



Minutes

TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

16 November 2023

MINUTES: Trustee Council Meeting – November 2023

[Confirmed @ December 2023 Trustee Council Meeting]

PRESENT:

Division 1 - Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby
Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torengo Elisala
Division 3 – Saibai	Cr Conwell Tabuai
Division 4 – Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell
Division 5 – Badu	Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Division 6 – Arkai	Cr Lama Trinkoon
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)	Cr Seriako Dorante
Division 9 – Iama	Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – Deputy Mayor
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu
Division 11 – Poruma	Cr Francis Pearson
Division 12 – Masig	Cr Hilda Mosby
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen
Division 14 - Erub	Cr Jimmy Gela
Division 15 – Mer	<i>not represented</i>

APOLOGIES:

Mayor

Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr John Levi

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
Executive Director Building Services	Mr Wayne Green
Executive Director Community Services	Mr Dawson Sailor
Executive Director Engineering Services	Mr David Baldwin
Executive Director Financial Services	Ms Hollie Faithfull
Corporate Services Support	Ms Margaret Gatt
TSIRC Legal Advisor (Preston Law)	Mr Julian Bodenmann
Executive Support Coordinator	Ms Sharon Russell
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	Ms Trudy Lui
Secretariat Officer	Mr Darryl Brooks

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Ada Tillet
Gina Milla
Ziann Baragud
Alice Nona
Jacinta Baragud
Serianna Lui

- *In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor chaired the November 2023 Trustee Council Meeting.*

1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation

At 9.15am the Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM, completed a roll call of Councillors. A quorum for the November 2023 Trustee Council Meeting was noted and the Deputy Mayor formally opened the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed those members of the public who were observing the meeting and provided them with an overview of the purpose and role of the Trustee Council in relation to DOGIT lands.

The Deputy Mayor also acknowledged those members of the community who are experiencing Sorry Business and extended to them the thoughts and prayers of Council at this time.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Keith Fell delivered the opening prayer and a minute of silence was observed by those present for reflection and remembrance, and for those who have recently passed.

3. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)	Cr John Levi

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed

The Deputy Mayor requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and to also advise if they were currently involved in any legal proceedings which pertain to Trustee business to be considered at the meeting.

Cr Torenzo Elisala (Division 2 – Dauan) declared a native title/family conflict in relation to AI 7 (Helipad Development – Department of Home Affairs).

No other declarations were made.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (24 October 2023)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee Council Meeting held on 24 October 2023 to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Action Items from Previous Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Trustee Council with a verbal update on the status of Action Items arising from the previous meeting, as well as outstanding action items from previous meetings.

ACTION:

1. DOGIT Matters - Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the preparation of strategic options to be considered at the December 2023 Trustee Council meeting on ways forward for the current and incoming Trustee Council to engage effectively with the Queensland Government in relation to the impacts of current government policy on DOGIT transfer matters (including the 4 points highlighted by Andrew Kerr at the November 2023 Council Workshop):
 - to also include Trustee Council deputations to Brisbane to raise directly with the Premier and relevant Ministers the concerns of the Trustee in relation to DOGIT matters in the Torres Strait, including consideration on calling for a judicial review (refer AI 7 from August 2023 meeting); and
 - isolate particular issues and articulate a way forward with those issues.
2. CEQ Matters - Chief Executive Officer to liaise with Cr Dimas Toby in relation to CEQ Board engagement (particularly in relation to Seaswift matters, leasing, fuel matters and general pricing).
3. Saibai Island Church/options to assist in the maintenance and/or restoration of heritage-listed sites and buildings to be considered at the December 2023 meeting.
4. Power of Veto dot-points to be provided to Councillors for the purposes of explaining clearly back to their communities what those powers can be used for (DOGIT lands only), and to clarify the powers of individual Councillors/Trustee Council decisions.

➤ *Cr Torenzo Elisala declared his conflict in relation to AI 7 and left the meeting at 10.25am.*

7. CORPORATE SERVICES: Helipad Development – Department of Home Affairs

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That the Trustee delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to progress negotiations with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) in relation to the proposed development of helipad infrastructure at existing DHA sites on Dauan Island, Erub Island and Arkai/Kubin on Moa Island.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Trustee Council meeting adjourned for morning tea break at 10.45am.*
- *The Deputy Mayor invited the observing members of the public to join the Trustee Council for morning tea and advised that after morning tea the Trustee Council will proceed into Closed Business and that members of the public will need to be excused from the meeting.*
- *Trustee Council meeting resumed at 11.15am.*

8. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Trustee Council resolve to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to allow the Trustee Council to discuss items listed on the agenda under Closed Business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Cr Torenzo Elisala rejoined the meeting at 11.35am*

10. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Trustee Council resolve to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

9 (SAI*) CORPORATE SERVICES: DOGIT Update (verbal update)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

The Trustee Council:

- (a) notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer in relation to DOGIT; and
- (b) requests that the Chief Executive Officer prepare a paper on strategic options to be considered at the December 2023 Trustee Council meeting on ways forward for the current and incoming Trustee Council to engage effectively with the Queensland Government in relation to the direct impacts of current government policy on DOGIT transfer matters (including the 4 points highlighted by Andrew Kerr at the November 2023 Council Workshop).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Refer also to AI 6 actions listed at the November 2023 Trustee Council meeting.*

➤ *Trustee Council meeting adjourned for lunch from 1.00pm to 1.55pm.*

12. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

13. Next Meeting: 12 December 2023 (VC)

Noted by Council that confirmation of this date will be considered at the November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.

14. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Deputy Mayor formally closed the Trustee Council meeting at 2.20pm.

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 19 December 2023

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 19 December 2023

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