



Minutes

TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

24 October 2023

MINUTES: Trustee Council Meeting – October 2023

[Confirmed @ November 2023 Trustee Council Meeting]

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 - Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu
Division 6 – Arkai
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 14 - Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Conwell Tabuai
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Lama Trinkoon
Cr John Levi
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – **Deputy Mayor**
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Hilda Mosby
Cr Jimmy Gela
not represented

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
TSIRC Legal Advisor (Preston Law)
Executive Support Coordinator
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Secretariat Officer

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Gary Stevenson PSM
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Mr Julian Bodenmann
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Trudi Lui
Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)
Division 13 – Ugar

Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Rocky Stephen

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1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation

At 9.05am the Mayor completed a roll call of Councillors. A quorum for the October 2023 Trustee Council Meeting was noted and the Mayor formally opened the meeting by making the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings for our lives; upon our leadership, our Council and for our people right across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes;
- Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners throughout Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- All Elders with us, past, present and emerging.

The 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 Ranetta Wosomo delivered the opening prayer and a minute of silence was observed by those present for reflection and remembrance of those who have recently passed.

3. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)	Cr Seriako Dorante
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen

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

Mayor Mosby 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.

No declarations were made.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (19 September 2023)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 19 September 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.

The Trustee Council requested that priority be given to conducting face-to-face meetings with those communities impacted by unsafe buildings, such as the Church on Saibai Island, particularly in the lead up to the Festive Season when these dwellings are in high demand. It is important that communities are provided advice by the professionals who are involved with addressing the issues, including whether or not interim safety measures can be put in place in some cases.

The Chief Executive Officer stressed to the Trustee Council that rectification works on these unsafe buildings will always be a staged process as these facilities were constructed before the introduction of Building Regulations and Codes and will need to be rigorously assessed by experts before any work can be done. In some cases, some buildings are also Heritage Listed and this involves an entirely different process to be followed for any repairs or modifications can be done.

The Executive Director Building Services advised that he will be travelling to Saibai next week with Qbuild Engineers to undertake relevant assessments. He will also discuss arrangements further with Cr Tabuai out of session in relation to the Saibai Island Church.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES: Trustee Policy Review

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That the Trustee endorse the draft Trustee Policy, as presented, for community consultation, and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to develop and carry out a community and stakeholder consultation process on the draft Trustee Policy considered at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

The draft Trustee Policy to also address the following two issues:

- Conflict of Interest issues for Councillors who are also members of PBC and GBK structures; and
- Mining issues.

- *Trustee Council meeting adjourned for short break from 10.30am to 10.40am.*
- *Mayor undertook a roll call and a quorum was noted.*

8. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Second: Cr Keith Fell

That the Trustee 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 business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Levi

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

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

The Trustee Council noted the verbal update on DOGIT matters provided by the Chief Executive Officer and made the following resolution in relation to a DOGIT Transfer Policy:

DOGIT Transfer Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

That Council resolves to consider the terms of a draft policy in relation to DOGIT Transfer at a later Trustee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. BUSINESS ARISING

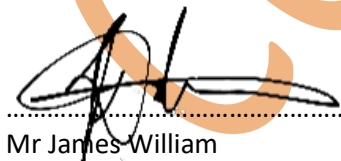
Nil.

13. Next Meeting: 16 November 2023 (Cairns)

Noted by Council.

14. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Mayor formally closed the Trustee Council meeting at 11.20am.



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 16 November 2023



Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM
Deputy Mayor / Acting Chairperson
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 16 November 2023