



TRUSTEE MEETING  
23 APRIL 2025

# MINUTES

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 476 855 447 656 | Passcode: xg7po2yi

PRESENT:

**Mayor**

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Division 6 – Arkai

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 9 – Iama

Division 10 – Warraber

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby – *joined meeting at 10.00am*

Cr Torenzo Elisala – *left meeting at 10.45am for commemoration ceremony on Saibai*

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Iona Manas

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Aggie Hankin – *joined meeting at 9.20am*

Cr Kabay Tamu – *joined meeting at 9.30am*

Cr Francis Pearson – *joined meeting at 9.55am due to IT issues*

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey – *joined meeting at 9.35am*

APOLOGIES:

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

Cr John Levi

ABSENT:

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Cr Chelsea Aniba – *commemoration ceremony on Saibai*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native

Title Advisor

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Joanne Bryant

Ms Marie Haines

Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Ms Trudy Lui

GUESTS:

Moray & Agnew Lawyers

Mr Andrew Kerr (Partner) – *AI 3 only*

CONFIRMED

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

At 9.05am the Mayor formally opened the April 2025 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Papa God 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 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 Keith Fell 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.

**B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 7 - Wug	Cr John Levi – <i>medical commitment</i>	CR FELL / CR ELISALA

**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. No 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 (18 March 2025)**

#T24-28/2025-4/1

CR FELL / CR DORANTE

**Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 18 March 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. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

#T24-28/2025-4/2

CR DORANTE / CR MANAS

**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**

- *Mr Andrew Kerr, Partner – Moray & Agnew Lawyers, joined the meeting at 9.30am and spoke to Agenda Item 3 below.*

**3. UPDATE ON HAMMOND ISLAND NATIVE TITLE CLAIM**

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].*

#T24-28/2025-4/3

CR PEARSON / CR DORANTE

**Council (as Trustee):**

- (a) notes the report; and
- (b) authorises Moray & Agnew to have further negotiations with Chalk & Behrendt regarding the outstanding Lots mentioned in the table attached to this report, including negotiating an Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. CULTURE, ARTS, LAND & HERITAGE (CALH) ADVISORY COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON LAND AND NATIVE TITLE STRATEGIC MATTERS**

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].*

Not discussed in the absence of Cr Aniba.

**5. NATIVE TITLE CONSENT PROCESS FOR NEW HOUSING – ‘QUICKSTARTS QLD’**

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].*

#T24-28/2025-4/5

CR MANAS / CR FELL

**Council (as Trustee) approves that engagement is undertaken with relevant Prescribed Bodies Corporate and GBK in relation to a Native Title consent proposal for social housing new builds under the “QuickStarts Qld” funding package.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *Cr Toby declared his dual responsibility as a Councillor and as Chair of his local PBC in relation to Agenda Item 6 above and supported the Trustee decision.*
- *Cr Elisala dialled-out of the meeting at 10.45am to attend a commemoration ceremony on Saibai Island. The Mayor requested that Cr Elisala pass on to the Saibai Community the thoughts, heartfelt sympathies and prayers of Council at this time.*
- *Cr Tamu declared a Conflict of Interest (direct family member) in relation to Agenda Item 6 and dialled out of the meeting at 10.45am.*

#### **6. TRANSFER OF DWELLING – 25 WILLIAM STREET, PORUMA (LOT 25 ON SP270862)**

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: This matter involves a contract proposed to be made by the Trustee Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council or someone else.]*

#T24-28/2025-4/6

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

**Council (as Trustee):**

- (a) **agrees to transfer the dwelling located at 25 William Street, Poruma (described as Lot 25 on SP270862) to the registered leaseholder; and**
- (b) **delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all necessary steps to give effect to paragraph (a) of this resolution, including by negotiating, finalising and executing on behalf of Council an Agreement to Transfer Dwelling with the leaseholder.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *Cr Tamu was invited to rejoin the meeting at the conclusion of discussion on Agenda Item 6.*

#### **7. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION**

#T24-28/2025-3/7

CR TAMU / CR MANAS

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **8. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Council (as Trustee) formally resolved as detailed in Agenda Items 3 to 7 above.

**9. ITEMS ARISING**

The Mayor requested that an action arising from discussions was the need for more training for Councillors in relation to clarifying the decision—making responsibilities for Councillors with dual responsibilities as members of a local PBC.

**Action Required:**

Additional training to be provided at the May 2025 Council Workshop in relation to clarifying the decision—making responsibilities of Councillors who also have dual responsibilities as members of a local PBC.

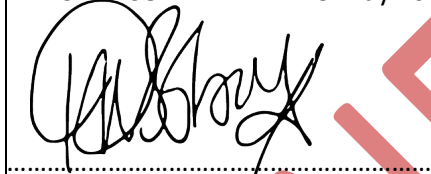
**10. NEXT MEETING – 23 MAY 2025 (Cairns)**

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

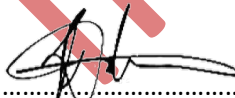
**11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 11.00am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 23 May 2025



Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council