



TRUSTEE MEETING  
18 MARCH 2025

# MINUTES

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Poruma, Torres Strait

*Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 444 817 231 261 | Passcode: 5Qi9pt9f*

PRESENT:

**Mayor**

Division 3 - Saibai

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 9 – Iama

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 6 – Arkai

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Iona Manas

Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Financial Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor

Manager Governance & Risk

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

IT Support Officer (Desktop & Systems Administrator)

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Susanne Andres

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Joanne Bryant

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Trudy Lui

Mr Dmitri Bezuglov

Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Executive Director Engineering Services

Mr David Baldwin

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

At 9.00am the Mayor formally opened the March 2025 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was 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 leaders, our region and people and our Council and staff;
- 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.

The Mayor made special acknowledgement to Cr Francis Pearson and the Elders and members of Poruma for their welcome and agreement to host Council for the March 2025 Council Meetings.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of Council during this time.

Cr John Levi delivered the opening prayer and the Council observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect and reflection to honour the memory of deceased loved ones.

Cr Francis Pearson welcomed Council on behalf of the Poruma Community and provided attendees with a general overview of housekeeping arrangements for the meeting.

## B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 1 - Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>prior commitment</i>	CR WOSOMO / CR ANIBA
Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torengo Elisala – <i>prior commitment</i>	
Division 6 – Arkai	Cr Iona Manas – <i>prior commitment</i>	
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitment</i>	

## C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda.

**Cr John Levi** declared a COI in relation to AI 4 (St Pauls Lodge Extension Date – Trustee Consent) stating that the matter directly involves his sister (Ms Susannah Sailor).

No other declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also requested that if there are any legal matters involving Councillors, then Councillors should advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No declarations were made by Councillors.

**D. LIVE STREAM**

The Mayor advised Council that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed those members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (19 February 2025)**

#T24-28/2025-3/1

CR MYE / CR T. MOSBY

**Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 19 February 2025.**

**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. OWNER'S CONSENT TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR OPERATIONAL WORKS FOR EXTRACTION OF MATERIAL >50m<sup>3</sup> ON LOT 403 SP270873 ERUB ISLAND ROAD, ERUB**

#T24-28/2025-3/2

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

**Council (as Trustee):**

- (a) grants owner's consent to the proposed Development Application for operational works for excavation of approximately 150m<sup>3</sup> of fill from lot 403 SP270873 Erub Island Road, Erub; and**
- (b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to sign the Trustee consent form.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****3. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

#T24-28/2025-3/3

CR FELL / CR T. MOSBY

**Council (as Trustee) resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to allow the Trustee to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *Prior to the commencement of discussion of Agenda Item 4, Cr Levi left the meeting (9.25am) in accordance with his declared COI.*

#### 4. ST PAULS LODGE EXTENSION DATE – TRUSTEE CONSENT

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: these matters involve discussions relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]*

#T24-28/2025-3/4

CR DORANTE / CR STEPHEN

**Council (as Trustee):**

- Grants Ms Sailor a further extension of time from 13 February 2025 to 30 June 2026 to register a lease over the premises on lot 176 on SP256048, and to satisfy the native title special condition for the grant of the lease; and
- Delegates to the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer each the power to execute the deed of variation to effect the extension of time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

➤ *Following resolution of the above decision, Cr Levi was invited to rejoin the meeting and did so at 9.35am.*

#### 5. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-3/5

CR STEPHEN / CR HANKIN

**Council (as Trustee) resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 84 of the Local Government Act 2009.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 6. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council (as Trustee) formally resolved as detailed in Agenda Items 3 to 5 above.

##### **Action Required:**

1. Housing, Families and Safe and Healthy Communities (HFSHC) Advisory Committee to explore future options in relation to TSIRC peppercorn leases and provide advice to Council via the Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee.
2. Updates by Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee on strategic matters in relation to land and native title to be a standing agenda item for all future Trustee Council meetings until further notice.

#### 7. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.


#### 8. NEXT MEETING – 23 APRIL 2025 (Microsoft TEAMS)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

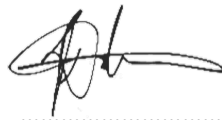
## 9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 9.55am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 23 April 2025



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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 23 April 2025



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James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 23 April 2025

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