



TRUSTEE MEETING 20 AUGUST 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: *Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 467 818 141 400 | Passcode: 3ef2Dq2s*

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 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 – *joined meeting at 9.20am (due to technology issues)*

Cr Keith Fell – *joined meeting at 9.30am (due to technology issues)*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 9 – Iama

Cr Aggie Hankin – *due to travel commitments*

ABSENT:

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Iona Manas

OFFICERS:

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Acting Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Manager Governance & Risk

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title
Advisor

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Executive Assistant to the CEO

Travel Officer

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr Dawson Sailor

Mr Wayne Green

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr Adeah Kabai

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Joanne Bryant

Ms Trudy Lui

Ms Amy Orr

Ms Emma William – *joined meeting at 9.45am*

Mr Darryl Brooks

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

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

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- 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 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.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 9 - Iama	Cr Aggie Hankin – prior travel commitments	CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the normal procedure is for Councillors to advise him prior to each meeting if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda. The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to make. No declarations were made.

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.

The Mayor paid special homage to past leaders as the region approaches the 88th Anniversary of the First Councillors' Conference held at Masig on 23 August 1937 where Councillors discussed laws, governance and the future of the Torres Strait Islands. The Mayor thanked the Chairperson and Members of Council's Governance & Leadership Advisory Committee (Chair – **Cr Dimas Toby**; Members – **Cr Ranetta Wosomo** and **Cr Nixon Mye**) for their work with **Ms Sandy Killick**, **Mr Scott Mason** and Council's **Administration & Communication Team** to develop the publication "*Malungu Yangu Wakay | Mirkok | Ikya Malunhumun*" (now bringing together the Northern Peninsula Area region, the Torres Shire region and the Torres Strait Island region) to commemorate the 88th anniversary of the first Torres Strait Island Councillors' Conference and to provide a regional update on the 'one voice' concept for the Torres Strait area.

Further discussion on this anniversary will be undertaken during the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting with Ms Killick and Mr Mason.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (22 July 2025)

#T24-28/2025-8/1

CR LEVI / CR ELISALA

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 22 July 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to this item and the update was noted by Council.

2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2025-8/2

CR TAMU / CR DORANTE

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).

- *The DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) and the Executive Director Building Services (Mr Wayne Green) spoke to AI 4 below.*

4. 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].

#T24-28/2025-8/4

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 (PBCs), about a Native Title consent proposal for social housing new builds under the “QuickStarts Qld” funding package; and
- (b) approves continued engagement is undertaken with the PBCs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-8/5

CR ELISALA / CR MYE

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.

7. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

8. NEXT MEETING – 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 (VC)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 9.50am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 17 September 2025

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council