

MINUTES

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2021

TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday 15th November 2021

Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre
Cairns

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 - Boigu
Cr Torengo Elisala, Division 2 - Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 - Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 - Mabuiag
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Arkai (Kubin), Mua Island
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls), Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirriri (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 Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (Yorke)
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar (Stephen)
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub (Darnley)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)

Mr David Baldwin, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)
Mr Dawson Sailor, Acting Executive Director, Community & Building Services (AEDCBS)
Mr Adeah Kabai, Acting Executive Director, Engineering Services (AEDES)
Ms Julia Maurus, Senior Legal Officer (SLO)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant (SEA)
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer (SO)

APOLOGIES:

Ms Megan Barrett, Interim Executive Director, Corporate Services (IEDCS)

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1. 9:00am - 9:03am Opening Prayer and Welcome

Mayor Mosby established quorum and acknowledged:

- Our Heavenly Father
- Traditional Owners of the lands we meet on today in the Cairns region and across Zenadth Kes
- All Elders past, present and emerging
- Executive Staff
- May Mosby to the role of Secretariat whilst Kathy Cochran is on secondment.

Mayor Mosby invited Cr Getano Lui to open the meeting in prayer and observed a minute silence for families in sorry business.

2. 9:03am – 9:05am Apologies

No apologies. Councillors noted that Cr Dimas Toby would be attending the meeting later in the morning.

3. 9:05am - 9:10am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) Declarable and Prescribed

No declaration made however Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors and staff to make a declaration at any time.

4. 9:10am – 9:15am Confirmation of Trustee Meeting Minutes

- Trustee Meeting – 19th October 2021

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Aven Noah, Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee meeting held on the 19th October 2021 as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

9.14am - Cr Dimas Toby joined the meeting.

5. 9:15am – 9:20am Outstanding Action Items

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Baldwin updated the Trustee on all action items.

6. 9:20am – 9:30am Standing Agenda Item (verbal update)

- TRUSTEE – Undocumented commercial land occupation project – verbal update

Senior Legal Officer, Ms Julia Maurus provided the Trustee with an update.

- DOGIT Transfers - verbal update

Senior Legal Officer, Ms Julia Maurus provided the Trustee with an update.

7. 9:30am – 9:30am TRUSTEE MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; 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 or someone else.

MOTION CARRIED

- LEGAL – CB – Tripartite Deed for Saibai Community Safety and Security Facility
- LEGAL – CB – Visitor Entry onto DOGIT and COVID-19 Protocols

8. 11:30am – 11:30am TRUSTEE MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS AND RESUME IN OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That the Trustee move out of Closed Business and resume the Trustee meeting in open business.

MOTION CARRIED

9. 11:30am – 11:40am LEGAL – CB – Tripartite Deed for Saibai Community Safety and Security Facility

ACTION: Senior Legal Officer to liaise with the Department to provide background on how and why the name “Saibai Community Safety and Security Facility” was selected and if the name is open for discussion.

ACTION: Senior Legal Officer to investigate how TSIRC can raise community-level issues such as the management of community safety issues, the international border and treaty movements to the State and Border Force and provide a response back to Council.

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10. 11:40am – 11:48am LEGAL – CB – Visitor Entry onto DOGIT and COVID-19 Protocols

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante

- That Legal Services draft changes to SLL7 (ensuring consistency with and permissible under the *ATSI(JLOM)A*) to reflect the desired process (and formalise the current practice) where Divisional Councillor permission is required before entering community, except in emergency situations where waiting for permission is impractical. Consultation with Mer and Badu PBCs will be necessary to adopt these changes.**
- That Legal Services draft the COVID-19 policy that we want to apply to our local government area in this public health emergency, including mandating vaccination (if permissible), and advocate with the State Government (via the Office of the Chief Health Officer) for the State to implement this policy as a public health directive / remote area declaration applicable to TSIRC’s local government area, with necessary statutory powers delegated to TSIRC.**
- That Legal Services seek feedback from Manager Visitor Operations and Manager Environment & Health on the proposed changes, and present the draft changes to next SARG and OM for endorsement. (Note: last SARG meeting for the year is 30 November.)**
- Responsible executive officer to provide a report on local law enforcement, as a standing agenda item on the monthly trustee meeting agenda.**

MOTION CARRIED

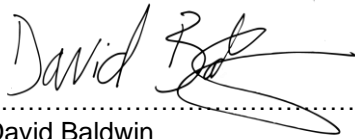
11. **11:48am – 11:50am** **Next meeting – Tuesday 7th December 2021**

Mayor Mosby confirmed the next Trustee meeting date – 7th December 2021.

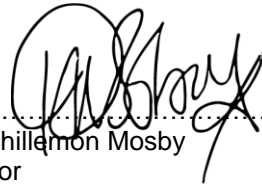
12. **11:50am – 12:00pm** **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and Staff for their time and declared the Trustee Meeting closed.

MEETING CLOSED – 12:00PM



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Mr David Baldwin
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
7th December 2021



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Cr Phillimon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
7th December 2021