



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 cultural commitments*
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 – *cultural commitments 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*

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 cultural commitments 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

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

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