



## Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

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### MINUTES OF NPARC ORDINARY MEETING NUMBER - 22 Bamaga

**Notification Date:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
**Meeting Date** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
**Meeting Location** Bamaga Conference Room  
**Time** 9:00am  
**Catering** Morning Tea will be provided

#### Mayor and Councillors

Cr Joseph Elu	(Mayor)
Cr Gina Nona	(Division 1)
Cr Peter Lui	(Division 2)
Cr Reg Williams	(Division 3)
Cr Michael Bond	(Division 4)
Cr Jeffrey Aniba	(Division 5)
CEO	Stuart Duncan
Deputy CEO	Danny Sebasio
Secretary	Esme Newman

#### Welcome and Declare Meeting Open 9.36am – Deputy Mayor

Apologies

Mayor Joseph Elu  
Deputy CEO Danny Sebasio

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest  
**Nil**

Declaration of Material Interests  
**Nil**

## AGENDA

### Agenda Item 1 - Minutes of previous meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Recommendation:** That the council endorse the minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 meeting as true and correct.

**Moved:** Cr Lui  
**Seconded:** Cr Bond  
**Carried:** 5/0  
**Resolution:** 1-12.01.10

### **Matters Arising**

#### Agenda Item 1 - Minutes of previous meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009

CEO advised Council that he had contacted Department of Primary Industry (DPI) in regards to safety issues surrounding the animal (Pig) baiting program in the NPA, it was agreed that Department of Primary Industry (DPI) were to abide by Community protocol in notifying the Council and traditional land owners, to give out more community awareness signage and announcements could be made through our local media on when these types of programs are delivered in the NPA.

**Cr Aniba** questioned the CEO on a specific date for progress on the Seisia to Bamaga sewer pipeline project. CEO advised that the project should proceed in April 2010.

CEO announced that the 2008/09 Financial Statements were still not completed; Council would have to reschedule a Special Meeting in February 2010 to endorse the 2008/2009 Financial Statements and Annual Report.

For Council Information CEO advised Council that he will be attending a meeting in Brisbane next Tuesday 19/01/10 in regards to capitals works planning which includes the development of documents for tenders for the Injinoo Sub-division.

*No more matters arising from the minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009.*

*Cr Aniba acknowledged the passing of the late Mrs Edna Mills in the Community, and in respect requested that Council observe a minute's silence.*

## Agenda Item 2 - 9:00am to 9:15am Councillor Remuneration for 2010

**Recommendation:** that the NPARC Councillors remuneration is set at the top rate, including the amalgamation loading as described in the *Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Report December 2009*.

**Moved:** Cr J Aniba  
**Seconded:** Cr G Nona  
**Carried:** 5/0  
**Resolution:** 1-12.01.10

## Agenda Item 3 - NPA Newsletter No. 9

The NPA newsletter no. 9 was tabled for Council review, comments and endorsement.

CEO - acknowledged the good work done by the NPARC Engineering Department to resurface the Bamaga basketball court and fencing project which is now complete.

**Cr Lui** - voiced great concerns to Council about the proposed \$66 million funding for housing. Cr. Lui commented on a documentary about housing programs in the Northern Territory. They were allocated \$80 million and most funds were used in administration fees, surveyors, and consultants etc, limiting the number of houses that were actually built.

CEO - assured Council the project would be closely monitored, the Department of Housing is to present regular reports to Council.

**Cr Aniba** - insisted that the Department of housing is requested to travel to the NPA to consult with the community.

CEO - Council also needs to prepare a media release to inform the community about changes in local and State policy for NPA housing activities.

**Cr Williams** - request that the NPA newsletter extend its media coverage to the southern side of the Jardine River to include road maintenance and road condition issues.

**Cr Nona** - identified a typing error on page 8 of the Newsletter (the name is Mrs. Kara not Kari). The secretary will notify the NPARC media Liaison officer to make the amendment.

### **Recommendations:**

**-That Council endorsed the NPA Newsletter no. 9, and that it is made available for the public.**

## Other Business :

**Cr Lui** - Cr Lui expressed concerns on 'observed' underage drinking causing uncontrollable behaviour in Umagico and the NPA over the Christmas and New Year holiday. Youths as young as 15yrs old were drinking wine because it was affordable, the quantity / cost ratio was good and it was very easy to access at the Tavern because of lack of security and also through sly grog operations within the

communities. It would be appropriate to contact Bamaga Enterprise Ltd to review its policy on alcohol sales.

**Cr Lui** - A duty of care should be acted upon they (BEL) needed to take more responsibility by increasing security, and better control on monitoring wine sales.

*Council supported a move to meet with the State Police (Bamaga) to take action on the sales of alcohol in the Community; and to liaise with Qld Liquor Licensing to review options to mitigate the sale of alcohol to minors. Council also suggested a trail ban of wine in the NPA for 6 months.*

**Cr Bond:** Councillors needed to inform their community through their next community forums meetings, matters like these should be reported to the authorities.

#### **Cr Nona**

- **Family Mediation, Cr Nona** - requested advice from Council, two families who have ongoing conflicts in the community (Injinoo) are erupting into violent riots.
- **Landscaping** - The Injinoo community needed more landscaping under the NPA beautification projects; **Cr Bond** offered to assist in the project by involving his horticulture students from TAFE.
- **Leave** - Cr Nona informed Council she will be away on leave for 3 weeks.
- **Cr Aniba** DEWRA Meeting - Cr Aniba needed Council and community support to attend DEWRA meeting at the end of the month. It was important they acknowledge public interest.

*CEO - Advised **Cr Aniba** to liaise with the Deputy CEO to communicate education activities through the Community Forums and the NPA Newsletter*

#### **Cr Bond**

- **Safe House Block Land New Mapoon** - **Cr Bond** received a letter from Nai Beguta requesting information on the process to lease a block of land for a Child Safe House to be built. CEO advised 'in the first instance' to refer the matter to the next New Mapoon community forum.
- **Acknowledgement of Outstanding Employees** - **Cr Bond** suggested that Council needed to show appreciation to their employees and should consider hosting an annual employee presentation event based on outstanding performance.

*Council agreed to host an annual presentation for NPARC employees.*

**Meeting closed at 11.00am - Next Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010**