



Minutes

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

August 2022

TRUSTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 24th August 2022

Division 12, Masig

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuia
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls) , Mua Island
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)

STAFF:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director, Financial Services (EDFS)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director, Engineering Services (EDES)
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services (HOCS)
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services (EDBS)
Mrs Ursula Nai, Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO (SEA)
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat

APOLOGIES:

Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai), Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kiriri (Hammond)
Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer (Murray)
Mr Peter Krebs, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (A/
EDCS)

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Agenda Items

1. 9:31am - 9:35am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Phillemon Mosby welcomed Councillors and Executive Staff to the Trustee meeting for the month of August 2022. An opening prayer was said earlier.

Mayor Mosby also acknowledged and eso staff that worked behind the scenes for the celebrations.

2. 9:35am – 9:46am Apologies

- Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai – work commitment. Requested to dial in.
- Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu – personal family leave (overseas)
- Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai) – requested to dial in
- Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 - Kirriiri (Hammond) – requested to dial in
- Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer – sorry business (bereavement leave)

Discussions took place with regards to Councillors dialling in to Council meetings especially with face-to-face meetings and the technical and connectivity issues experienced with setting up VMR. Councillors had an in-depth discussion on this topic and those in attendance supported no video conferencing would be accepted at this meeting due to connectivity and technical issues experienced at the present time.

- Cr Aven Noah, Division 15 – Mer

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Aven Noah for the August 2022 Trustee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr John Levi

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Conwell Tabuai for the August 2022 Trustee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Kubin

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Hammond

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Seriako Dorante for the August 2022 Trustee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

3. 9:46am - 9:47am Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) Declarable and Prescribed

No declarations or relevant legal proceedings declarations were made by Councillors. Mayor Mosby encouraged Councillors to make a declaration at any time during the meeting.

4. **9:47am – 9:48am** **Confirmation of Trustee Meeting Minutes**

- Trustee Meeting – 19th July 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee meeting held on 19th July 2022 as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

5. **9:48am – 9:55am** **Trustee Outstanding Action Items**

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer provided an update of the Trustee action items.

6. **9:55am – 9:57am** **Standing Agenda Item: (verbal update)**

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

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to have offline discussions with Cr Rocky Stephen regarding DOGIT Transfer.

Cr Kabay Tamu raised the question around a legal representative not being in attendance at the meeting. Chief Executive Officer advised that any legal matters would have to be taken offline to seek legal advice.

It was agreed that in future that a legal representative be in attendance at Trustee meetings when discussing legal matters.

7. **9:57am – 10:02am** **LEGAL – Telstra request to transfer lease Interests to Amplitel**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr James William spoke to this report. Council is requested to provide individual resolutions for each of the communities in relation to the transfer of Telstra assets to Amplitel however the resolution needs to be moved by the Councillor from that division.

It is recommended that the matter lay on the table for the September meeting at Poruma.

ACTION: That Manager Legal Services/Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to organise a phone/video conference with Councillors to discuss the Trustee resolution of Telstra's lease interests to Amplitel prior to the next Council meeting on Poruma.

8. **10:02am – 10:002am** **Next meeting – Tuesday, 20th September 2022 – Poruma**

9. **10:02am – 10:02am** **Closing Remarks**

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors and declared the Trustee meeting closed to reconvene in Council Ordinary Meeting after morning tea.

MEETING CLOSED – 10:02AM



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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: