



Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

MINUTES OF NPARC ORDINARY MEETING

Notification Date: Tuesday 7th June 2011
Meeting Date: Tuesday 5th July 2011
Meeting Location: Umagico Council Office
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
Director of Corporate Services	Michael Freeman

Welcome and Declare Meeting Open – Mayor

- Apologies
Cr Reg Williams
- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
- Declaration of Material Interests

AGENDA

Cr Elu sought the agreement of the meeting to add items 5(a) and 12 to the agenda. This was agreed.

Agenda Item (1) - 9:00am to 9:30am

Minutes of previous Council Meeting 7th June 2011

Cr Bond informed Council of his welcome speech at the Ranger's conference on behalf of the NPARC. Cr Bond stated that he was not really prepared but was able to make the speech on behalf of the Council.

Cr Elu mentioned that in future the opportunity will arise for councillors to do welcome speeches to the community at community events or sporting activities.

CEO stated that he will put a template in place to provide councillors a guideline.

Cr Lui stated that he was not prepared to give a speech if given such short notice.

Cr Nona gave her feedback on some of the arrangement that could be done better next time (Ranger conference), which was catering, otherwise the event was successful.

Councillor Request: Director of Community Services to provide a calendar of all upcoming events.

Cr Elu asked about the date for the Councillors Governance training.

DCEO advised that the Local Government Training was proposed for 20/07/11: due to Councillors absence in the Community postpone to 27/07/11 Bamaga.

Matters arising.

Cr Bond informed council of the discussion with Colin Neville and the Government Champions that was not recorded in the minutes. Cr Bond stated that he did highlighted issues with renal dialysis unit, the jetty & pontoon, the boat ramp and the need to have lights at the ramps for safety purposes.

CEO apologised and stated that he will ensure that it is recorded in the minutes of the 7th June meeting.

Local Laws.

Mayor questioned the process of Council Local Laws which are currently being prepared by the Director of Corporate Services?

Director of Corporate Services advised that a draft copy will be tabled at the September meeting, followed by public review, before a final approval by Council..

Resolution.

That Council accepts the Minutes of 7th June 2011.

Moved.

Seconded.

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 01-05.07.11

Agenda Item (2) – 9:30am to 10:00am

Cairns Public Health Unit & FNQ Embedding ATSI Perspectives

Dr Alan Crouch / Ms Letitia Choppy – School Sexual Health Education Officer
Ms Margaret Malezer.

Cr Aniba informed Council that he had met with Ms Choppy at a recent Health Forum in Cooktown, and Ms Choppy requested to make presentation to Council.

Dr Crouch stated that there is a confronting issue with aboriginal and islander people health and education.

Dr Crouch highlighted the government initiative in ‘closing the gap’ and with the current life expectancy in indigenous communities.

Dr Alan Crouch of Queensland Health provided council with a brief background of the ‘STI’ that is affecting the indigenous communities. Documented evidence shows that young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth present with ‘STI’ at health clinics and hospitals within their community and is increasing.

Dr Crouch informed council of his colleagues who are working with the NPA Resources and Community with promoting safe sex in the communities, and the need to install condom dispensers in certain areas.

Condom availability in community can be disadvantaged by remoteness, shame, stigma, peer pressure or outside clinic hours.

Dr Crouch stated that Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities have lived through historical genocide and trauma through colonisation of Australia; let us not make this another historical chapter in Queensland.

Ms Choppy informed council of her previous background as a teacher and raises the concern to why sex education should be taught as a curriculum in secondary school.

Ms Choppy added that no one wants to talk about sexual health; however we need to if our ATSI communities are going to survive.

Ms Choppy highlighted the need for the community to be involved by informing other what is happening in particular areas.

Cr Elu stated, the history to this is that missionaries told people not to talk about these issues and so families never did.

Cr Bond asked if there is statistic showing the confidence of youths coming forward and being tested.

Dr Crouch stated that youths do not access these services.

