



**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# Minutes

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 2023

Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, 24th January 2023

Video Conference

**PRESENT:**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu  
Cr Torengo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan  
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuia  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (Hammond)  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)  
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)  
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

**STAFF:**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services  
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services  
*Note: Technical Issues prevented Mr Sailor to engage uninterrupted*  
Ms Noeleen Selke, Executive Director Corporate Services  
Mrs Julia Mauro, Senior Legal Officer  
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Officer  
Ms Nicola Daniels, Acting Executive Director Financial Services  
Ms Julie Marino, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
*Note: Technical Issues prevented Ms Lui to engage uninterrupted*

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu – running late  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Deputy Mayor, Division 9 – Iama (Yam) – medical appointment

**TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 24 January 2023**  
**Agenda Items**

1. **9:20am - 9:25am**                      **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby opened the Trustee Meeting for January 2023 with a welcome and declared a quorum was achieved and welcomed and acknowledged:

- Our new Executive Director for Corporate Services, Ms Noeleen Selke to the meeting and looks forward to working with Ms Selke through Council. Mayor Mosby also acknowledged the experience and knowledge Ms Selke brings to Council and trusts that she will use this knowledge to enable, assist and guide the collective team to progress the region moving forward.
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome, wisdom, knowledge and understanding upon our lives, our family, our organisation, our people and region
- Traditional Owners of this land we gather today
- Elders, leaders, past, present and emerging
- Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Staff

Mayor Mosby opened the meeting in a word of prayer at 9:20am.

A minute's silence is observed as a mark of respect to families in sorry business throughout the region and on the mainland.

2. **9:25am – 9:26am**                      **Apologies**

Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui, Division 9 – Iama – medical appointment. Will dial in after medical appointment.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

That Council accepts the apology of Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui for the January 2023 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu – running late

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Francis Pearson*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Laurie Nona for the January 2023 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

3. **9:26am – 9:27am**                      **Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) Declarable and Prescribed**

No declarations or relevant legal proceedings declarations were made by Councillors. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to make a declaration at any time during the meeting.

4. **9:27am – 9:30am**                      **Confirmation of Trustee Meeting Minutes**

- Trustee Meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022.

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Francis Pearson Second: Cr John Levi*

**That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

5. **9:30am – 9:50am** **Trustee Outstanding Action Items**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer provided an update of the Trustee Action Items.

A legal representative is required to be present at all Council Meetings.

Chief Executive Officer reported that we are unable to successfully recruit a qualified and experienced lawyer for the current budgeted remuneration. This remuneration will have to be reviewed in order to attract suitable candidates.

We need one legal officer focusing on Land strategies, DOGIT, Trustee Issues etc and one legal officer focussing on Commercial and Local Government Issues and contracts.

**ACTION:**

**Cr Aven Noah as Chair of the Standing Committee, Cultural Arts, Land and Heritage Committee to review November 2021 Closed Business Report on Entry to DOGIT Land before Secretariat sends information on to Mayor Mosby and Councillors information from Mrs Julia Mauro.**

**ACTION:**

**The Standing Committee, Cultural Arts, Land and Heritage Committee to review Action Item Island Custom under Provision under Legislation. Standing Committee to review prior to Secretariat sending information on to Mayor Mosby and Councillors information from Mrs Julia Mauro.**

6. **9:45am – 9:45am** **Standing Agenda Item: (verbal update)**

- Undocumented commercial land occupation project – verbal update
- DOGIT Transfers – Verbal Update

Mrs Julia Mauro, Senior Legal Officer, provided a verbal update on the undocumented commercial land occupation project. Discussions were held on community trustee consultation e.g. for Boigu Defence lease and identification of TO's as a separate process. All new leases depend on Trustee Policy Review.

Mrs Mauro is preparing a February 2023 Trustee Meeting Closed Business Report regarding CEQ leases. Council wants to revisit the CEQ counter-offer.

9:55am Cr Laurie Nona joined the Trustee meeting.

**DOGIT Transfers – Verbal Update**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby and Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer, provided a verbal update on the DOGIT Transfers.

Cr Rocky Stephen suggested to hold a discussion with full Council re: Code of Conduct and processes and engage with Registrar regarding processes, lessons learned and handover.

9:50am Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui joined the Trustee meeting.

Further discussions took place on having a Lesson Learned Workshop at SARG in February.

7. **9:50am – 10:00am** **LEGAL – TR – Badu Council v Minister**

Mrs Julia Mauro, Senior Legal Officer spoke to the report.

**RESOLUTION:**

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela, Second: Cr Aven Noah  
That Trustee resolves to note the report.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

8. **10:00am – 10:00am**                      **Next meeting – Tuesday, 21st February 2023 via VC**

9. **10:00am – 10:05am**                      **Closing Remarks**

Mayor Mosby thanked all staff and Councillors for their engagement in the Trustee meeting. Mayor Mosby declared the Trustee meeting closed to reconvene in Council Ordinary Meeting after morning tea.

**MEETING CLOSED – 10:05AM**

**MORNING TEA – 10:05AM – 10:20AM**



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Mr James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 28/2/2023



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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 28/2/2023

**RATIFIED**