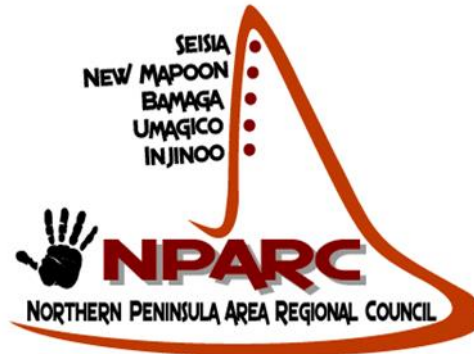


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## **MINUTES**

### **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  
Cr David Byrne  
Cr Mary Yoelu  
Cr Marlene Bond  
Cr Bradford Elu

Mayor  
Division 1  
Division 2 / Deputy Mayor  
Division 4 – *Late arrival*  
Division 5

**Other Attendees**

Dalassa Yorkston  
Gus Yates  
Romina Nona  
Michael Bissell  
Sabrina Mudu

Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Manager Operations  
Executive Manager Corporate Services  
Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure  
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 than 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 Repot****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 Repot****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 reasonably timeframe go to option 2.

**Moved: Cr Elu**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**  
**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**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**  
**Resolution: C11.28102025**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.  
Time: 17:25pm

**Moved: Cr Byrne**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**  
**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**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**  
**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 05<sup>th</sup> November
- New Mapoon – Airport & Water Treatment community update – Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> November
- Injinoo – TBA

**CLOSURE:**

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