Cr Bond asks if it can be done at school.

Dr Crouch stated that it's not currently accepted as part of the education curriculum in Queensland. Dr Crouch mentioned that they are working using NPA as a model that can be showcase to the other communities.

Cr Elu requested that the Condom dispensers to be installed in Council's public toilets and in identified places within the community.

Ms Margaret Malezer – FNQ Project Officer
Embedding ATSI P Perspectives (EATSIP)

Ms Malezer gave council a brief background to the Embedding ATSI P Perspectives which is embedded in education, to lift the standard in education, the accountability to educate teachers and for teachers to also step back from teaching and facilitate.

Overview

EATSIP is supporting teachers to include Indigenous perspectives in schools has been identified nationally as a key component to ensuring improved outcomes for Indigenous peoples in Australia.

The EATSIPS document was released during NAIDOC week 2006. It is a practical guide for administrators and educators to ensure inclusive school practices.

EATSIPS is about celebrating Indigenous ways of viewing the world: people, places and things and their interrelationships.

It offers students and teachers the chance to share and acknowledge the history and heritage of Indigenous Queenslanders, and will enrich our appreciation of this unique part of Australia's cultural heritage.

Through a greater understanding and respect we are able to build stronger relationships with Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students. This is the key to Indigenous students achieving their full potential.

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from Ms Letitia Choppy and Ms Margaret Malzer.

Moved. Cr Nona

Seconded. Cr Bond

Vote. 4/0

Date.05/07/2011

Resolution number. 02-05.07.11

Morning Tea 10:00am – 10:30am

Agenda Item (3) – 10:30am to 10:45am

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Audit Process: result of our audit process, and council financials are looking good; Council will look at a Debt Policy.

1. Administration Action Complaint Policy.

CEO advised Council of a corporate policy and that a resolution is made for the Administration Action Complaint Policy 01/0004. CEO stated that formally Council must have this policy in place to receive complaints, whether good or bad from the community. CEO mentioned that it sets the process to any complaints and how it is dealt with.

Cr Elu – how does it work and where or who does it goes too?

CEO stated that it comes to the CEO under the policy, and then delegated to the Director of Corporate Services.

Resolution.

That Council approves the Administration Action Complaints Policy.

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Lui

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 03- 05.07.11

2. Insurance Coverage.

CEO advised Council that the insurance rate has increases by 147% on the exit fees in 2010 and due to the recent worldwide natural disasters. Previous Insurance cost was \$570,000, this year it could be \$1.1m.

CEO advised that Jardine Lloyd Thompson our Insurance Broker had since looked around for a reinsurer that will give Council insurance coverage for around \$700,000 for next financial year - 2011/12.

CEO mentioned that the state will be picking up the housing insurance cost through the 40year leases of Council's housing stock. CEO stated that the housing insurance is a major component and the total insurance cost as a result of this off-set; will be equal to, or less than the previous year.

CEO commented that the State will be insuring these houses under a State Government arrangement; meantime Council will need to pay the insurance costs for the houses, and then cancel each insurance policy immediately after each group of houses are transferred over under the leasing arrangement.

CEO stated that Council is waiting on its Insurer to advise the NPARC that it is not locked in to pay insurance for a full year.

CEO requested that Council move to reinsure Council's assets and CEO will make another report to Council once additional information has been received from our Insurer.

Cr Lui questioned that Council had paid previously over half a million dollars for the insurances, and what kind of claims Council has submitted?

CEO – not many. Council have had one house fire and that has been fully met by our insurance cover.

CEO advised that as newly formed Council, we have not had many insurance events to make claims against.

Cr Lui queried why is this Council paying insurance to these houses, when they don't belong to us?

CEO mentioned that the NPARC acting as Trustees, will most likely always be the owner, and council will be leasing these assets/houses to the state.

Cr Lui asked how this work does and stated that if Council is the owner then why aren't this Council making decisions on who does the repairs and maintenance work on these houses.

