

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE OFFICES, DOUGLAS STREET, THURSDAY ISLAND
ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2015**

PRESENT

Mayor Pedro Stephen (Chair), Cr. Yen Loban, Cr. Allan Ketchell, Cr. John Abednego, Cr. Willie Wigness, Dalassa Yorkston (Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Brown (Director Corporate and Community Services), Bill Cuthbertson (Director Engineering and Infrastructure Services) and Nola Ward Page (Minute Secretary)

The meeting opened with a prayer by Mayor Stephen at 9.05am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners The Kaurareg People upon whose land we hold our meeting also the elders representing the clans from the four winds of Zenadth Kes.

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

Mr Kamekichi Shinjo

Mr. Jerry Lewin

Mr Robert Thomas Mola

Mr Brian Galloway

Miss Winifred David

Mrs Keru Isua (snr)

Mrs Jenon Men (nee Bairra)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Cr Willie Wigness

In Committee

- 1 Horn Island Quarry & Sand Lease
- 2 Horn Island Affordable Housing Project

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Min. 15/08/1 Moved Cr. Abednego Seconded Cr. Loban

"That Council receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 21 July 2015 and confirm as a true and correct record of the proceedings."

Carried

Attendance: Cr. Willie Wigness arrived at the meeting at 9.12am.

MATTERS OF ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Local Fare Scheme

MAYOR'S REPORT

Acknowledgement of the Zendath Kes Traditional Owners past and present

God Bless, Au Esoau and Koeyma Eso

Hon. Tony Abbott, Prime Minister of Australia Visit to the Shire/Region

I have attended various meetings over the past weeks in preparation for the visit of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP to the region facilitated by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Torres Shire Council's items to be raised with the Prime Minister at our deputation meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 25th August will include:

- Freezing indexation of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) can have significant impact on the budgets of smaller local Councils with low rate base
- High Cost of Living (Zone Allowance increase)
- Prince of Wales Island Safe Access
- International Torres Strait Treaty and Cross Border matters which have direct impact on social, health and policing implications of our constituents
- Regional Waste issues
- 'One Boat' governance aspiration
- Constitutional Recognition

Council will also take the opportunity to advise the Prime Minister of our Friend City Agreement with the Town of Kushimoto, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan.

Global Road Technology

GRT International is committed to providing safer and stronger roads worldwide. They produce a range of innovative road stabilization and dust suppression technologies that are greener, longer lasting and more cost effective than conventional building processes. Council's engineering department is to explore its benefit to our Council and region and report back to Council. I received samples and an information package from Global Road Technology which will be tabled for Councillor's perusal during the Council Meeting.

Min. 15/08/2 Moved Cr. Abednego Seconded Cr. Loban

"That Council direct the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Services to follow up on the products of GRT Road Technology and benefits for the Shire."

Carried

Japanese Ancestral Observance Ceremony – Obon

I acknowledge the support and contribution from the Japanese community (namely Takami Kazuyoshi and Chiomi Fuji), Jodoshu Buddhist the Rev James Wilson and the Torres Shire Council staff. As per our Friend City Agreement signed with the Town of Kushimoto, Council gave an undertaking to celebrate this yearly occasion on the 15 August. The red and white lanterns and fans received from Mayor Tashima of Kushimoto were used in the Obon Ceremony this year.

Min. 15/08/3 Moved Cr. Loban, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council acknowledge the support and contribution from Rev. James Wilson, Mr Takami Kazuyoshi, Miss Chiomi Fuji with the 2015 Obon Ceremony and that Council also acknowledge the participation of Japanese elders, Mr Bill Shibasaki and Mr Kyoza Hirakawa."

Carried

MAYOR REPORT (cont'd)

Thursday Island Renal Dialysis Unit – Official Opening 19 August 2015

The Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services will officially be opening the Thursday Island Renal Dialysis Unit on Wednesday, 19 August 2015.

Keep Queensland Beautiful – Tidy Towns Nominations/Accreditation

For Council's consideration, nominations and the accreditation for the Tidy Towns, Cleaner Beaches and Cleaner Greener Schools have opened for 2015. Last year, Cooktown was named Queensland's tidiest town, Tambo won the Friendliest Town, and Rainbow Bay on the Gold Coast won Queensland's Cleanest Beach. Nominations close on 28 August 2015.

