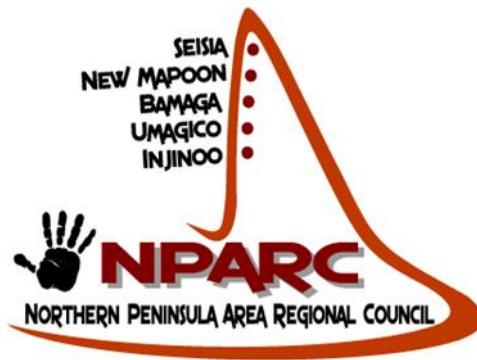


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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

28 October 2025

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN SEISIA IKC ROOM ON TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor & Councillors

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4 – <i>Late arrival</i>
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Gus Yates	Executive Manager Operations
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Michael Bissell	Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened at 09:15am with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area region; and to their elders past, present and emerging.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect in memory of a deceased person or persons with deep connections to the communities of the Northern Peninsula Area (Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New Mapoon & Seisia).

Miss Phylis Tapau

Request to Attend Council Meeting via Teleconference

Cr Gebadi requested to attend the Ordinary Council Meeting via videoconference due to being away from the NPA on medical leave.

Resolution:

That Council accepts the request from Cr Gebadi to attend the 28 October Ordinary Council Meeting via videoconference.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C6-28102025

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Mayor PoiPoi declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest for Agenda Item 11.1 due an immediate family member being a Director of REM.
- Cr Yoelu declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest for Agenda item 11.1 due to an immediate family member being an employee of REM and a Prescribed Conflict of Interest for Agenda Item 11.2 due to an immediate family member being an employee of NPAEY.
- Cr. Yoelu had a Declarable Conflict of Interest Agenda Item 9.4 Building and Infrastructure Services Report in relation to at 3 Young Street, Umagico.

Declaration by Cr. Yoelu – Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do believe I am able to stay in the meeting and participate. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting however I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision.

Agenda Item - Declaration of Interest for Cr. Yoelu**Resolution:**

That Council resolves that Cr. Yoelu has no greater interest then an ordinary member of the public in this matter and accordingly will remain in this meeting.

Moved: Cr. Elu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: 2-28102025

CARRIED

Agenda Item 5.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.1

Resolution:

That Council accepts and note the minutes for Council meeting held on the 23 & 24 September 2025.

Moved: Cr Yoelu**Vote:** 4/0**Seconded:** Cr Byrne**Resolution:** C6-28102025**CARRIED**

5.2

Resolution:

That Council accepts and note the minutes for Trustee meeting held on the 24 September 2025.

Moved: Cr Elu**Vote:** 4/0**Seconded:** Cr Byrne**Resolution:** C6-28102025**CARRIED**

5.3

Resolution:

That Council accepts and note the minutes for Special Trustee meeting held on the 10 October 2025.

Moved: Cr Elu**Vote:** 4/0**Seconded:** Mayor**Resolution:** C6-28102025**CARRIED**

Agenda Item 6.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Action items were discussed as per the Action Task List

Agenda Item 8.1.

Mayoral Report

Resolution:

That the activities contained in the Mayoral monthly report be endorsed by Council.

Moved: Cr Yoelu**Vote:** 4/0**Seconded:** Cr Byrne**Resolution:** C8.1-28102025**CARRIED**

Agenda Item 9.1. CEO Report**Resolution:**

That the activities contained in the CEO monthly report be endorsed by Council.

Moved: Cr Elu
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu
Resolution: C9.1-28102025

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:08am and resumed at 10:29am

ARRIVAL: Cr Bond arrived at the Council Meeting at 10:13am

Agenda Item 9.2 Financial Report – September 2025**Resolution:**

That Council note and accept the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2025.

Moved: Cr Bond
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne
Resolution: C9.2-28102025

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Byrne departed the meeting at 12:38pm and return at 12:40pm.

Agenda Item 9.3 Executive Manager Operations Report**Resolution:**

That Council note the Executive Manager Operations Report

Moved: Cr Yoelu
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne
Resolution: C9.3-28102025

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 12:42pm and resumed at 13:45pm

Agenda Item 9.4 Building & Infrastructure Executive Manager Report**Resolution:**

That Council note the Executive Manager Building and Infrastructure Report.

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C9.4-28102025

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Elu departed the meeting at 14:28pm and returned at 14:30pm.

Agenda Item 9.5 Executive Manager Corporate Service Report

Resolution:

That Council note the Executive Manager Corporate Service Report.

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C8.1-28102025

CARRIED

Agenda Item 11 Confidential Reports

In Committee Reports

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Regulation s.254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- 11.1 Tender Award DRFA – Minor Works**
- 11.2 Concrete Roads Project Stage 3 – Bamaga**
- 11.3 CEO Report**
- 11.4 Bamaga Sewer Extension Project – Native Title (Late Item)**

11.1 Tender Award DRFA – Minor Works

DEPARTURE: Mayor Poipoi departed the meeting at 14:36pm due to Prescribed Conflict of Interest and returned at 15:08pm and passed the Chair to Cr Elu.

Cr. Yoelu departed the meeting at 14:36pm due to Prescribed Conflict of Interest and returned at 15:08pm.

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 14:36pm

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 3/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 15:08pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 3/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

11.2 Concrete Roads Project Stage 3 – Bamaga

DEPARTURE: Cr. Yoelu departed the meeting at 15:08pm due to Prescribed Conflict of Interest and returned at 15:48pm.

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.
Time 15:09pm

Moved: Cr Elu
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne
Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.
Time: 15:48pm

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Resolution:**That Council:**

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Manager Operations to accept the NPA Earthmoving Yusia submitted prices of \$1,313,300.00 (ex GST) or \$1,444,520.00 (incl GST) and to liaise with NPA Earthmoving Yusia for a final program of works subject to the extension of time being awarded by QRA.
2. Approve an overall construction contingency of 5% to be applied to this contract, The estimated contingency amount based on the Contract Sum is \$65,665.00 ex GST. Approved contingency's will be for NPARC's purposes and not included in the Contract Sum.

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C11.1-28102025

CARRIED

ARRIVAL: Cr. Yoelu returned to the meeting at 15:48pm.

Late Item: Bamaga Sewer Extension Project – Native Title**Resolution:**

That Council resolves to:

To Choose option 1 and if a satisfactory resolution can't be met in a reasonable timeframe go to option 2.

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Resolution: C11.1-28102025

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 15:53pm and resumed at 16:05pm.

DEPARTURE: The Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Services, Executive Manager Operations, Executive Manager of Corporate Services and the Executive Assistant departed the Council Meeting at 16:37pm and returned at 17:25pm.

In Committee – CEO Report**Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time 16:37pm

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 5/0

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 17:25pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 5/0

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

In Committee - CEO Report**Resolution:**

That Council notes the report; approves the proposed organisational structure; and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the approved organisational structure.

Moved: Cr Bond

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Councillor Apology

Resolution:

That Council resolved to accept the apology tabled from Cr. Kitty Gebadi (Division 3 - Bamaga) due to medical reasons.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C11.28102025

CARRIED

Agenda Item 12: General Business

- Policing Unauthorised campers in the NPA
- Management of Esplanade areas within Torres Shire Jurisdiction
- NPARC Ranger program to administer and manage this enquiry
- Umagico – Airport & Water Treatment community update - Wednesday 05th November
- New Mapoon – Airport & Water Treatment community update – Thursday 06th November
- Injinoo – TBA

CLOSURE: The Meeting was closed at 17:54pm with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.