Cr Lui questioned are these Council's houses or not? Or is this just a technical convenience?

Cr Elu stated that the federal government gives the money to the state under the remote Aboriginal & islanders housing program. Cr Elu stated the house should last 30 years at least but some communities do not look after their assets, so the state has requested to lease these houses back from council.

Cr Elu stated that Council as Trustees claims to be the owner of these assets, but these assets are still public housing bought from a public purse given by government as a grant.

Cr Lui questioned the lease charges?

CEO mentioned that the lease cost is \$2800 per dwelling per year. CEO mentioned that the insurance will be added on, and not seen included in that \$2800 payment.

CEO mentioned that on the balance of not receiving the rent payments and picking up the lease payments, that if Council collects 100% of the rent which is unlikely, then Council will be worse off but given the history Council will be better off under the new arrangement financially.

Cr Lui asked if the Education or Health houses have any lease component because there are on Council's trust area.

CEO informed Council that the lease documents for these houses have not yet been released to Council and that Council may argue a higher payment for each lease than the current offer of \$2,800 per annum but we must support the request for higher payments with evidence of increased cost.

Cr Lui asked – what would be the total of the lease payment in revenues?

CEO advised that the total lease is about \$1.3m per annum, and if the State takes over the tenancy management function then the reduction of employment costs through the transfer of the housing officers; and the recovery of the social housing insurance costs from the State will provide council with a reliable income equivalent to the current rental income.

Cr Lui questioned the possibility of building Council's own houses as an option after the next 3 years.

CEO stated that Council could look into putting money into purchasing a renovated old Queenslander home in Cairns which has been rezoned commercial and put that money into paying out a loan with a appreciating asset, instead of paying \$4000 monthly rental for the current Cairns office.

Cr Bond queried the 40yr leasing arrangement for the houses and if it does include the block of land?

Cr Elu –yes, lease includes House and land.

CEO advised that all of the social housing blocks have been surveyed (referred to as a network survey)

Cr Bond queried if the leasing of houses that were built by the previous Council's owned fund.

Cr Elu stated that all the community houses are going into social houses.

Cr Bond - these houses bought by Council's owned fund, now being leased, will it be an issue with divestment?

Cr Elu – Council can request that these houses on a 40years lease can be transferred back to the NPARC.

Cr Lui asked Cr Bond to clarify the type of Council's own funds.

Cr Bond then stated that these were houses in New Mapoon built by previous council's own untied grants.

Cr Elu advised that any contribution by government through public belongs to the government.

Cr Nona questioned the enterprise funds?

Cr Elu stated that it is different. Cr Elu stated that the money generated by the enterprises of that particular community, should stay in that community because it belongs to the people of that particular community.

Resolution.

That Council approves the Insurance Package on the term outline in this report.

Moved. Cr Lui

Seconded. Cr Aniba

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 04- 05.07.11

3. Budget Meeting

CEO informed Council that the Budget Meeting will be held on 30/08/11, and the budget has been prepared in draft form for the Directors to make comment and/or changes.

CEO stated that a draft budget will be made available to Council before the budget meeting with the relevant NPARC Total Management Plans.

Cr Elu stated that the Special Budget meeting will be held at the Bamaga office.

Resolution:

THAT Council schedule a meeting on Tuesday 30th August 2011 at Bamaga for the purpose of considering the Annual Budget and associated documents.

Moved: Cr Bond

Seconded: Cr Nona

Vote: 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution Number: 05- 05.07.11

4. Matters of Interest Table

CEO highlighted that the following items arising from general business are completed and that Council note to have these items removed from the table.

Items - 9,12,14,19,21,23,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,40,43,44,45,46,49,50,52.

Council approved the removal of the above items

5. TSRA Review

CEO will write to TSRA in regards to TSRA/NPARC review to enquire as to where the process is up to.

6. DRAFT Indigenous Employment & Training Strategy for Social Housing

CEO informed Council of the preliminary draft of the Northern Peninsula Area Indigenous Employment & Training Strategy for Social Housing & Infrastructure which is currently presented to Council.

