



## Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

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### MINUTES OF NPARC ORDINARY MEETING NUMBER 21 – New Mapoon

<b>Notification Date:</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Meeting Date	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010
Meeting Location	NPARC Office – New Mapoon
Time	9:00am
Catering	Morning Tea and Lunch 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 – Mayor

- Apologies  
Cr Gina Nona
- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest  
Nil
- Declaration of Material Interests  
Nil



## AGENDA

### Agenda Item 1 - 9:00am - 9:30am Minutes of previous meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Cr Elu** – Highlighted that due to the forthcoming LGAQ Workshop at Thursday Island on the same date schedule for Council’s ordinary meeting ( 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010), That this Council postponed its ordinary meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

#### **Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Minutes of the previous NPARC meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, be accepted true and correct

Moved: Cr Aniba

Seconded: Cr Williams

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/02/2010

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Housing**

- Cr Lui requested that his statement below from the minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be rephrased.
- *Cr Lui - voiced his 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.*

#### **Statement amended to:**

- **Cr Lui - ‘informed Council that funds should be spent on housing and not on consultation fees.’**

### **Wine Banned - 6 months trial period**

**Cr Elu** - highlighted concerns regarding the 6 months ban of wine in the NPA. This will help constrain the abuse of underage drinking, nevertheless Council would need to consider the ban period as it could seriously affect the economy and tourism.

**Cr Williams** - informed council of certain community member is draw on to purchase wine for the under aged, at the Bamaga Tavern.

**Cr Lui** - mentioned that the NPA Community need to enforce security and to educate our people on legal issues.



**Cr Aniba and Cr Lui** - mentioned that the Council Housing Managers should have the authority and control to penalize tenants who were involved in continuous house parties, and who were also responsible for supply alcohol to underage.

**CEO** - advised that Council would need to consult with the NPA Justice Group and the State Police (Bamaga) and to convene a formal meeting to amend the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP).

**Agenda Item 2 – 9:30am – 10:00am Chief Executive Officers’ Report**

**CEO** - tabled the NPARC 2008 /2009 Financial and The Annual Report to be endorsed by Council.

**CEO** - advised council that a Media Release will be made and that copies of the reports will be sent to all relevant government department and personnel.

**Recommendation:**

That council adopts its 2008- 2009 Financial Report and approve its media release.

Moved: Cr Aniba

Seconded: Cr Williams

Carried: 4/0

**Recommendation:**

That council endorses it's 200- 2009 Annual and approve its media release.

Moved: Cr Lui

Seconded: Cr Bond

Carried: 4/0

- **Council endorses and approves the release of ISSUE # 10 NPARC Newsletter.**

**Cr Bond** - informed Council that the Tafe courses and other informations will be published in the next NPARC Newsletter.

**CEO** - informed Council of the MIP (major infrastructure projects) submission and that the copy of the submission will be provided to council at the next meeting.

**CEO** - highlighted that this will set a framework for good community consultation and that the funds will come directly to council.

**Cr Elu** - What is happening to LIPA?

**Cr Elu** -Informed Council that the Minister has agreed to the NRM Board and that DERM will assist with the set up. The board will consist of 5 x Indigenous and 5 x non-indigenous persons.



**Recommendation:**

That Council note and accept the verbal report given by the Chief Executive Officers for the NPARC meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

Moved: Cr Bond

Seconded: Cr Lui

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/02/ 2010

**Morning Tea 10:00am – 10:30am****Agenda Item 3 – 10:30am – 11:00am Director of Engineering Report**

**Cr Williams** – Council advertisement in the Torres News to provide landfills closes on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Can Council extend that date to provide more time for tenders?

**CEO** – Council will extend the timeframe ensuring that it does not disadvantage anyone.

**Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Director of Engineering Report for Council Meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Lui

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/ 02/ 2010

**Agenda Item 4 – 11:00am – 12:00pm Director of Finance Report**

**CEO** – Informed council of the current audit situation. QAO is questioning council's operation and its financial viability for 2010.

**CEO** –informed council of the audit charges which have increased from \$153,000 to \$193,000 which was not budgeted for, and is additional cost to this council.

**CEO** – informed council that council now have a firm commitment from the finance staff. Change has been made; Graham Pearson will now coordinate and be the contact person for the audits. Peter Anderson is withdrawn and will take up a corporate services role.

**CEO** –informed Council that Graham Pearson (consultant) will retire in September this year, and that nparc will advertise a position for an accountant in replacement.



**Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Senior Finance Manager report for Council Meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Aniba

Seconded: Cr Williams

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/02/ 2010

**Lunch 12:00pm – 1:30pm****Agenda Item 5 – 1:30pm – 2:00pm Director of Enterprise Report**

CEO – the current Actual Vs Budget is showing a small profit of \$65,000 for injinoo service station.

**Cr Lui** – Can we have the enterprises summary report colour coded to show profits and cautions or loss?

CEO – need to have an executive summary with graphs to make it clear

**Cr Bond** – Can we have a summary of the New Mapoon enterprises stating the total lease/rent collection?

**Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Director of Enterprises Report for Council Meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Lui

Seconded: Cr Williams

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/ 02/ 2010

**Agenda Item 6 – 2:00pm – 2:30pm Director of Community Services Report**

**Cr Elu** – how long has council engaged the Acting Community services director?

CEO – Informed council that Russell Simons is currently doing a marvellous job, and council will extend the employment for 6 months, and then readvertised.

**Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Acting Director of Community Services report for Council Meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Bond

Carried: 4/ 0

Date: 02/ 02/ 2010



**Agenda Item 7 – 2:30pm – 3:00pm Director of Economic Employment Development Unit Report**

**Cr Lui** – there is a CDEP Steering committee meeting coming soon.

**CEO** – two big meetings coming up with the EEDU – The Bamaga farm/ and the CDEP Steering committee.

**Cr Elu** – DPI are interested with the Farm when it was established they are willing to assist monitoring it for pests and diseases, and can supply us with other suitable plants for the area.

**Recommendation:**

It is resolved that the Director of Economic Employment Development Unit Report for Council Meeting of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Aniba

Seconded: Cr Williams

Carried: 4/0

Date: 02/ 02/ 2010

**Afternoon Tea 3.00pm – 3.30pm**

**Agenda Item 8– 3:30pm – 4:00pm Mail Registers**

**Monica Amey Lease**

**Cr Williams** –current lease for Monica Amey, where does she stand with regards to the social housing 40years leasing? There are other community members that have taken out also.

**Other businesses**

**New Dump Site**

**Cr Bond** – was concerned about the aerial view of the new dump site when flying into Bamaga.

**CEO** - advised that the dump would be located near muttee heads and that it would not be sited from an aerial view.



**Contractors**

Cr Williams- Council needed to investigate whether or not contractor were charging Council for using Council soil and gravel when undertaking Council projects.

**NPARC Employee Work Bus**

Cr Williams -It was brought to Council attention that the employee workers bus was not running according to its time scheduled.

CEO to talk to Director of Community Service in regards to this matter.

**Forum Member**

Cr Aniba -Due to the passing of forum member Mrs Edna Mills, Cr Aniba questioned the CEO about on the process of fulfilling this vacant position

CEO advised that he would need to advertise expression of interest.

Meeting Close 12.15pm

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**Next Meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**