



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

17 November 2020

**MINUTES OF TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THURSDAY ISLAND ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020**

1 AGENDA CONTENTS

2 ATTENDANCE

Cr Vonda Malone (Mayor), Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor), Cr Thomas Loban, Cr John Abednego, Cr Allan Ketchell, Dalassa Yorkston (Chief Executive Officer), Shane Whitten (Director Corporate and Community Services), Maxwell Duncan (Director Governance and Planning Services), Edward Kulpa (Director Engineering and Infrastructure Services), and David Abednego (Business Services Manager).

3 MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened with a prayer by Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor) at 9:07am.

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Kaurareg people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and the Traditional Owners of Zenadth Kes.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect in memory of our community and/or area of the Torres Strait.

- *Mr Victor Joseph*
- *Mr Kanu Gamia (Yorke Island)*
- *Mr Tera Kabay (Yorke Island)*
- *Mr Guy Uta (Dauan Island)*
- *Mr Charles Edward Morrison*
- *Mrs Rita Doolah (nee Morseu) – Darnley Island*

9 BUSINESS ARISING

CEO referred to the 'Matters for Action following a Council Meeting' document provided to Councillors with updated information on the 20 October 2020 Council Meeting.

10 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

Nil

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting is adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.00 am and resumed 10.30 am.

11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**11.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/6**

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

That the activities contained in the Mayoral monthly report be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/7

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

That Council hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday 9 December 2020, to discuss Housing Matters.

CARRIED

12 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT****RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/8**

Moved: Cr Allan Ketchell

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That the activities contained in the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

12.2 DATES AND TIME OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/9**

Moved: Cr Allan Ketchell

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

That pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Ordinary Meetings of the Council be held on the third Tuesday of each month except for the January meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday and the December meeting to be held on the second Tuesday.

2021		
Month	Date	Time
January	Wednesday, 27 January	9.00am
February	Tuesday, 16 February	9.00am
March	Tuesday, 16 March	9.00am
April	Tuesday, 20 April	9.00am
May	Tuesday, 18 May (Horn Island)	9.00am
June	Tuesday, 15 June	9.00am
July	Tuesday, 20 July	9.00am
August	Tuesday, 17 August	9.00am
September	Tuesday, 21 September	9.00am
October	Tuesday, 19 October (Tamwoy)	9.00am
November	Tuesday, 16 November	9.00am
December	Tuesday, 14 December	9.00am

CARRIED

12.3 TCICA PRESENTATION – JOB GUARANTEE POLICY FOR CAPE YORK

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/10

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

Council supports in principle TCICA working with Cape York Institute to advocate for the Job Guarantee Policy to be implemented in the Torres Shire.

CARRIED

12.4 GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS – UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/11

Moved: Cr Thomas Loban

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That Council endorses under the provision of the Grants to Community Organisation a grant of \$1,000 (capital project) to support the United Pentecostal Church Building Project.

CARRIED

12.5 QCOAST2100 – COASTAL HAZARD ADAPTION STRATEGY**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/12**

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That Council notes QCoast2100 – Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy involving a community, stakeholder and tradition owners consultation process for the inhabited islands of the Shire and the traditional owner consultation process for the uninhabited islands of the Shire.

CARRIED**12.6 SPLASH PARK****RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/13**

Moved: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

Noting council's concern about the whole of life costing as well as cost transfers, council proposes that:

1. In the event that the whole-of-life-cost maintenance and associated operational costs are met by the Queensland Government, the location of the Splash Park be Horn Island.
2. Should the Queensland Government, not advise the Council of the acceptance of Whole of Life cost for the Splash Park by 5 February 2021, that the Splash Park be located as part of Council's Sports Complex Precinct on Thursday Island.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 12.30pm and resumed 1.15pm.

12.8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – OCTOBER 2020**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/14**

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

That Council resolves to note the financial report, as required under section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (QLD), for October 2020.

CARRIED**12.9 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM REPORT****RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/15**

Moved: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

That Council receives and notes the Capital Works Program Report for the financial year 2020/21 (July to October 2020).

CARRIED

12.10 STANDING ORDERS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/16

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

That Council adopt the updated DLGRMA Best Practice Standing Orders for Local Governmental and Standing Committee Meetings and the Model Meeting Procedures

CARRIED

13 LATE ITEMS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/1

Moved: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 October 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 27 OCTOBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/2

Moved: Cr Vonda Malone (Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8.3 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 30 OCTOBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/3

Moved: Cr Vonda Malone (Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 October 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8.4 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 3 NOVEMBER 2020**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/4**

Moved: Cr Thomas Loban

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 3 November 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8.5 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 13 NOVEMBER 2020**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/5**

Moved: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 13 November 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Regulation s.254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 In Committee - Finance Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under s.254J(3)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with concessions.

14.2 In Committee - Horn Island Airport and Quarry Finance Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under s.254J(3)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with council's budget.

14.3 In Committee - Capital Budget Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under s.254J(3)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with council's budget.

14.4 In Committee - Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020

This matter is considered to be confidential under s.254J(3)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with concessions.

Council went into In Committee at 2.44pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/17

Moved: Cr Allan Ketchell

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

That Council go into In Committee

CARRIED

Council came out of In Committee at 3.12pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/18

Moved: Cr Thomas Loban

Seconded: Cr Gabriel Bani (Deputy Mayor)

That Council comes out of In Committee

CARRIED

14.1 FINANCE REPORT**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/19**

Moved: Cr John Abednego

Seconded: Cr Allan Ketchell

That Council:

Accept the Port Kennedy Association offer of 20% payment against the debt outstanding and agree to write off the balance of \$11,274.37.

CARRIED

14.3 CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**RECOMMENDATION: Min. 20/11/20**

Moved: Cr Allan Ketchell

Seconded: Cr Thomas Loban

Torres Shire Council purchases a new side loading garbage truck to service Thursday Island. The current truck is repaired and put into service as a back-up asset.

CARRIED

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