CEO advised that the document is to capture and tie-in all of the relevant supporting agencies and get them involved in a single strategy.

Cr Lui queried about contractors and builders coming into these communities, and questioned if Council has a 'watch dog' or was someone in place to monitor the work carried out by contractors and builders in regards to correct building standards.

Cr Lui stated that the students at school and Council CDEP participants are being taught the workplace health & safety procedures, while some outside contractors appear to not have the same level of training, or it is not being applied

Resolution:

THAT Council endorse the DRAFT Northern Peninsula Area Indigenous Employment & Training Strategy for Social Housing & Infrastructure.

Moved: Cr Aniba

Seconded: Cr Lui

Vote: 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number: 06- 05.07.11

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved. Cr Aniba

Seconded. Cr Bond

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 07- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (4) – 10:45am to 11:00am

Director of Corporate Services Report

Director of Corporate Service stated that his report is basically straight forward and he is willing to answer any questions from the Councillors.

Director of Corporate Service referred to page 98 in his report and informed Council regarding the creation of Council's new web page for the Council web site.

CEO indicated a possibility of getting some funding to design community welcome-signs similar to the web page layout.

Cr Lui mentioned that it is already in discussion with the CDEP managers and this would include total population count on the welcome sign. Cr Lui mentioned that Council would need to come up with a policy on how council displays signs.

Cr Lui asked the Director of Corporate Services to clarify the graphs and the profit/loss margin.

Director of Corporate Services stated that it means that some enterprises are making profit while others are breaking even but it is important to also take note of the year-to-date profit / loss.

CEO informed council of the next month graph for Injinoo batching plant will show a significant trading loss, this is due to the high costs of a replacement engine for the batching plant mixing system.

Cr Lui asked if the post office is showing profit.

Director for Corporate Services stated that the Post office is a social service Council is providing and they normally don't make profit, but rather break even.

Director of Corporate Services stated that their prices are set by the Australia Post in Brisbane (as products sold through the Post Office are transported free of charge).

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Director of Corporate Services.

Moved. Cr Nona

Seconded. Cr Aniba

Vote. 4/0

Dated. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 08- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (5) – 11:00am to 11: 15am

Director of Engineering Report

CEO informed Council that there are no exceptions in the engineering report. CEO stated that the Director of Engineering would be invited to the August meeting.

CEO informed Council that a Croc caught at Injinoo named 'Sarg' had lived a long life at the Cairns wildlife zoo , but had recently passed away CEO mentioned that the Zoo has contacted and informed Council of its intentions to have the animal "stuffed" but since the financial crisis they are unable to fund the project.

CEO stated that the Zoo has asked if the NPARC would pay for the stuffing of the crocodile. CEO mentioned that the cost to stuff the croc is around \$10,000.

CEO mentioned that discussion was held with Cr Williams and Cr Nona to have the stuff croc displayed at the airport to attract tourists.

CEO will follow through with the Cairns wildlife zoo.

Cr Nona referred to item 2.7 and asked the total cost to relocate the land trust donga.

DCEO to follow up.

Item 5A

CEO mentioned that Item 5A regarding Houses and their yield going forward for the housing construction. CEO stated the housing department have seen it and they now require a second endorsement by Council as a part of their new housing construction.

CEO advised that a the recommendation by the Department of Communities for the funding to build 54 new houses in the NPA 2012-14 as part of the overall housing strategy here.

Cr Elu stated that the legal challenge is throughout the country on how these discussions goes back and forth to become legally 'water tight' and they keep changing their methodology and language of their letter.

Resolution:

THAT Council endorses the funding bid by the Department of Communities to build 54 new houses in the NPA communities during the years 2012 to 2014.

