



TRUSTEE MEETING
17 JUNE 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: Masig (Torres Strait)

Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 462 047 719 435 | Passcode: jt3zM9Cq

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan

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 10 – Warraber

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante – *via Microsoft TEAMS*

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 1 – Boigu

Cr Dimas Toby

ABSENT:

Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)

Cr Iona Manas

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native

Title Advisor

Manager Governance & Risk

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

IT Manager

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Joanne Bryant – *via Microsoft TEAMS*

Ms Kim Kerwin – *via Microsoft TEAMS*

Ms Trudy Lui

Mr Warren Jenkins

Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 9.05am the Mayor formally opened the June 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 Masig 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 Masig PBC Chairperson (**Mr Daniel Mosby**) and thanked him for his warm welcome to Council at the Masig Community Dinner on 16 June 2025.

The Mayor also made special acknowledgement to **Cr Ted Mosby** as the hosting Councillor for the June 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 Masig Community (including the Welcome Dinner on 16 June 2025) was very much felt and appreciated by Councillors and visiting TSIRC staff and the Mayor requested that Cr Mosby kindly convey 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 Francis Pearson 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 Ted Mosby warmly welcomed Council and visiting TSIRC staff to Masig.

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 commitments</i>	CR HANKIN / CR WOSOMO

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.

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 (23 May 2025)

#T24-28/2025-6/1

CR T. MOSBY / CR ANIBA

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 23 May 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.

- *Cr Torenzo Elisala declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Agenda Item 2 below (in his capacity as PBC Chairperson) and excused himself from the meeting during discussions.*

2. Owner's Consent to Benelec Pty Ltd to the making of a Development Application for Material Change of Use (Telecommunications Facility) – Ancillary Helipad at Mount Cornwallis Dauan on Lot 77 SP270872 and Part of Lot 9 SP287221

#T24-28/2025-6/2

CR PEARSON / CR FELL

Council (as Trustee) resolves to:

- 1. Grant owner's consent to Benelec Pty Ltd to the making of a development application for material change of use (Telecommunications facility) – ancillary helipad at Mount Cornwallis Dauan on land described as Lot 77 SP270872 and part of Lot 9 SP287221; and**
- 2. Note the Chief Executive Officer has delegated powers under the *Planning Act 2016* to assess and decide the properly made development application and issue the decision notice.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *For the purposes of any COI concerns, Council noted that Cr Iona Manas was not online during discussion on Agenda Item 3 below.*

3. Owner's Consent to Benelec Pty Ltd to the making of a Development Application for Material Change of Use (Telecommunications Facility) – Ancillary Helipad at Banks Peak Kubin on Land Described as Part of Lot 5 on SP271019

#T24-28/2025-6/3

CR MYE / CR STEPHEN

Council (as Trustee) resolves to:

- 1. Grant owner's consent to Benelec Pty Ltd to the making of a development application for material change of use (Telecommunications facility) – ancillary helipad at Banks Peak, Kubin on land described as part of Lot 5 on SP271019; and**
- 2. Note the Chief Executive Officer has delegated powers under the *Planning Act 2016* to assess and decide the properly made development application and issue the decision notice.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. St Pauls Government Employee Housing Request

#T24-28/2025-6/4

CR LEVI / CR TAMU

Council (as Trustee):

- (a) provides owner's consent to the proposed development application for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 3 lots - being the subdivision of Lot 6 on SP256048 to create 3 lots (proposed lots 309, 310 and 311), balance Lot 6 and new road;
- (b) approves a Conditional Agreement to Lease and subsequent 40-year lease over Lots 309 and 310 for the purpose of the Department of Housing and Public Works, Government Employee Housing constructing two 2-bedroom units on each of those lots (4 units in total); and
- (c) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to progress negotiations on commercial terms and conditions satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer, to formalise the Trustee's approval in relation to all matters set out in this resolution, including by executing necessary documents, including the Conditional Agreement to Lease and subsequent lease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2025-6/5

CR FELL / CR WOSOMO

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

6. 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

7. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-6/7

CR MYE / CR ELISALA

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 6 and 7 above.

9. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING – 22 JULY 2025 (Mabuiag)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 9.50am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 22 July 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