Min. 15/08/4 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Wigness

"That Council present entries in all categories of the Keep Queensland Beautiful - Tidy Towns which closes on 28 August 2015."

Carried

Other Deputations and Meetings held this Month

- 19 July - Naming of the new Queensland Police Boat '*Carolus Isua*'
- 30-31 July - Councillor Allan Ketchell attended CIMA meeting at Weipa. Invitation extended to the Premier to visit Torres Shire
- 3-5 August - Councillor Willie Wigness attended North Queensland Local Government Association meeting at Palm Island
- 6-7 August – Dalassa Yorkston (CEO) and myself attended CMIA Meeting with Minister Curtis Pitt at Cairns
- 8 August – Council hosted Mr Sumio Kusaka, Ambassador of Japan to Australia, Mrs Ikuko Kusaka and Ms Yoko Yanagisawa, Consul-General of Japan on Thursday Island
- 13 August - Launched Frog Gully Community Gardens Project
- 14 August – Chaired the Torres Shire Internal Audit Committee Meeting
- 15 August - Obon Ceremony conducted by Rev James Henry Wilson, Jodoshu Buddhist from Brisbane
- 15 August – Council facilitated Community Gardens Workshop held at TRAWQ Hall
- 16 -17 August - Meeting with Mayor Bob Manning - Cairns Regional Council, Mr Alex De Waal – CEO Tropical Tourism North Queensland and Mr Hugo Llorens – USA Consul-General

Min. 15/08/5 Moved Cr. Wigness, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That the Mayor's report be received."

Carried

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10am and resumed at 10.25am.

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Government Grants Commission Visit to the Shire (File 1-35-7)

Min. 15/08/6 Moved Cr. Wigness, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council acknowledge the visit to the Shire of the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission on 22-25 September 2015 and meet with representatives at 2.30pm on 22 September 2015."

Carried

Departure: Cr. Ketchell departed the meeting at 11.15am.

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

- Min. 15/08/7** **2016 Bank and Torres Strait Multicultural Show Holidays (File 1-68-1)**
Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Wigness
“That Council submit an application to the Treasurer for approval for the three following dates:
- Friday 3, June 2016 Mabo Day
 - Friday 1, July 2016 Coming of the Light
 - Friday 16, September 2016 Torres Strait Festival Show Day
- to be recognised as gazetted holidays within the Torres Shire during 2016.”
Carried
- Attendance:** Cr. Ketchell returned to the meeting at 11.25am.
- Min. 15/08/8** **Stolen Wages Reparations (File 1-30-7)**
Moved Mayor Stephen, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
“That Council nominate Councillor John Abednego to be the representative to work with the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce in the Torres Shire.”
Carried
- Min. 15/08/9** **Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group (File 1-49-13)**
Moved Cr. Wigness, Seconded Cr. Loban
“That Council receive the minutes of the Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on 16 July 2015.”
Carried
- Min. 15/08/10** **Moved Cr. Abednego Seconded Cr. Wigness**
“That the Report of the Chief Executive Officer be received.”
Carried

2. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORT

- Departure:** The Mayor departed the meeting at 11.30am.
- Min. 15/08/11** **FINANCE (File 1-12-24)**
Moved Cr. Loban, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
“That Council adopt the financial statements presented as at 31 July 2015 being the Comprehensive Income, Financial Position, Cash Analysis Report and the 2014/2015 Capital Works Program.”
Carried
- Attendance:** The Mayor returned to the meeting at 11.40am.
- Min. 15/08/12** **Internal Audit (File 1-318-7)**
Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Ketchell
“That Council adopt the Minutes of Council’s Internal Audit Committee meeting held on Friday, 14 August 2015, which includes the Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Report 2014/15 and proposed Internal Audit Plan 2015/16.”
Carried

2. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORT

Internal Audit Plan

Min. 15/08/13 Moved Cr. Loban, Seconded Cr. Abednego

“That Council appoint the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) to assist with the Internal Audit for 2015/16 and further delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the determination of the remuneration for the External Committee Member based on benchmarking with other Councils with similar responsibilities.”

Carried

Min. 15/08/14 Moved Cr. Loban, Seconded Cr. Wigness

“That the Report of the Director of Corporate and Community Services be received.”

Carried

3. ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

REPORT

Min. 15/08/15 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego

“That the Report of the Director Engineering & Infrastructure be received.”