2012 – 2013 Financial Year

18 x 2 Bedroom Houses, 5 x 3 Bedroom Houses, 2 x 4 Bedroom Houses

2013 – 2014 Financial Year

11 x 2 Bedroom Houses, 9 x 3 Bedroom Houses, 9 x 4 Bedroom Houses

Moved: Cr Lui

Seconded: Cr Aniba

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 09- 05.07.11

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Director of Engineering Services.

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Aniba

Vote. 4/0

Dated. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 10- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (6) – 11:15am to 11:30am

Director of Finance Report

CEO stated that the report comes in two parts.

CEO stated that at the 30th June, Councils financials were effectively rolled over as-of the 30th June and it appears that Council will have an acceptable balanced sheet heading into 2011-2012.

CEO informed Council that the audit planning for QAO had also gone very well and Council will expect another unqualified audit. Council will need to review the Capital Facility with the QTC and reduce the cash facility down from \$4M to around \$2.2M

CEO stated that there are couple of things that were included in the overall forward financial forecast of QTC for the next 10years that may require adjustment.

CEO advised council of the outstanding debt owing to council – Cr Nona has raised issue for Injinoo several times and lot of these is based around redundant or non-recoverable debts.

CEO refers to page 112 – item 7.1 and 7.2 which requires council's decision. CEO mentioned that in previous meetings council had previously discussed the issues with miscellaneous debt which cannot be recovered but remains on our Debtors list.

CEO then highlighted the report from the Director of Finance to write off \$145,249.54.

CEO added that the reason for the write-off is these debts are pre amalgamation accounts that are mainly unsupported with any document trail and relate to company liquidation, deceased persons and disputed old invoices.

CEO highlighted that this does not affect the over-all council cash position, but cleans up some of the debt Council have encumbered.

CEO stated that Item 7.2 housing debtor rental and sundry debts write off of \$86,502.55 CEO mentioned that some members have left the community; uncontactable, deceased or the sourced documents missed placed.

Resolution.

That Council writes off the debts detailed and listed in item 7.1 and 7.2 totalling \$231,752.09.

Moved. Cr Nona

Seconded. Cr Bond

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 11- 05.07.11

CEO advised council that there is good news with the 'Unders & overs' with the CDEP participants and salaries. CEO advised that the \$1.1m unspent CDEP wages will be rolled over and Council will not need to pay back the unspent wage amounts.

CEO stated that Council has previously asked the federal government to fund the redundancies of 31 people which cost Council about \$700,000 including workers not on CDEP. CEO stated that Council was given \$600k relief in repayment of unspent CDEP wages from the Federal government that will not need to be paid back.

Cr Elu advised that a change of policy agreement. Cr Elu mentioned that it was previous ATSIC policy when they consulted with the communities to join this work-for-the-dole program. Cr Elu said that the agreement was that the participant who signed up for CDEP also signing over their entitlements to be managed by council.

Cr Elu also stated that some Councils also had a 'no work, no pay policy' where the remaining wage component is utilised to fund oncost for employees working extra hours.

CEO informed Council that He will be attending a Public Health forum in Cairns on the 25th & 26th July.

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Director of Finance

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Aniba

Date. 05/07/2011

Vote. 4/0

Resolution number. 12- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (7) – 11:30am to 11:45am

Director of Economic Employment Development Unit Report

CEO advised Council that it has currently at 42.8% utilization of CDEP and where Council should have around 70% utilization of CDEP.

Cr Bond stated that participants on income support are delaying the process with them not attending work. Cr Bond stated that there are changes as of the 1st July that should assist with the increase in numbers.

Cr Lui informed Council that some people are taking advantage of the system that allows them not to attend CDEP related work for 6 months.

Cr Bond stated that the participant will now be notified of the policy changes after 1st July.

Cr Elu questioned if someone from DERM was in the community to talk about Pajinka.

CEO mentioned that a person from DERM was coming up to look at the plan for the area.

DCEO advised that they did not come into the office.

CEO also advised that Council have received no response for the letter sent to the Minister regarding the Pajinka lease.

Cr Elu asked what is happening with the weed spraying.

