



TRUSTEE MEETING
22 JULY 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am
Venue: Community Hall, Mabuiag (Torres Strait)

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)
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 Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Iona Manas – *via Microsoft TEAMS, left at 9:30am*
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 10 – Warraber
Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
A/g Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native
Title Advisor
Manager Governance & Risk
Manager Information Technology
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Executive Assistant to the CEO
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Mr Adeah Kabai
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Joanne Bryant

Ms Kim Kerwin – *via Microsoft TEAMS*
Mr Warren Jenkins
Ms Trudy Lui
Ms Amy Orr
Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Chief Executive Officer LG Services Group
Mr Scott Mason

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

At 9.00am the Mayor formally opened the July 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, favour and understanding, blessings upon our region, our collective leadership at TSIRC and our people across the TSIRC footprint;
- The Traditional Custodians of Mabuiag and their Elders - past, present and emerging;
- Traditional Custodians of land and sea 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 also made special acknowledgement of the Goemulgaw (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC Deputy Chairperson (**Mr Frank Whap**) and thanked him for his warm welcome to Council at the Mabuiag Community Dinner on 21 July 2025.

The Mayor also made special acknowledgement to **Cr Keith Fell** as the hosting Councillor for the July 2025 Trustee and Ordinary Council Meetings, thanking him for all of the preparation work undertaken in the lead-up to this meeting. The warmth of the Mabuiag Community (including the Welcome Dinner on 21 July 2025) was very much felt and appreciated by Councillors and visiting TSIRC staff and the Mayor requested that Cr Fell pass on these sentiments to his Community on behalf of Council.

The Mayor conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community locally and 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 Keith Fell warmly welcomed Council and visiting TSIRC staff to Mabuiag and provided an overview of on-ground arrangements during the period of the Council meeting.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu – <i>prior commitments in his capacity as Chair of ECCA</i>	CR WOSOMO / CR HANKIN

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 Torenzo Elisala advised that he had a COI in relation to Agenda Item 5 and would not participate in discussions. No other 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 (17 June 2025)

#T24-28/2025-7/1

CR ELISALA / CR PEARSON

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 17 June 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

#T24-28/2025-7/2

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

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

3. Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee – Update on Land & Native Title Strategic Matters – *verbal update by Cr Chelsea Aniba*

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

Council noted the verbal update on Land and Native Title Strategic Matters provided by Cr Chelsea Aniba (Chairperson of the CALH Advisory Committee).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Adoption of Updated Trustee Policy

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

#T24-28/2025-7/4

CR DORANTE / CR FELL

Council (as Trustee):

- a) **adopts the Trustee Policy PO19 attached to the officer's report (amended version as authorised on 22 July 2025) noting it supersedes any previous versions; and**
- b) **delegates to the Mayor, the authority to execute the new Trustee Policy PO19 as authorised on 22 July 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor congratulated Council on the adoption of the Trustee Policy PO19 and thanked all involved throughout its entire development, with special acknowledgement to the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant and her Team) and the Chairperson, Members and Executive Lead of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee.

- *Cr Torenzo Elisala declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Agenda Item 5 below (in his capacity as PBC Chairperson) and excused himself from the meeting during discussions.*
- *The Mayor proposed that Councillors with PBC conflicts (Crs Elisala, Toby, Pearson and Manas), who would normally be excused from discussions on this matter, be allowed to remain present for discussion, but would be excluded from voting on any Council resolution for this item. The motion was moved by Cr Fell and seconded by Cr Aniba and all Councillors were in favour (including those with PBC conflicts).*

5. QuickStarts – Update on Native Title Consent Process

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

#T24-28/2025-7/5

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

Council (as Trustee):

- (a) notes the update provided in this report in relation to engagement that was undertaken with relevant Prescribed Bodies Corporate and GBK, about a Native Title consent proposal for social housing new builds under the “QuickStarts Qld” funding package;
- (b) approves that continued engagement is undertaken with the PBCs;
- (c) approves that preliminary analysis is undertaken in relation to a Regional Social Housing Indigenous Land Use Agreement for future social housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION**

#T24-28/2025-7/6

CR ANIBA / CR STEPHEN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**7. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Council (as Trustee) formally resolved as detailed in Agenda Items 3 to 6 above.

8. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING – 20 AUGUST 2025 (VC)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 11.00am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 20 August 2025

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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