



# Minutes

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 2023

TRUSTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

Video Conference

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**Tuesday 18 April 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan (*by telephone dial-in due to internet issues*)  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 - Badu  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Arkai  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)  
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr), Deputy Mayor Division 9 – Iama  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig  
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub  
Division 15 – Mer was not represented

**PRESENT:**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services  
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services  
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services  
Mr David Kempton, Acting Executive Director Community Services  
Ms Julie Marino, Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Mr Darryl Brooks, Secretariat Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar

Note: The participation of Cr Torenzo Elisala via telephone dial-in was noted and approved by Council, as inclement weather was affecting internet services at the time the meeting commenced.

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**1. 9:15am    Welcome**

Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) commenced the Council's Trustee Meeting for April 2023 at 9.15am. and acknowledged, Councillors, Executive and Administration Staff.

The Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) being physically in Cairns at this time, also acknowledged the traditional Aboriginal custodians of Cairns, where the TSIRC office is located; as well as:

- Cultural acknowledgements for the Torres Strait region across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the Gimuy-walubarra yidi people – the traditional owners of the lands on which we are meeting;
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge and understanding; and
- All Elders, past, present and emerging.

The Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) advised Council that Mayor Mosby was currently travelling to Cairns and would join the meeting as soon as possible after arrival.

**2. Opening Prayer**

The Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) asked everyone to be upstanding and delivered the opening prayer.

**3. Attendance**

The Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) completed a roll call of Councillors to establish a Quorum.

**4. Apologies**

The following apologies were tabled.

- Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
- Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island
- Cr Rocky Stephen, Division13 - Ugar

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

**That Council accepts the apology for Cr Conwell Tabuai and Cr John Levi for the April 2023 Trustee Meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Laurie Nona

Against: Cr Keith Fell

**That Council accepts the apology for Cr Rocky Stephen for the April 2023 Trustee Meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed**

The Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Council business to be considered at the meeting. No such declarations were made.

6. **Confirmation of Previous Trustee Minutes of 22 March 2023**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

**That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 22 March 2023, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **Action Items from Previous Meetings**

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Council with a verbal update on action items from the Trustee Meeting held on 22 March 2023.

8. **Council Moves into Closed Business**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

**That in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed business to discuss matters of the following nature:**

- **Corporate Services: Veto Powers**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **Corporate Services – Veto Powers**

**Resolution completed after Council moved out of Closed Business.**

10. **Move out of Closed Business**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

**That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution from Closed Business Agenda item**

**9. Corporate Services – Veto**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

Against: Cr Torenzo Elisala

**That Council write to Mr Mike Kaiser, the Director General State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, advising that the Council does not support any changes to its existing veto powers in Part 4 Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 2009 confers on divisional Councillors.**

**A. ACTION: Council to write to Mr Mike Kaiser, the Director General State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, advising that the Council does not support any changes to its existing veto powers in Part 4 Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 2009 confers on divisional Councillors.**

**B. ACTION: Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to monitor outcomes of the Government’s Review of Veto Powers and report back to Council.**

**11. Business Arising**

No items discussed as business arising.

**12. Next Meeting**

Council noted that its next meeting will be on 25-26 May 2023 in Cairns.

**13. Closing Remarks & Prayer**

The meeting closed at 9.40am.



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Mr James William  
Chief Executive Officer  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 25 May 2023



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Cr. Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: 25 May 2023