



# Draft Minutes

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

December 2022

TRUSTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Division 1, Boigu

**PRESENT:**

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor  
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu  
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai  
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island  
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kiriri (Hammond)  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Deputy Mayor, Division 9 – Iama (Yam)  
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber (Sue)  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma (Coconut)  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)  
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

**STAFF:**

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO)  
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)  
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services (EDBS)  
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services (HOCS)  
Mr Jacob Matysek, Executive Officer (EO)  
Ms Julie Marino, Executive Assistant to the CEO (EA)  
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor (EA)  
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (A/SO)

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer – annual leave  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan – sorry business  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu – personal family commitment  
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island – COVID  
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke) – medical reasons  
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley) – personal family leave

**TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Agenda Items**

**1. 9:20am - 9:22am Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby opened the Trustee Meeting for December with a welcome and acknowledged:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome, wisdom, knowledge and understanding upon our lives, our family, our Organisation, our people and region
- Traditional Owners of this land we gather today
- Elders, leaders, past, present and emerging
- Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Staff

Mayor Mosby invited Cr John Levi to open the meeting in a word of prayer at 9:20am

A minute's silence is observed as a mark of respect to families in sorry business throughout the region and on the mainland.

**2. 9:22am – 9:30am Apologies**

Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin – contracted COVID

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Lama Trinkoon for the December 2022 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu – Personal Family Commitment

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Francis Pearson*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Laurie Nona for the December 2022 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan – Sorry business - cultural obligations

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Serriako Dorante; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Torenzo Elisala for the December 2022 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig – Medical reasons

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Aven Noah*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Hilda Mosby for the December 2022 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**3. 9:30am - 9:31am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) Declarable and Prescribed**

Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to make a declaration of a Conflict of Interest or any relevant legal proceedings at any time during the meeting. There are no relevant legal proceedings against any Councillor.

4. **9:31am – 9:33am** **Confirmation of Trustee Meeting Minutes**
- Trustee Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- RESOLUTION:**  
*Moved: Cr Aven Noah; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu*  
**That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as a true and accurate account of that meeting.**
- MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

5. **9:33am – 9:45am** **Trustee Outstanding Action Items**
- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin provided the Trustee with an update on the action items on behalf of the Senior Legal Officer.
- Ms Jo Parisi from MacDonnell Law is available if required for any legal advice.
- Cr Aven Noah raised a concern of not having a legal representative present at Council meetings to address any legal matters and enquired on the progress of recruitment of the Manager Legal Services.

**9:45am – 9:50am** **Standing Agenda Item: (verbal update)**

A representative of Legal Services was not in attendance to provide a verbal update.

- Undocumented commercial land occupation project – verbal update
- DOGIT Transfers – Verbal Update

**ACTION:**

**Chief Executive Officer to ensure that a legal representative is present at all times at Council meetings.**

**ACTION:**

**That legal advice be provided to Council following the issue raised on Katter lease on the outcome of the Ahwang case.**

**ACTION:**

**That Culture, Arts Land and Heritage Committee look further regarding entry into Trustee area. What arrangements we have in place in terms of people entering Trustee communities and Local Government areas.**

**ACTION:**

**That Culture, Arts Land and Heritage Committee look further into the Ailan Custom provisions under legislation.**

Cr Keith Fell advised that Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee would also look further into this matter.

Cr Getano Lui also asked the standing committee to look further into the Ailan Custom provisions under legislation.

Cr Dimas Toby recommended exploring the partnership between PBC and Council and how we can work together to resolve those inconsistencies of entries into communities.

6. **9:50am – 9:50am** **Next meeting – date to be advised**

7. **9:50am – 10:03am** **Apology**

Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub – Personal family leave

**RESOLUTION:**

*Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante*

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Jimmy Gela for the December 2022 Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

8. **10:03am – 10:04am**

**Closing Remarks**

Mayor Phillemon Mosby thanked Councillors and Staff and declared the Trustee meeting closed to reconvene in Council Ordinary Meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED – 10:04AM**

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

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Cr Phillemon Mosby  
Mayor  
Torres Strait Island Regional Council  
Date: