



Meeting Minutes
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING #2
Thursday 30th May 2024
Bamaga Boardroom

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

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To commence at 9.00am

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Agenda Item 1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Mayor Poi Poi welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 9.50am with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.

Agenda Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Poi Poi paid respects on behalf of the Council to the traditional owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area; and to their elders past, present and emerging.

A minute silence was held out of respect to sorry business within the NPA.

Agenda Item 3. Present

Mayor & Councillors

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Kate Gallaway	CEO
Gus Yates	Executive Manager Operations
Yanetta Nadredre	Executive Manager Community & Regulatory Services
Robert James	Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure
Gina Peter	Executive Manager Corporate & Finance Services
Elimau Blarrey	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

Agenda Item 4. Apologies

Resolution

That Council:

Move to grant a leave of absence to Cr Marlene Bond

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C4.1-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Mary Yoelu advised the meeting that she had a declarable conflict of interest in the matter to be dealt with in agenda item 12.5 'Update on Use of Gravel'.

Cr Yoelu stated that the discussion of use of gravel was a declarable conflict of interest. A close associate is a director of the corporation subject of this agenda item.

Cr Yoelu stated that she would handle her declarable conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room at the time the matter was being discussed and decided upon and would not involve herself further in decision-making.



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Cr Yoelu stated that she had provided information about her declarable conflict of interest to Council's CEO at the Council Meeting after becoming aware of it.

Agenda Item 6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution

That Council:

Notes and confirms the minutes from the Council Meeting held Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C6.1-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Action items were discussed as per the Action Task List

Agenda Item 8. Mayor Report

It has been a very busy time since the last meeting as we progress forward as a new Council.

- Technical Working Group
 - Thank you to everyone who attended
 - It was a productive meeting with a lot of attendees
 - I have asked RILIPO to hold the meeting in the morning, to ensure we allocate enough time and request people to attend in person
 - If there is other feedback, please let me or the CEO know. I believe a placeholder has been sent for the next meeting, so please attend if you are available
- Individual meetings with Councillors
 - Thank you to those Councillors who attended my one-on-one sessions for their feedback and good participation
 - I am in process of rescheduling the remaining appointments that conflicted with the AIDA Visit
- AIDA Visit
 - Thank you to Cr Gebadi for coordinating the AIDA Visit
 - It was inspirational to see so many doctors return to the NPA and Torres Strait
 - I have been speaking with my colleagues in the Torres Strait Councils to ensure we work closely with TCHHS to create opportunities to allow doctors to return and practice at home
- LGAQ Visit
 - Angus and Jacqui from LGAQ completed an initial visit to NPARC.
 - We spoke at length about the support needed for NPARC and I also took them for a tour of the Water Treatment Plant to understand our challenges
 - LGAQ is coordinating deputations for the visit to Canberra, and we have provided feedback to maximise the opportunity and meet with ministers and senior advisors

- **Joint Ministerial Roundtable**
 - A Joint Ministerial Roundtable was held with the State and Federal Ministers for Health
 - At this meeting, an update was given on the progress of the TCHHS Health Investigation as well as the TORCH Project
 - QHealth will be here next week meeting about infrastructure within the region, and I would encourage everyone to attend if possible
- **IIAC Mediation r.e. Gravel**
 - Thank you to Cr Elu for attending and supporting the mediation session held with IIAC
 - It was a positive outcome and I have asked the CEO to give a brief on the matter later on today's agenda
- **Corporate & Operational Planning Workshop**
 - Thank you to all for their attendance and involvement in the first Corporate and Operational Planning Workshop
 - I think it was a good workshop and looking forward to the continuation next week
 - A reminder to Councillors, if they had further ideas or thoughts since the last workshop to email these through to the CEO so they can be included and discussed next week
- **TORCH Project**
 - I had a briefing on the TORCH project by Board Member, Patricia Yusia following the Joint Ministerial Roundtable
 - TORCH is a commissioning entity that will eventually be responsible for the procurement of Health Services within the Cape York and Torres Strait.
 - I have requested the TORCH Board provide a briefing to the full council, and the CEO is organising this
 - This is significant reform for the region, and I would encourage all councillors to attend when scheduled to ensure they understand the matter fully
- **SCTSIC Meeting**
 - Cr Elu, CEO and I meet with representatives of SCTISIC
 - They explained their challenges to date with the divestment and impacts on operations
 - NPARC is looking at ways to support SCTSIC as well as a coordinated approach to resolve native Title and allow the matter to be finalised
- **BEL Meeting**
 - Cr Gebadi, CEO and I met with the BEL Board
 - Congratulations to Reg Williams on being elected the new chair for BEL
 - We look forward to working together to support Bamaga Community and the NPA as well
- **Skytrans Meeting**
 - I met with the CEO of Skytrans in Cairns
 - Fortunately, the announcement had been made regarding the funding commitment for NPA Airport and I was able to share this with Skytrans

- Skytrans is committed to their RPT service following the recent sale and looking at ways to better service and strengthen their delivery to the NPA
- 2021-22 Financial Statements
 - Thank you to all who attended the briefing session on the 2021-22 Financial Statements
 - I have asked the CEO to prepare a report for the agenda today to discuss this matter in more details
- Queensland Disaster Management Training
 - Cr Elu and I received our Queensland Disaster Management Training which is a mandatory component for our positions as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group
 - Now we have received the training, we are looking to hold a meeting in the next month with all LDMG members to ensure adequate planning and preparation is in place for disaster season as well as necessary training is being undertaken
- LTC Meeting
 - We had a successful LTC meeting last week
 - Thank you to Cr Byrne and all the community members who attended
 - I am debriefing with the CEO about the meeting this week and looking how we can have a strong LTC Group moving forward to support better service delivery and outcomes for community on key social issues
- Cape York Jet-ski Tours Opening
 - I spoke at the opening of the Cape York Jet-ski Tours
 - It is good to see Indigenous-owned tourism businesses setting up in the region
 - Hopefully it will inspire our local families to take on some opportunities afforded by tourism to ensure further economic development for our region
- TCICA Meeting
 - I attended the TCICA meeting this week with the CEO
 - Mayor Territa Dick from Kowanyama was elected Chair; Mayor Bruce Gibson from Hope Vale was elected Deputy Chair and Jaime Gane from Weipa Town Authority was elected secretary/treasurer
 - At the meeting, it was also agreed to allow the remaining Indigenous Councils to join TCICA and have a state focus
 - A fresh of the strategic plan to ensure key advocacy issues are address and followed up was also agreed
- Cynthia Lui & Warren Entsch Visit
 - Both Cynthia and Warren will be visiting this week
 - Cynthia has organised time with Council tomorrow to have a meeting, but there has been no response by Warren's office
 - This will be our first time meeting with Cynthia as a Council so important we have a united and clear front to explain our issues

I wish to make sure we have a strong council moving forward with an agreed set of statement and values. We will be working together for the next 4 years so we need to all make sure we are agreed



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on how we will conduct business and work together. Considering this I would like to propose we have a series of workshops to develop the following key documents over the next few months

- Review and adapt the Best Practice Standing Orders
- Adapt a new Media Policy and Social Media Policy
- Review of the Council's current Acceptable Request Guidelines, Reimbursement of Councillor Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy, Councillor Remuneration Policy and Investigation Policy

I will ask the CEO to schedule workshops for these matters, and ask you all to please attend.

This will ensure we are all on the same page and have views incorporated through workshop, prior to adoption at council meeting.

Resolution

That Council:

- Note the Mayor's verbal report from Thursday 30th May 2024

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C8.1-30052024

CARRIED

Meeting paused for Morning Tea Break at 10.19am

Meeting resumed from morning team at 10.37am

Agenda Item 9. CEO Report

Resolution

That Council:

- Note the Report
- Hold a Special Meeting on 28th June for the adoption of the 2024-25 Budget

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C9-30052024

CARRIED



Agenda Item 10.
Agenda Item 10.1.

Executive Reports
Executive Manager Operations Report

Resolution

That Council:

- Note the report.

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C10.1-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 10.2. Executive Manager Community & Regulatory Services Report

Cr Yoelu left the room 11:57am

Cr Yoelu returned into the room 11:58am

Resolution

That Council:

- Note the report.

Moved: Cr Yoelu
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C10.2-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 10.3. Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Report

Mayor Poipoi left the room at 12:25pm

Mayor Poipoi returned into the room at 12:26pm

Resolution

That Council:

Note the report.

Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu
Resolution: C10.3-30052024

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Council meeting break for lunch at 12.50pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Second: Cr Elu

5/0

Council meeting open from lunch at 1.26pm



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Moved: Cr Gebadi
Second: Cr Yoelu
5/0

Agenda Item 10.4. Executive Manager Finance & Corporate Services Report

Resolution

That Council:

Note the report.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C10.4-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 11. Financial Reports

Agenda Item 11.1. April 2024 Financial Report

Cr Yoelu left the room at 2:23pm

Cr Yoelu returned into the room at 2:25pm

Cr Gebadi left the room at 2:33pm

Cr Gebadi returned into the room at 2:35pm

Resolution

That Council:

Note and accept the Finance report for the period ending 30 April 2024

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.1-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 11.2. 2021-22 Audited Financials

Resolution

That Council:

Note the report

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.2-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 12. Reports



Agenda Item 12.1. Report back from NPA Interim LDMB

Resolution

That Council:

- Note and endorse the minutes and all recommendations of the NPA Interim Local Decision Making Board

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C12.1-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 12.2. NPARC Climate and Economic Development Master Plan

Resolution

That Council:

- Adopt the NPARC Climate and Economic Master Plan

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 4/1

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C12.2-30052024

CARRIED

Cr Byrne requested that the minutes record he voted against this resolution.

Agenda Item 12.3. Planning Application Tamwoy Street and Peter Street, Injinoo – RAL (1 Lot into 2 Lots and creation of Lease exceeding 10 Years)

Cr Yoelu left the room at 3:56pm

Cr Yoelu returned into the room at 3:57pm

Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve (subject to conditions) the Development Application lodged with Council for:
 - a. Reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots and creation of lease exceeding 10 years) within the Open Space/Recreation Zone and the Special Purpose Zone.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/1

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C12.3-30052024

CARRIED

Cr Byrne requested that the minutes record he voted against this resolution.

Agenda Item 12.4. Model Meeting Procedures



Resolution

That Council:

- Adopt the Model Meeting Procedures

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C12.4-30052024

CARRIED

Agenda Item 12.5. Gravel Pits

Having declared an interest for this agenda item, Cr Yoelu left the meeting at 4.25pm.

Resolution

That Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 ("LG Reg"), to close this part of the meeting to the public;
2. Pursuant to section 254J(5) of the LG Reg:
 - a. The matters to be discussed includes legal proceedings involving the local government and negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
 - b. An overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is matters relating to the Native Title validation for the use of gravel pits in the Northern Peninsula Area local government area, including Federal Court Proceeding QUD 86/2024 in which Council is the Respondent.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C12.5.1-30052024

CARRIED

Mayor Poi Poi– For

Cr Byrne – For

Cr Gebadi – For

Cr Elu – For

Resolution

That Council resolves:

1. To open the meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C12.5.2-30052024

CARRIED

Mayor Poi Poi– For

Cr Byrne – For

Cr Gebadi – For

Cr Elu – For

Resolution

That Council resolves:

1. notes this Report;
2. requires an update as to the conduct of Federal Court Proceeding QUD 86/2024 at its June 2024 Ordinary Meeting.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C12.5.3-30052024

CARRIED

Mayor Poi Poi– For

Cr Byrne – For

Cr Gebadi – For

Cr Elu – For

Cr Yoelu returned to the meeting at 4:40pm

Agenda Item 13. General Discussion

Agenda Item 14. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 5.00pm with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.

DECLARATION - **DECLARABLE** CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Councillor Mary Yoelu	
Timing of declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration made before meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration made at meeting	
Meeting type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council meeting	
Meeting date	30/05/2024	
Description of business matter	Use of Gravel Pits	
Item number	12.5 Gravel Pits	
<p>Pursuant to section 150EQ of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>, I hereby provide notice that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter, the nature and particular of which are as follows:</p>		
General nature of the declarable conflict of interest.	The business before council has the potential to cause one of my related parties, a benefit and this interest is not shared by a significant portion of the community	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The declarable conflict of interest involves a related party as detailed.	Name of related party	Myiesha Yoelu
	Relationship to me	Daughter
	The nature of the related party's interest in the business matter	Director and employee of Ipima Ikaya Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
<input type="checkbox"/> The declarable conflict of interest involves a gift or loan or sponsored travel or accommodation benefit	Name of person who provided gift, loan or benefit	NA
	Name of person to whom gift, loan or benefit was provided	NA
	The nature of the relationship between the provider and the recipient.	NA
	The nature of the interest in the business matter of the person who provided the gift, loan or benefit.	NA
	The value of the gift, loan or benefit given and the date provided.	NA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am voluntarily deciding not to participate in decision-making on the business matter.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am seeking permission to participate in making a decision about the matter.		
Volunteered information (not required under legislation).	Reasons a reasonable person would believe I could make an unbiased decision on this business matter.	The related parties stand to benefit from this decision

	Reasons my continued involvement in decision-making on this business matter is in the public interest.	NA
Councillor's Signature	30/05/2024	