CEO advised that the weed spraying for gamba grass that is done in the NPA by Cook Shire.

DCEO to follow up with Alex Barker.

Cr Bond mentioned that the 'grader grass' should also be sprayed.

Cr Elu advised that NRM has this funding for Cape York weeds & feral and for local rangers to be trained to spray weeds.

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Director of Economic Employment Development Unit.

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Nona

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 13- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (8) – 11:45am – 12:00pm

Director of Community Services Report

Cr Lui queried his recent visit from Nathan Cambell (Events team) regarding the BMX track.

Cr Lui questioned the proposal that all community is still getting one? Cr Lui stated that considering the amount each community is getting, that it would be better to build one NPA BMX track.

CEO advised that each community were given insufficient funds to develop a BMX track. CEO added that even a consolidated amount will not be enough build a good track.

DCEO to follow up with Russell for a detail report.

Cr Lui stated that this would be the good time to get the director of EEDU to look into CDEP funding and turning it into a community development program.

CEO will enquire that the Director for Community Services provides a detail report of a proposed BMX track, with a phase 1 and phase 2 to the project.

Cr Lui stated that council should also look at having flood lights for kids to use at nights. Cr Lui mentioned that he was shown some good design but the total funding is no enough.

Cr Lui added that Council will need to fence it off and then consider liabilities.

Cr Elu indicated the possibility to develop and use the old gravel pit.

CEO referred to Item 5.4 on page 161 of the Director of Community Services report and requested that Council let this resolution lay upon the table. CEO stated that more information is required from the Director of Community Services.

CEO queried if the Bamaga forum had made discussion regarding HACC block?

DCEO – No discussion to date.

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Director of Community Services.

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Nona

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 14- 05.07.11

Resolution.

That Council approves the use of Lot 233 Sagaukuz Street Bamaga for the proposed new HACC facility and the demolition of the derelict police station currently on that site, and refers the matter to the Land Trustees for consideration.

Moved. Cr Aniba

Seconded. Cr Lui

Vote. 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 15- 05.07.11

Lunch 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Agenda Item (9) – 1:00pm – 1:30pm

Mr Chris Sheppard CEO Northern Pride.

Background information to the Northern Pride rugby league team. Opportunity and a pathway for far north Queensland kids that would inspire them to play NRL games.

Northern pride was established with a decision supported by 40 businesses in Cairns that would contribute \$5000 each for 5 years with a vision to see quality football in Far North Queensland. The Northern Pride is still competing and 2011 will be its 4 year.

There are 2 programs run in the northern pride. (1) Northern Pride rugby league (2) Take Pride program.

Take Pride Program.

- Program run throughout whole of North Queensland from Cardwell to Mount Isa (west) and to the Torres Strait.
- Take pride incentive program is based on 4 pillars 1. Education 2. Employment 3. Health & well being 4. Sporting pathway.
- No other sporting clubs currently runs this type of program.

Northern Pride Team.

- Rugby league team
- Northern pride Players visit over 130 School with club tailored program to meet and work with disadvantage children.
- Programs designed were meant for FNQ Communities and were not designed for and around government funding streams.
- Northern pride has work with PCYC (NPA) for over the past 2 years and has delivered programs such as Nutrition programs, Fitness programs, Sports science etc.

QRL Game – Northern Pride/ South Logan Magpies.

Mr Sheppard informed Council that Queensland Rugby League have signed off and agreed to the letter so the game will go ahead here in NPA. Mr Sheppard mentioned for these events to become an annual event by bringing these sorts of games to the people.

- NITV coverage and possible ADSL to live stream game
- Northern Pride will come to NPA early before that game and run programs at the schools and work with kids.
- Have leading games by NPA Women and Men teams before the main game.
- Special made jerseys designed by a local person that will be auctioned after the game, and the money going back into the NPARL.
- Overnight accommodation and recovery session (part of sporting pathway) after game to show the locals what Northern Pride does after each game.
- Community Healthy Breakfast at the Bamaga Pool.
- Capacity building around sport and bringing all the field staff needed to assist NPARL.