Attendance: The Regulatory Manager Diana Russell attended the meeting at 12.07pm to present her report.

4. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

REPORT

IDAS 07/01 — Request to extend the relevant period for Material Change of Use – Accommodation Buildings, Tourist Facility, Caretakers Residence and Associated Uses and Material Change of Use for the Clearing of Native Vegetation - Utingu Eco Lodge, Cape York being Lot 3 on SO4

Min. 15/08/16 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

“That Council approve the request for an extension to the relevant period of four (4) years from 24 July 2015 for a Material Change of Use for Accommodation Buildings, Tourist Facility, Caretakers Residence and Associated Uses and Material Change of Use for the Clearing of Native Vegetation at Utingu, Cape York being Lot 3 on SO4 subject to conditions.”

Carried

Min. 15/08/17 Moved Cr. Wigness, Seconded Cr. Abednego

“That the Report of the Regulatory Manager be received.”

Carried

Departure: The Regulatory Manager, Diana Russell departed the meeting at 12.42pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.45pm and resumed at 1.35pm.

5. IN COMMITTEE

That Council discuss 'In Committee', the items as listed below, under the provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012, 275 Closed meetings;

(1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss—

(a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or (b) industrial matters affecting employees; or (c) the local government's budget; or (d) rating concessions; or (e) contracts proposed to be made by it; or (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving it; or (g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain financial advantage.

1 Finance

- a) Tender 05/15 – Bitumen Reseal Works
- b) Major Infrastructure Programme 6 (MIP6)
- c) Financial Delegation – Ingham Drilling
- d) Enterprise Risk Management Policy

2 Horn Island Quarry & Sand Lease

3 Horn Island Affordable Housing Project

Min.15/08/18 Moved Cr Abednego, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council go into Committee.

Carried

Min.15/08/19 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council come out of Committee."

Carried

Tender 04/15 – Bitumen Reseal Works

Min.15/08/20 Moved Cr. Wigness, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council award tender 04/15 (bitumen reseal works) to Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd. to undertake the works specified in schedule a of the tender to the value of \$407,395.75 (excl. GST)"

Carried

Major Infrastructure Programme 6 (MIP6)

Min.15/08/21 Moved Cr. Abednego, Seconded Cr. Ketchell

"That Council approve the following priority list for the Major Infrastructure Programme 6 (MIP6):

- Project 1 - Water - Horn Island Water Treatment Plant
- Project 2 - Wastewater - Upgrade of the Thursday Island STP - \$2,479,000.
- Project 3 - Solid Waste Management - \$573,523 for Horn Island and \$610,810 for Thursday Island
- Project 4 - Roads - Wasaga Roads and Drainage Stage 3 - \$2,770,849 "

Carried

Financial Delegation – Ingham Drilling Pty Ltd

Min.15/08/22 Moved Cr. Loban, Seconded Cr. Wigness

"That Council engage and approve the Job Estimate from Ingham Drilling Pty Ltd for the amount of \$226,910 (excl GST) for the Drilling Project on Prince of Wales Island."

Carried

Enterprise Risk Management Policy

Min.15/08/23 Moved Cr. Ketchell, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council approve the Enterprise Risk Management Policy".

Carried

Declaration: Cr. Wigness made the following declaration -

I declare I have a real conflict of interest in the following matters as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009 due to my association with the Kaurareg Nation and my involvement as a member of the Kaurareg Aboriginal Land Trust and propose to exclude myself from the meeting while this matter is debated and then vote is taken.

Horn Island Quarry & Sand Lease

Horn Island Affordable Housing Project

Departure: Cr. Wigness departed the meeting at 2.40pm and did not return.

Min. 15/08/24 Moved Mayor Stephen, Seconded Cr. Abednego
"That Council go in Committee."

Carried

Min. 15/08/25 Moved Mayor Stephen, Seconded Cr. Loban
"That Council come out of Committee."

Carried

Horn Island Quarry & Sand Lease

CEO updated Council verbally on above item.

Horn Island Affordable Housing Project

Min. 15/08/26 Moved Mayor Stephen, Seconded Cr. Loban
"That Council resolves to reevaluate the development of the Horn Island Affordable Housing Project if land tenures on the land involved is not resolved."

Carried

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 15 September 2015

CLOSURE: The meeting closed with a prayer by Mayor Stephen at 3.50pm.

Confirmed this

day of

MAYOR