



# TRUSTEE MEETING

15 OCTOBER 2024

# MINUTES

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 433 662 951 480 | Passcode: RZTTwY*

## PRESENT:

### **Mayor**

Division 2 – Dauan  
Division 3 – Saibai  
Division 6 – Arkai  
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls Community), Mua Island  
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)  
Division 9 – Iama  
Division 10 – Warraber  
Division 11 – Poruma  
Division 12 – Masig  
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Cr Torenzo Elisala  
Cr Chelsea Aniba  
Cr Iona Manas  
Cr John Levi  
Cr Seriako Dorante  
Cr Aggie Hankin – *joined meeting at 9.15am*  
Cr Kabay Tamu  
Cr Francis Pearson  
Cr Ted Mosby  
Cr Bob Kaigey

## APOLOGIES:

Division 1 – Boigu  
Division 4 – Mabuiag  
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**  
Division 13 – Ugar  
Division 14 – Erub

Cr Dimas Toby – *prior commitments*  
Cr Keith Fell – *prior commitments*  
Cr Ranetta Wosomo – *prior commitments*  
Cr Rocky Stephen – *prior commitments*  
Cr Nixon Mye – *prior commitments*

## OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Director Building Services  
Executive Director Community Services  
Executive Director Corporate Services  
Executive Director Engineering Services  
Executive Director Financial Services  
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor  
Preston Law  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William  
Mr Wayne Green  
Mr Dawson Sailor  
Ms Susanne Andres  
Mr David Baldwin  
Ms Hollie Faithfull  
Ms Joanne Bryant  
Ms Martine Care  
Ms Trudy Lui  
Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 9.10am the Mayor formally opened the October 2024 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members were present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings upon our lives, our families, our region and people and our Council;
- The Traditional Custodians throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- The Traditional Custodians of Kaurareg and Cairns who host elements of the TSIRC footprint; and
- All Elders and Leaders – past, present and emerging.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may be observing Sorry Business at this time, the thoughts and prayers of all Councillors.

Cr John Levi delivered the opening prayer and this was followed by a Minute of Silence for reflection.

**B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>prior commitments</i>	PEARSON/HANKIN
Division 4 – Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>prior commitments</i>	ANIBA/PEARSON
Division 5 – Badu	Cr Ranetta Wosomo – <i>prior commitments</i>	DORANTE/T. MOSBY
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen – <i>prior commitments</i>	ANIBA/MANAS
Division 14 – Erub	Cr Nixon Mye – <i>prior commitments</i>	

**C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Cr Iona Manas advised the meeting that he is the Chairperson of the Mualgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC on Mua.

The Mayor invited Councillors to declare any Conflict of Interest matters. No declarations were made.

The Mayor made a further request to Councillors to formally email him prior to each Trustee Meeting to either declare any COI matters, or to seek clarification if they were unsure if they had a COI to declare.

**D. LIVE STREAM**

The Mayor advised Council that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (18 September 2024)**

#T24-28/2024-10/1

CR DORANTE / CR PEARSON

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 18 September 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.1. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item and the update was noted by Council.

## 2. DAUAN MECHANICS WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL – RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT

#T24-28/2024-10/2

CR TAMU / CR PEARSON

Council (as Trustee):

- (a) grants owner's consent to the proposed development approval for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots) of land at Lot 39 Main Road, Dauan Island, described as Lot 39 on SP270872, in accordance the indicative plans contained in this report; and
- (b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to progress the development application process, including signing the Trustee consent form.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 3. ITEMS ARISING

### 3.1. Trustee Policy Consultations

The Mayor advised the meeting that he had been invited to the Trustee Policy consultations undertaken with the Kubin Community and would like to formally acknowledge the professionalism and culturally-appropriate manner in which the TSIRC staff undertook those consultations. The Mayor was impressed and commended the open and transparent manner of the staff engagement with attendees and thanked Ms Joanne Bryant (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor) and her Team on behalf of Council.

The Chief Executive Officer responded by thanking the Mayor for his comments and noted that land tenure can be a divisive issue if not done properly and he is confident that the Consultation Team will continue to advocate in a similar manner throughout the remainder of their consultation process.

Cr Iona Manas also thanked the Consultation Team for their good and outstanding work.

### 3.2. Consultation Process During Sorry Business

Cr Bob Kaigey advised that some sectors of the community are missing out on the opportunity to participate in the consultation processes due to the high level of Sorry Business commitments during the consultations and requested advice on how Council can address this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer thanked Cr Kaigey for his comments and emphasised the importance for Council to ensure that the entire community is given an opportunity to have full, proper, open and informed knowledge and this means having proper access to TSIRC consultations. He advised Cr Kaigey that the preference is for pre-arranged visits to be postponed to a later date in the event of Sorry Business occurring, or if consultations are underway in a community when the 'sad news' is announced, it is best practice to seek advice from the relevant Councillor on how to proceed further with the consultation.

## 4. NEXT MEETING – 15 NOVEMBER 2024 (CAIRNS)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor asked Councillors to note and follow up on actions assigned to them and requested the Chief Executive Officer to ask his Executives to assist Councillors with those actions. The Mayor formally closed the Trustee meeting at 10.10am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 15 November 2024

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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 15 November 2024

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James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 15 November 2024

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