Mr Sheppard stated that kids in Far North Queensland and NPA have natural talents but are always disadvantage.

Mr Sheppard mentioned that the Northern Prides have made 300 school visits, 70 local community school events, 48 remote community visits since established.

Cr Bond asked if Northern Prides are an RTO?

Mr Sheppard - No, but can deliver training with qualified people.

Cr Aniba requested to meet with Mr Sheppard.

Cr Lui mentioned that currently we have local people that have sporting talents in community who lacks that support to help them going to the next level.

Cr Lui stated that there is no support mechanism on ground to help our local talents and results in loosing these talented people to alcohol, drugs and substance abuse and without any career pathway.

Cr Lui highlighted that people have told us these issues, but what is the solution? No preventative measure but only reactions to a problem.

MOU –Northern Pride/ Take Pride Program, - Mr Sheppard requested that Northern Pride and Council enters an agreement by formal MOU for the Northern Pride/ Take Pride programs to be run in NPA.

Cr Elu questioned should the Director of Community Services start the drafting the MOU and presented it at next meeting.

CEO mentioned that the focus should first be on the coming game between Northern Pride and the South Logan Magpies. CEO stated that the MOU will be prepared through Director of Community Services & Director for Corporate Services.

CEO highlighted that Council also has a commitment to AFL Queensland here at New Mapoon and that Council will work together with AFL and Northern Pride.

CEO advised that Northern Pride would obviously need to develop a detail plan of is program and how Council can assist.

Resolution.

That Council agrees to the understanding of the Northern Pride –South Logan project.

Moved. Cr Bond

Seconded. Cr Nona

Vote. 5/0

Resolution number. 16- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (10) – 1:30pm – 1:45pm

Mail Register

Resolution.

That Council received the Report from the Mail Register.

Moved. Cr Lui

Seconded. Cr Bond

Vote. 5/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution number. 17- 05.07.11

Agenda Item (10) – 1:45pm – 2:00pm

Other Business

1. NPARC Newsletter Issue 27

Cr Elu informed Council to report any error in the newsletter to the Director of Corporate Services or DCEO before 5pm Friday 8th July.

New Mapoon.

Cr Bond requested a follow up with the fencing of houses at New Mapoon Quarry Heights.

Cr Elu asked about the materials.

CEO stated that the materials are already here

Cr Lui mentioned that the CDEP is putting their hands up to carry out the fencing at Quarry heights.

DCEO to follow up with Directors.

Agenda Item 12: Late Item – Planning Matters

Resolution

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 72(h) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 enters a closed meeting for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to subdivision developments in Bamaga and Injinoo. The CEO, Deputy CEO, Director Corporate Services and Executive Secretary are invited to remain at the meeting to provide advice.

Moved: Cr Lui

Seconded: Cr Bond

Vote: 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution No: 18 -05.07.11

Discussion on advice was held.

Resolution:

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 71 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 resumes open meeting.

Moved: Cr Bond

Seconded: Cr Lui

Vote: 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution No: 19 -05.07.011

Resolution:

THAT,

- (a) Council notes the update in relation to the status of the Injinoo and Bamaga Residential Subdivision Project;
- (b) Council further notes the comments received from the CYLC and the ALT in relation to the Bamaga and Injinoo subdivision projects both of which were provided outside the statutory comment period provided by the NTA;
- (c) Council has considered all matters raised by the CYLC and the ALT by way of comment on the Project including information provided by community members, the ALT and native title parties during consultation and other meetings.
- (d) Council resolves to continue addressing the requirements of section 24JAA of the NTA including the preparation of a report to the Minister in compliance with section s24JAA(16) of the NTA

Moved: Cr Nona

Seconded: Cr Aniba

Vote: 4/0

Date. 05/07/2011

Resolution No: 20 -05.07.11

Meeting Close 1.50pm

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