIBA TECRA A7	PTA71A-012003	66103596Q		
TOSHIBA SATELLITE A300	PSAG1A-003002	68136488Q	39631	

Carried

Capital Budget Variation – Corporate Services Department

Min. 12/02/20 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal

“That Council approve the variation of \$20,000 in the 2011/2012 Corporate Services Capital Budget.”

Carried

Assets & Infrastructure Assets Valuation (File1-12-12)

Min. 12/02/21 Moved Cr. Shibasaki, Seconded Cr. Bin Tahal

“That Council acknowledge the Assets and Infrastructure Valuation completed by APV Valuers and Asset Management as at 30 June 2012.”

Carried

Community Memorials Restoration Project (File 5-1-4)

Min. 12/02/22 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego

“That Council acknowledge the work undertaken by Mrs Vanessa See Kee, the coordinator of the Community Memorials Restoration Project and Council’s completion of the additional installation to the memorial wall at the ANZAC Park in time for the 2012 ANZAC Day services.”

Carried

Attendance: The Mayor departed the meeting at 11.55a.m and Deputy Mayor Cr. Bin Tahal took the Chair.

Torres Strait WW2 Conservation Project, Horn Island Sites (File 1-358-99)

Min. 12/02/23 Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

“That Council acknowledge the progress of the Torres Strait WW2 Conservation Project and approve the works to commence on the two sites (1) the slit trench and machine gun installation on the east of the eastern end of the east/west runway, approx 25m off the King Point road and (2) the P47 Thunderbolt located approx. 200m off the end of the east/west runway on Torres Shire Council land.”

Carried

Min 12/02/24 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki

“That the DCS report be noted and received”

Carried

Attendance: The Mayor returned to the meeting at 11.59am. and resumed the Chair.

Attendance: Cr. Shibasaki departed the meeting at 12.01am.

3. ENGINEERING SERVICES

REPORT

AIRPORT (File 6-11-7)

- Min. 12/02/25** **Application for a permit to erect Flagpoles at the Horn Island Airport**
Moved Mayor Stephen, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council support the erection of the two flagpoles by completing the sections of the application as requested by the Horn Island Veterans' Association as there are no adverse safety issues and the flagpoles will help draw visitors' attention to the existing memorial."
Carried

Attendance: Cr. Shibasaki returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.

- Min. 12/02/26** **Aplin Road Storage Compound (File 1-45-108)**
Moved Mayor Cr. Stephen, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council acknowledge that there has not been due process followed with the Council property leased to Mr Elliott Treacy and as a result have had to determine the lease is void and that Mr Treacy be advised that he needs to vacate the property at Aplin Road within 7 days."
Carried

- Min. 12/02/27** **Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Bin Tahal**
"That the DES report be noted and received."
Carried

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12.30pm and resumed at 1pm.

4. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

REPORT

- Min. 12/02/28** **Delegation of Enforcement of Litter and Illegal Dumping (File 3-26-7)**
Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Mayor Cr. Stephen
"That the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Engineering Services and Director of Planning and Environmental Services be appointed as authorized officers within the meaning of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* for the enforcement of litter and illegal dumping."
Carried

- Min. 12/02/29** **Adoption of Cemeteries Local Law 2011 (File 1-20-14)**
Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Cr. Shibasaki
"That Council (a) hereby resolves to adopt the Torres Shire Council Cemeteries Local Law 2011 as advertised in the Torres News issue of 4 May 2011, and
(b) that Council hereby resolves to adopt the Torres Shire Council Cemeteries Subordinate Local Law 2011 as advertised in the Torres News also of 4 May 2011."
Carried

- Min. 12/02/30** **Lease of Wasaga Hall, Miskin St, Horn Island (File 5-12-10)**
Moved Mayor Cr. Stephen, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
"That Council endorse the lease of the Wasaga Hall to the Kaurareg Land and Sea Management Corporation for a peppercorn rental for a period of 30 years and in return the lessee meets current building requirements prior to occupation."
Carried

- Min. 12/02/31** **Moved Cr. Bin Tahal, Seconded Mayor Cr. Stephen**
"That the DPES report be noted and received."
Carried

5 IN COMMITTEE

There were no In-Committee items

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Abednego

- Querying the outcome of a complaint of a current dog problem

Cr. Ketchell

- Requesting clearing of drains at Rosehill

Cr. Shibasaki

- Community Clean-up Day 4 March on Thursday Island
- Drain clearing required in John Street down from Milman Street corner
- Mogi Cemetery Trust in Melbourne is seeking a list of projects which their funds can be used such as a gazebo and columbarium wall in the TI Cemetery
- Grass cutting required in Cemetery

Cr. Bin Tahal

- Lease for Horn Island Child Care
- Querying hire rates of Ngurupai Sports Complex
- Foreshore development funding not successful & Ports North keen to support this project
- Querying progress on the toilets on wharf currently not in working order
- Dog problem on Horn Island needs to be addressed

Mayor Stephen

- Tabled a letter from George Ernst seeking financial support for meals for his Year 11 & 12 TAFE students.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8 March 2012

CLOSURE: The meeting closed with a prayer by Mayor Stephen at 1.50pm

Confirmed this

day of

2012

MAYOR